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Question 1

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A new planner is assigned to prepare a briefing memo for the administrator. The best approachfor the supervising planner to assist the new planner in meeting the deadline with a quality product would be to:

Options:

A- Provide a deadline and a couple of samples and templates.
B- Have an early meeting to go over the expectations and provide constructive feedback on the draft.
C- Check the task progress daily asking how the task is being performed, and how much work has been completed.
D- Take the task back if the new planner is not likely to meet the deadline with a quality product.

Answer:

B

Question 2

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A transportation planner is assessing current sidewalk and bikeway conditions within a three-mile radius of the transit center. Which approach is the best for this task?

Options:

A- Use Google Maps from your desktop or laptop
B- Use a smartphone to video log and take photos
C- Make phone calls to randomly selected local people
D- Mail a questionnaire survey to randomly selected households

Answer:

B

Question 3

Question Type: MultipleChoice

An overlay district is similar to a Planned Unit Development in that both:

Options:

A- Can be granted only by a board of zoning appeals.
B- Require an additional degree of review beyond conventional zoning.
C- Usually are used to review residential developments.
D- Are authorized in the Standard Zoning Enabling Act.

Answer:

B

Question 4

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A former planning manager has been asked by the chair of a neighborhood group to lead a discussion on authentic and genuine community engagement. The manager accepts the invitation, but later learns the neighborhood has formally submitted a protest on inadequate public participation for a new bicycle plan the municipality is drafting. How should the manager proceed?

Options:

A- Contact the chair to discuss how to expand community engagement without focusing on the draft bicycle plan
B- Contact planning staff currently working on the draft bicycle plan and ask that they go to the neighborhood meeting in lieu of the manager
C- Ask the chair of the neighborhood to cancel its meeting to discuss the draft plan because formal protest information was not previously provided
D- Review a copy of the draft bicycle plan and craft a white paper for the neighborhood on whether the draft has adequately engaged the public

Answer:

A

Question 5

Question Type: MultipleChoice

What is the best way a zoning ordinance can be used to improve equity within the community?

Options:

A- Require planned unit development
B- Restrict home-based businesses
C- Authorize accessory dwelling units by right
D- Provide increased parking in residential districts

Answer:

C

Question 6

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analysis is least useful for:

Options:

A- Supplying distances for geographically sensitive statistical models.
B- Determining the shortest path for a commuter trip.
C- Identifying the shopping center that a household will use.
D- Identifying the parts of a city well served by grocery stores.

Answer:

C

Question 7

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A planning agency is trying to decide whether to fund three new neighborhood service centers.

There is some uncertainty about the programmatic content and final size of each center. In designing a potential user-needs survey, the most critical factor is to:

Options:

A- Make sure that interviews take less than 25 minutes.
B- Allow sufficient time to follow up on non-respondents.
C- Pretest the questionnaire for workability.
D- Avoid asking redundant questions.

Answer:

C

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Question 8

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Fiscal impact analysis includes a projection of:

Options:

A- Net cash flow to the public sector resulting from residential and nonresidential development.
B- Job creation and profitability of a private sector development proposal.
C- Tax revenues at the regional, state, and national level.
D- Developer investment for onsite improvements.

Answer:

A

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