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NEW QUESTION 1

Retrospectives provide an opportunity for the team to:

- A. Reflect at the end of every iteration and identify improvements that will increase the quality of the product.
- B. Participate in a mandatory meeting to share status updates across the team and to ensure that everyone is on track.
- C. Understand from the management if the project is achieving the Scope, Quality, Cost, and Schedule goals.
- D. Set goals at the beginning of the iteration and identify requirements that can be delivered in that iteration.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 2

A development team has finished identifying the tasks they will be accountable for during the next sprint. Which of the following tools best provides transparency into the progress throughout the sprint?

- A. Burndown chart
- B. Gantt chart
- C. Hours expended chart
- D. Management baseline chart

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 3

What is the responsibility of an extreme Programming (XP) customer role?

- A. Testing the daily increments of the software developed
- B. Writing the stories and acceptance tests for each story
- C. Planning and task allocation for the developer and tester
- D. Interacting closely with users and representing the XP team

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 4

The advantage of face-to-face collaboration emphasized in eXtreme Programming (XP) is that it:

- A. allows team members to use common language in their design and code.
- B. delays feedback much more than scheduled inspections.
- C. eliminates communication delays and misunderstandings.
- D. allows team members to correct some mistakes on the fly.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 5

When is the ideal time to hold a retrospective?

- A. Right after iteration planning
- B. Just before iteration planning
- C. At the start of the next release
- D. During the iteration review/demo

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 6

Which are some of the most important benefits of an Agile team sitting together in a co-located, open environment?

- A. Osmotic communication is reduced; space is used more efficiently; groups work together more effectively, and team dynamics are improved.
- B. Costs are reduced as the need for conference rooms decreases, and the team can keep track of where members are more accurately.
- C. Team members can be held more accountable for their time and effort, and pair programming is easier as people have less distance to move to sit with their partner.
- D. Communication is improved; wait-time and rework are reduced; barriers between groups break down, and groups gain respect for each other professionally.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 7

A project team estimates that they should complete 30 story points in the current iteration. Partway through the iteration they realize that they will complete 50 story points at their current rate. The team should:

- A. Shorten the iteration to meet the estimated velocity.
- B. Continue to work with the estimated velocity.
- C. Increase their estimated velocity.
- D. Release members to meet the estimated velocity.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 8

During the daily standup meeting, a team member states that an issue has been encountered. This leads to the team members getting into a problem-solving discussion. How should the ScrumMaster respond?

- A. Ask the team members to table the discussion until after the meeting is over.
- B. If the item is really important, allow the discussion to expedite resolution of the issue.
- C. Abruptly end the daily standup meeting and schedule another meeting to discuss the issue.
- D. Ask the team how they would like to use the daily standup meeting for that day.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 9

What is a high-level representation of the features or themes that are to be delivered in each release?

- A. Release plan
- B. Product roadmap
- C. Iteration plan
- D. Product Backlog

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

The following chart lists stories for a release of an Agile project:

| Story | Story Points |
|-------|--------------|
| A | 4 |
| B | 5 |
| C | 6 |
| D | 5 |
| E | 4 |
| F | 6 |
| G | 1 |

If the velocity of the team is 10, how many iterations will be needed to complete all of the stories?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 7

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

What is the role in an eXtreme Programming (XP) project that ensures the right project processes are applied?

- A. Domain Expert
- B. Product Owner
- C. ScrumMaster
- D. Coach

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 11

The best description of the purpose of the daily standup in Agile projects is to:

- A. Resolve the key issues and risks that are likely to hinder project progress.
- B. Provide insight and reassurance to the Product Owner to strengthen that relationship.
- C. Inform the project lead of project status for reporting to stakeholders.
- D. Raise the visibility of each person's work and to ensure the work is integrated.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 13

Information transmission is greatest amongst team members who are working on:

- A. Individual tasks in the same work area.
- B. The same task through pair programming.

- C. The same group of tasks individually.
- D. Different tasks on the same project.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 18

Who is responsible for making sure that each user story is associated with at least one user role or persona?

- A. User
- B. Developer
- C. Customer
- D. Persona

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 20

A full cycle of design-code-verify-release practiced by extreme Programming (XP) teams is called:

- A. Story
- B. Timebox
- C. Iteration
- D. Burndown

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 25

Which best describes the attributes of the IN VEST criteria in a user story?

- A. Incremental, Net, Variation, Exceed, Scope, and Training
- B. Interdependent, Nonfunctional, Value, Exploratory, Sprint, and Timebox
- C. Innovation, Nested, Vision, Estimating, Scalable, and Team
- D. Independent, Negotiable, Valuable, Estimable, Small, and Testable

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 27

Velocity is the:

- A. total number of Product Backlog hours completed in an iteration divided by the number of developers.
- B. measured rate at which teams turn Product Backlog items into running, tested features.
- C. measured rate at which the project manager turns the Product Backlog into tested features.
- D. total number of Product Backlog hours completed when developers work in pairs.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 28

Which of the following drivers is the most important factor in determining the order in which stories will be developed?

- A. Relative cost
- B. Customer value
- C. Development effort
- D. Dependencies

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 29

Acceptance tests of user stories are specified by the:

- A. Customer at the start of the iteration.
- B. Customer as late as possible during the iteration.
- C. Tester after the team has finished the coding.
- D. Development team at the start of the iteration.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 33

The ScrumMaster notices repeated friction between two team members in the Daily Scrum meetings. The next step should be to:

- A. Attempt to resolve the problem directly and immediately during a Daily Scrum meeting.
- B. Schedule a meeting with them after a Daily Scrum meeting to explore and resolve the issue.
- C. Ignore the friction because a self-organizing team must sort out team conflict issues.
- D. Ask for new resources to replace them before the friction undermines the team's productivity.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 34

A common estimation unit for Agile projects is:

- A. Lines of code.
- B. Function points
- C. Story points.
- D. Use-case points.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 39

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If the team completes Story A, Story B, and 50% of Story C for the first iteration, what is the team's velocity?

- A. 9
- B. 10
- C. 12
- D. 15

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 44

Agile Earned Value Management (EVM) would be a valuable technique for managing a project because the:

- A. project is in a CM MI-certified organization.
- B. customer wants to maximize delivered value,
- C. cost performance must be reported.
- D. team is newly formed or new to Agile.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 47

What is the common communication bridge between the team and the Product Owner?

- A. Burndown chart
- B. Product Backlog
- C. Scrum team meeting
- D. Sprint release plan

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 50

The purpose of the iteration retrospective is to:

- A. Report progress of the work effort, what work will be done next, and review impediments to progress.
- B. Prioritize the Product Backlog, generate development and testing estimates, and plan the next iteration.
- C. Provide a demonstration of the features developed during the iteration, get feedback from users, and begin testing.
- D. Identify what worked well, what did not work well, and what actions should be taken to improve the process.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 54

The team estimation game method mainly consists of a:

- A. Pile of cards with user, capability, and value to be prioritized by the project team.
- B. Spreadsheet with backlog issues to be prioritized and each to be given a prioritization number.
- C. White board session where iterations are estimated and related to the project road map.
- D. Brainstorm session where resources are related to prioritized work packages.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 58

Who is responsible for prioritizing the stories that will be included in the iteration?

- A. ScrumMaster
- B. Developer
- C. Product Owner
- D. Team

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 62

In the Lean process, the focus is on:

- A. Managing team efficiency.
- B. Optimizing completed work across the process stream.
- C. Using the optimal resources.
- D. Cross training the team to eliminate bottlenecks.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 66

A ScrumMaster consistently holds Daily Scrums and keeps them to 15 minutes or less. The ScrumMaster brings a list of assigned tasks and checks the status of each task with the relevant team members. The ScrumMaster then assigns new tasks for the day and ends the meeting. Is this an appropriate approach to running Daily Scrums?

- A. Yes, the ScrumMaster should get status updates and distribute new tasks to the team.
- B. Yes, the ScrumMaster should hold Scrums daily and keep the time to 15 minutes or less.
- C. No, the ScrumMaster should act in the role of facilitator to foster team self-organization.
- D. No, the ScrumMaster should allow the Scrum to run as long as is required by the team.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 70

The primary purpose of a Sprint retrospective is for the team to:

- A. Review stories planned for the next sprint and provide estimates,
- B. Demonstrate completed user stories to the Product Owner.
- C. Discuss what went well, what didn't, and ways to improve.
- D. Individually provide status updates on user stories in progress.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 75

An Agile team expects a velocity of 8. During sprint planning, the stories were estimated and prioritized in the following order:
Story A_4Story Points Story B_2Story Points Story C_3 Story Points Story D_2Story Points
Which stories should the team include in Sprint 1, without splitting the stories?

- A. Stories A, C, and D
- B. Stories A, B, and C
- C. Stories A, B, and D
- D. Stories B, C, and D

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 80

What is the best description of the relationship between Scrum and extremeProgramming(XP)?

- A. XP is a component of Scrum.
- B. The principles of each are often complementary.
- C. Scrum is a component of XP.
- D. The principles of each are often contradictory.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 84

Risk exposure is the:

- A. Funds set aside to contain the risk.
- B. Probability a risk will occur.
- C. Amount of money the risk will cost if it occurs.
- D. Amount of damage to the project if the risk occurs.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 87

After three iterations, the problems impeding an Agile team appear to be similar in nature to problems faced in earlier iterations. Inspection of the retrospectives for past iterations reveals information organized into columns entitled “What worked for us” and “What did not work for us. ” Based on this information, one can infer that the team did not capture:

- A. user stories
- B. milestones
- C. action items
- D. requirements

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 90

For a critical project, a new team has been formed from various departments. The project manager should start team building by:

- A. Creating a project charter, documenting roles and responsibilities of each member, and sending it to the team members.
- B. Taking the team offsite for icebreaker sessions and other activities to ensure team members get to know each other.
- C. Assembling the team and discussing roles and responsibilities of each member on the team.
- D. Assembling the team and asking the members to achieve a milestone in a small iteration.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 91

A project team is distributed across multiple countries, and they are having issues agreeing on what is being delivered and how it should be developed. Which of the following should the project manager do to alleviate some of the tension between team members, break down cultural barriers, and improve communication?

- A. Ask the team to communicate only through email to clearly document issues.
- B. Discuss this issue with senior management and recommend that the team be co- located.
- C. Monitor performance and discuss the issues in detail at the next retrospective.
- D. Hold daily standup meetings with the two teams at a time that works best for everyone.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 93

The purpose of "setting the stage" in a project retrospective is to:

- A. Restate the goal of the meeting and create an open atmosphere.
- B. Review the scope statement and summarize project results.
- C. Elevate the team's morale and ensure that everyone participates.
- D. Describe the next iteration and discuss lessons learned.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 96

On a particular project, product quality is being measured at regular intervals and is consistently below the acceptable level. In a Lean environment, how should this problem be addressed?

- A. The team should implement more rigorous testing at the end of each development cycle.
- B. Management should direct the team on specific actions that they should take to improve quality.
- C. Management should guide the team as it seeks to improve itself and reduce errors in the system.
- D. The Project Champion should review the acceptable quality threshold to ensure that it is realistic.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 101

On a team new to Scrum, two team members are disrupting the daily standup with a side conversation. The ScrumMaster should:

- A. wait until the standup is over and then talk to the disruptive team members.
- B. immediately intervene to remedy the disruptive situation.
- C. record the issue and then raise the issue at the Sprint Retrospective.
- D. wait for the empowered, self-organizing team to resolve the issue.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 102

Scrum practices are facilitated by the:

- A. ScrumMaster.
- B. Product Owner.
- C. Project Sponsor.
- D. Scrum team.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 104

Which of the following is a list of capabilities, features, and stories that the Product Owner has identified?

- A. Burndown chart
- B. Story card
- C. Vision document
- D. Backlog

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 108

A common reason that a story may not be estimable is that the:

- A. team lacks domain knowledge.
- B. business needs are prioritized over the system design.
- C. developers do not understand the tasks related to the story.
- D. team has no experience in estimating.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 112

Spike solutions are appropriate when:

- A. the business requirements are vague or inadequate for an iteration.
- B. a technology is understood well and has been used for a while, but needs a problem to be debugged.
- C. there is insufficient time to refactor, but there is a need to resolve a specific problem.
- D. a specific technicalQUESTION NO:needs to be answered, stopping work on the spike as soon as it answers that question.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 116

Project managers use velocity to determine:

- A. If the team is committing to an appropriate amount of work for the iteration.
- B. How much work each team member is capable of completing during an iteration.
- C. How much work teams that are similar in size are capable of completing during an iteration.
- D. If the Product Owner is prioritizing work appropriately in preparation for iteration planning.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 121

The primary purpose of a Sprint Review is for the team to:

- A. Demonstrate what was accomplished during the sprint.
- B. Discuss what went well, whatdidn't, and ways to improve.
- C. Prioritize and estimate stories planned for the next sprint.
- D. Individually provide status updates on user stories in progress.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 123

Which of the following best represents both a principle of the Agile manifesto and a Lean method of simplicity?

- A. Maximizing the amount of work not done
- B. Delivering early and continuously
- C. Welcoming changing requirements
- D. Deciding at the last responsible moment

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 128

In a Lean Software Development environment, the Project Leader strives to eliminate:

- A. Work in Process (WIP) and bugs.
- B. Delays and building what is not needed.
- C. Defects and features with low value stream values.
- D. Poor requirements and changing scope.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 130

Which tool allows the Product Owner to focus on providing the greatest value and Return on Investment (ROI) to the organization?

- A. Burn up chart
- B. Product Backlog

- C. Affinity estimate
- D. Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 132

The purpose of a project burndown chart is to:

- A. Identify and communicate upcoming milestones.
- B. Display the level of effort and resources utilized.
- C. Identify dependencies between sprints or iterations.
- D. Display the remaining work across time.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 135

When are acceptance tests typically written for a user story?

- A. After coding the story, but before user acceptance testing begins
- B. After writing the story, but before coding begins
- C. At the start of Product Backlog prioritization planning
- D. After estimating the Product Backlog, but before Sprint planning begins

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 138

Which type of story would be used when an estimate is not available due to lack of knowledge of the technology required to implement the story?

- A. Defect
- B. Slack
- C. Spike
- D. Nonfunctional

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 142

The ScrumMaster and the Product Owner disagree on the value of a Product Backlog item. In order to resolve the disagreement, the first step the ScrumMaster should take is to ask:

- A. The Product Owner to clarify the requirement.
- B. The business owner to resolve the problem.
- C. The business analyst to research the product value.
- D. Another project manager how to resolve the problem.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 145

Agile project development processes typically:

- A. Encapsulate analysis, design, code, and test within an iteration.
- B. Document each business process individually and in detail.
- C. Use a Gantt chart with well-defined activities, responsibilities, and time frames.
- D. Map the iteration backlog to a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS).

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 150

A technique showing Kanban work stages by comparing counted features over a time interval is called a/an:

- A. Earned value system.
- B. Fully integrated backlog.
- C. Cumulative flow diagram.
- D. Progressive elaboration.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 151

What is one of the benefits of incremental delivery?

- A. Value is delivered more quickly, as software can be released after every iteration.
- B. More customers can be handled simultaneously, as each regularly receives a delivery.
- C. Fewer bugs are introduced, as code is delivered to users more frequently.
- D. Costs are reduced, as less verification is required to regression test each iteration.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 152

When facilitated and managed well, the primary benefits of a project retrospective should be to:

- A. Increase empowerment and enjoyment for the team.
- B. Identify the most important issues for the sponsors.
- C. Provide an open forum for team member complaints.
- D. Allow the team to get ahead on release planning.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 155

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