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Question 1. (Single Select)

Which of the following types of delay will NOT result in a time extension and additional compensation for a contractor?

- A: Non-excusable delay
- B: Compensable delay
- C: Non-compensable delay
- D: Excusable delay

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

• Definitions of Delays

Excusable Delay: These are delays not caused by the contractor and may be beyond their control. They can be compensable (entitling the contractor to both time and monetary compensation) or non-compensable (entitling only time extension). Examples include acts of God or owner-caused delays.

Non-Excusable Delay: These delays are caused by the contractor, such as poor planning or lack of resources. Non-excusable delays do not qualify for any compensation or time extensions.

Compensable Delay: A type of excusable delay caused by the owner or their representatives that entitles the contractor to both time extension and additional compensation.

Non-Compensable Delay: An excusable delay that entitles only time extension but no monetary compensation (e.g., natural disasters).

• **PSP Study Guide** The PSP Study Guide emphasizes understanding and analyze their impacts on schedules and costs. Non-excusable delays, which result from the contractor's actions, are clearly categorized as not providing grounds for time extensions or additional payments .

• Analysis for Selection:

Option A: Non-excusable delays do not provide contractors with any extensions or compensation as they result from the contractor's responsibility.

Option B: Compensable delays provide both time and compensation and do not match the question's condition.

Option C: Non-compensable delays, though they provide no monetary compensation, can allow time extensions under certain circumstances.

Option D: Excusable delays generally entitle contractors to time extensions, with or without compensation depending on the type.

• Conclusion: The correct answer is A. Non-excusable delay, as time extensions nor compensation to the contractor.

Question 2. (Single Select)

Which of the following are NOT considerations or constraints of the planning process for construction scheduling?

- A: Consideration of all stakeholders.
- B: Value engineering.
- C: Project variables.
- D: Interest rate of owner's construction bonds.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

The planning process for construction scheduling considers factors that directly impact project execution, such as:

Stakeholders' needs (Option A) .

Value engineering (Option B), which optimizes project cost, sche

Project variables (Option C), including site conditions, resource

However, the interest rate of the owner's construction bonds (Option D) is a financial detail outside the scope of construction scheduling and planning decisions. It does not directly affect the scheduling tasks but might influence overall project financing discussions.

Question 3. (Single Select)

What method offers the best chance of the schedule being used effectively to implement the project in the field?

A: Issue detailed schedule updates as frequently as possible.

B: Obtain consent and agreement to the schedule from the key project personnel.

C: Include detailed and stringent set of scheduling specifications in the contract.

D: Allow large time contingencies on milestones and completion deadlines.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

An effective schedule is one that is realistic, collaborative, and accepted by key stakeholders involved in project execution.

Gaining consent and agreement ensures buy-in, facilitates implementation, and minimizes disputes (Option B) .

Frequent updates (Option A) are essential for tracking but are insufficient without team agreement.

Contract specifications (Option C) govern compliance but do not guarantee effective field use.

Large contingencies (Option D) may reduce accountability and create inefficiencies in project management.

Collaboration and stakeholder involvement, as emphasized in the PSP Study Guide, are essential for schedule usability .

Question 4. (Single Select)

At a minimum, periodic reporting must be done at what interval?

- A: Monthly.
- B: As requested by the project manager.
- C: As requested by the owner.
- D: As specified in the contract documents.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

Periodic reporting intervals are governed by contractual requirements to ensure consistency, transparency, and compliance.

While monthly reporting (Option A) is common, the exact frequency depends on contractual agreements .

Requests by the project manager (Option B) or owner (Option C) are secondary to stipulated contractual obligations.

The PSP Study Guide highlights the importance of adhering to contractually specified intervals for periodic reporting to align all stakeholders .

Question 5. (Single Select)

Which is NOT an industry-recognized methodology for quantifying critical delay?

- A: Gantt Chart.
- B: Periodic Windows.
- C: Collapsed As-Built.
- D: Time Impact.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

Industry-recognized methodologies for quantifying critical delays include:

Periodic Windows Analysis, which evaluates delays in defined time periods.

Collapsed As-Built Analysis, comparing completed work to a hypothetical as-built schedule without delays.

Time Impact Analysis, assessing the impact of delays based on s

A Gantt Chart (Option A) is a scheduling visualization tool, not a methodology for delay analysis. It lacks the analytical rigor and methodology required for critical delay quantification.



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