GAQM CASPO-001 Practice Questions

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Question 1

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Who assigns ownership of the Sprint Backlog items during the Sprint? (Choose the best answer)

Options:

A- Whoever has the skills
B- Individual Team Members
C- There is no single owner of a Product Backlog item, the entire team owns the Sprint Backlog
D- The Product Owner

Answer:

C

Explanation:

The Sprint Backlog is collectively owned by the Developers, not assigned to individuals. The Scrum Guide defines it as: 'The Sprint Backlog is a plan by and for the Developers... It is a highly visible, real-time picture of the work that the Developers plan to accomplish during the Sprint.' Self-organization means the Developers decide who does what, without fixed ownership of items.

A, B: Individual assignment isn't mandated; it's a team effort.

C: Correct---the Developers as a whole own it.

D: The Product Owner manages the Product Backlog, not the Sprint Backlog.

Exact Extract from Scrum Guide: 'The Sprint Backlog is a plan by and for the Developers. It is composed of the Sprint Goal (why), the set of Product Backlog items selected for the Sprint (what), as well as an actionable plan for delivering the Increment (how).' (Section: 'Sprint Backlog')

Thus, C is correct.

Question 2

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Who is responsible for maximizing the value of the product? (Select the best answer)

Options:

A- Scrum Master
B- Product Owner
C- Senior Executives
D- Developers

Answer:

B

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Explanation:

The Product Owner has explicit accountability for product value. The Scrum Guide states: 'The Product Owner is accountable for maximizing the value of the product resulting from the work of the Scrum Team.'

A: The Scrum Master ensures Scrum effectiveness, not value.

B: Correct---value maximization is their role.

C, D: Execs and Developers support, but don't own this.

Exact Extract from Scrum Guide: 'The Product Owner is accountable for maximizing the value of the product resulting from the work of the Scrum Team. How this is done may vary widely across organizations, Scrum Teams, and individuals.' (Section: 'The Product Owner')

Thus, B is correct.

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Question 3

Question Type: MultipleChoice

The process of regular inspection and adaptation employs knowledgeable and skilled inspectors. What are two ways in which the Product Owner takes the lead in the inspection process? (Choose the best two answers)

Options:

A- At the Sprint Review the Product Owner shares the current state of Product Backlog, which,

combined with the inspection of the Increment, leads to an updated Product Backlog.
B- At the Daily Scrum the Product Owner inspects the Sprint burn-down for progress towards a complete Increment and re-planning the team's work.
C- At the end of Sprint Planning the Product Owner verifies the Sprint Backlog for completeness in order to allow the Sprint to start.
D- The Product Owner invites stakeholders to the Sprint Review to learn how the current state of the marketplace influences what is the most valuable thing to do next.

Answer:

A, D

Explanation:

The Product Owner leads inspection related to value and backlog management:

A: At the Sprint Review, they present the Product Backlog state, adapting it based on Increment feedback, per: 'The Product Owner discusses the Product Backlog as it stands.'

D: Inviting stakeholders ensures market insights inform value, aligning with: 'The Product Owner may invite other people to attend.'

B: Daily Scrum is for Developers; the Product Owner doesn't inspect burn-downs there.

C: The Developers own the Sprint Backlog; the Product Owner doesn't ''verify'' it.

Exact Extract from Scrum Guide: 'The Sprint Review is a working session... The Product Owner discusses the Product Backlog as it stands. He or she projects likely target and delivery dates based on progress to date.' (Section: 'Sprint Review')

Thus, A and D are correct.

Question 4

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A Product Owner is entitled to postpone the start of a new Sprint after the conclusion of a previous Sprint for the following reason: (Choose the best answer)

Options:

A- Not enough Product Backlog items are 'Ready'.
B- The Product Owner has not identified a Sprint Goal.
C- There is no acceptable reason. A new Sprint starts immediately after the conclusion of the

previous Sprint.
D- The QA department needs more time to make the previous Increment 'Done'.
E- The stakeholders are not happy with the value produced in the previous Sprint.

Answer:

C

Explanation:

In Scrum, Sprints are continuous and fixed-length, with no gaps allowed between them. The Scrum Guide explicitly states: 'A new Sprint starts immediately after the conclusion of the previous Sprint.' This ensures a consistent cadence of delivery and adaptation, a cornerstone of Scrum's empirical process. Let's examine each option:

A (Not enough 'Ready' items): The Product Backlog can be refined incrementally; a lack of 'Ready' items doesn't justify delaying a Sprint. The team can start with what's available and refine further during the Sprint.

B (No Sprint Goal): The Sprint Goal is defined during Sprint Planning, not beforehand. Its absence pre-Sprint isn't a valid delay reason.

C: This aligns with the Scrum Guide's mandate for immediate succession, making it correct.

D (QA needs more time): Scrum rejects external dependencies like a separate QA department; the Developers must deliver a 'Done' Increment within the Sprint. Delaying contradicts this.

E (Stakeholder dissatisfaction): Feedback is addressed in the Product Backlog, not by pausing the process.

Exact Extract from Scrum Guide: 'Sprints are the heartbeat of Scrum, where ideas are turned into value. They are fixed length events of one month or less to create consistency. A new Sprint starts immediately after the conclusion of the previous Sprint.' (Section: 'Sprint')

Thus, C is the only acceptable answer.

Question 5

Question Type: MultipleChoice

What is the primary purpose of the Scrum Master at the Daily Scrum? (Choose the best answer)

Options:

A- Manage the time-box
B- Ensure the three questions are answered
C- Prevent interruptions
D- Document impediments

Answer:

A

Explanation:

The Scrum Master ensures the Daily Scrum is effective, with a key focus on its 15-minute time-box. The Scrum Guide states: 'The Scrum Master teaches the Developers to keep it within the 15-minute timebox.' While they may support other aspects, managing the time-box is primary when present.

A: Correct---time-box adherence is key.

B: The three questions are a practice, not mandatory; Developers run the event.

C, D: Secondary support tasks, not primary.

Exact Extract from Scrum Guide: 'The Scrum Master ensures that the Developers have the meeting, but the Developers are responsible for conducting the Daily Scrum. The Scrum Master teaches the Developers to keep it within the 15-minute timebox.' (Section: 'Daily Scrum')

Thus, A is correct.

Question 6

Question Type: MultipleChoice

What two phrases best describe the relationship of the Product Owner and the Developers? (Select the best two answers)

Options:

A- They should work apart as much as possible in order to keep the concerns of business and technology separated.
B- They collaborate often so the Product Owner can make informed decisions in balancing effort and value of Product Backlog items.
C- The Product Owner should be with the Developers full-time to grow a deep understanding of the technology being used.

D- They collaborate often so the Developers build Increments keeping end-user and stakeholder concerns in mind.
E- They should share no more than the Sprint Planning and the Sprint Review meeting.

Answer:

B, D

Explanation:

The Product Owner and Developers must collaborate closely to maximize value, as per the Scrum Guide.

B: Collaboration enables the Product Owner to balance effort (Developer input) and value (their priority), aligning with: 'The Product Owner may influence the Developers by helping them understand and select trade-offs.'

D: Frequent collaboration ensures the Developers understand stakeholder needs, supporting the creation of a valuable Increment: 'The Developers are required to conform to the Definition of Done and to deliver an Increment that meets the Sprint Goal.'

A: Separation contradicts Scrum's emphasis on teamwork; the Scrum Team is cohesive, not siloed.

C: Full-time co-location isn't required; the Product Owner focuses on value, not technical mastery.

E: Limiting interaction to two events undermines refinement and ongoing alignment.

Exact Extract from Scrum Guide: 'The Scrum Team is responsible for all product-related activities... The Product Owner is accountable for effective Product Backlog management, which includes... ensuring that the Product Backlog is transparent, visible, and understood.' (Section: 'The Product Owner') This implies regular Developer interaction for clarity.

Thus, B and D best describe their relationship.

Question 7

Question Type: MultipleChoice

What best describes the relationship of the Product Owner and the stakeholders? (Select the best answer)

Options:

A- The Product Owner writes the User Stories as provided by the stakeholders.
B- The Product Owner has the final call over the requirements and should involve the stakeholders as little as possible.
C- The Product Owner actively asks for stakeholder input and expectations to process into the Product Backlog.
D- The Product Owner provides the stakeholders with acceptance forms at the Sprint Review to record their formal agreement over the delivered software.

Answer:

C

Explanation:

The Scrum Guide states: 'The Product Owner is also accountable for effective Product Backlog management, which includes... representing the needs of many stakeholders in the Product Backlog.' Option C reflects this collaborative approach---actively seeking stakeholder input to shape the Product Backlog. Option A is too passive; the Product Owner interprets, not just transcribes. Option B contradicts Scrum's emphasis on stakeholder engagement. Option D introduces a formal process not in Scrum; the Sprint Review is for feedback, not signed agreements. Thus, C is best.

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