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NEW QUESTION 1

Which statement accurately depicts what changes can be made to requirements after they are baselined?

- A. Requirements cannot be changed once user acceptance testing begins.
- B. Requirements can be changed through a defined process.
- C. Requirements can be changed only with sponsor approval.
- D. Requirements cannot be changed once development begins.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 2

Which of the following is a method for requirements change control?

- A. Requirements management
- B. Baselineing
- C. Scope analysis
- D. Communication management

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 3

An insurance company embarks on a project to replace its current enrollment and billing software application, which will no longer be supported by the end of the calendar year. The new enrollment and billing application must be implemented before the current vendor contract ends. The business analyst gathers the initial requirements for the new enrollment and billing application. Based on the large volume of requirements, the business analyst realizes that the requirements will need to be prioritized.

Which requirements prioritization method should the business analyst use for this project?

- A. Weighted ranking
- B. Time-boxing
- C. Risk analysis
- D. MoSCoW

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 4

A project was in the design phase when the team received news of a new regulatory mandate that affects the project. The requirements have already been approved and baselined. If the new requirements are not included, the company will be out of compliance and may face monetary penalties.

What should the business analyst do next?

- A. Update the requirements
- B. Obtain approval from the project manager
- C. Follow the change control process
- D. Define the project scope

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 5

The requirements traceability matrix should primarily be used to:

- A. address the responsibility owner for each requirement.
- B. identify the risks associated with dependent requirements
- C. define a convention to map the requirements to their sources.
- D. ensure that all requirements have been met.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 6

Which of the following tools will help facilitate the decision-making process when stakeholders do not agree on the value of an initiative?

- A. PEST analysis
- B. Feasibility analysis
- C. Gap analysis
- D. Force-field analysis

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 7

Company A has been awarded a contract to finalize the development of a product that Company B was not able to finish. The business analyst is given a copy of the documentation left by Company B.

To which of the following documents should the business analyst pay the most attention to ensure the project succeeds this time?

- A. Application design documentation
- B. Business use cases
- C. Test case documentation
- D. Clauses in the contract

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 8

A business analyst is working with the project manager, company auditors, and project stakeholders to determine whether formal signoff should be required for the project. For which reason would the business analyst recommend formal signoff to the group?

- A. The organization follows an iterative project life cycle.
- B. The project impact is contained within a small department of the company.
- C. The industry is unregulated.
- D. Errors in the product could result in financial solvency.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 9

A company is awarded a contract to design and build a custom product. The contract references a detailed technical specification. What is the best action to take to ensure the design meets customer requirements?

- A. Conduct a one-on-one interview with each member of the technical team to ensure that they understand the customers specification.
- B. Develop a test plan to verify that the product meets the performance requirements in the technical specification.
- C. Create a system requirements verification matrix to trace the design to the technical requirements and include verification methods.
- D. Generate a design package for the product and ask the customer to verify that the design meets his or her technical needs.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

The project team is working on test scripts to test a solution. Which source can be used for building tests of end-to-end business processes across business functions and systems?

- A. Context diagram
- B. Prototype model
- C. Use case
- D. Feature model

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

The business analyst has been assigned to a project involving a low number of stakeholders. Which technique should be used to elicit requirements?

- A. Survey
- B. Document analysis
- C. Interview
- D. Interface analysis

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 13

A new project is in the planning phase. What should the business analyst consider with regard to planning the requirements change process?

- A. How requirement changes will impact the requirements baseline
- B. How requirement changes will be implemented
- C. How requirement changes will be communicated
- D. How requirement changes will impact the validation plan

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 18

A business analyst created requirements for production of a product extract file for several systems. After reviewing the complex systems and dividing the processes into manageable tasks, the business analyst is able to identify the tasks required to implement the deliverable. Which analysis technique has the business analyst used?

- A. Organization
- B. Dependency
- C. Interface
- D. Decomposition

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 23

The software developers have delivered a completed solution. The quality assurance team has passed the solution. What should the business analyst do next?

- A. Conduct user acceptance testing.
- B. Conduct performance testing.
- C. Evaluate the solution with the sponsor(s).
- D. Evaluate the solution against the project charter.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 27

A business analyst has been assigned to a project that will design and build two new bridges and. at the same time, redesign a failing bridge for a local structural engineering company. All three bridges must be constructed and meet all safety requirements before flood season next spring. How would the business analyst define the scope of this project?

- A. Perform a structured walkthrough.
- B. Perform a feasibility study.
- C. Perform process modeling.
- D. Perform a work breakdown structure.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 29

Requirements elicitation for a project is occurring. The marketing, acquisition, and production departments want to include specific requirements. The CEO has a requirement to deploy in three months. Which of the following actions will have a greater influence on the project success?

- A. Conduct a stakeholder analysis and balance requirements by understanding the relative power associated with each stakeholder group.
- B. Explain the situation to the CEO and try to obtain an extension of the contract for the actual time necessary to develop the system.
- C. Prioritize and develop the requirements of the marketing department since the project will impact a greater number of people.
- D. Estimate the effort required for each requirement and develop as many functionalities as possible.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 33

To reduce the amount of time and effort needed to create a product specification for a project, the business analyst plans to reuse:

- A. requirements
- B. qualitative analysis
- C. quantitative analysis
- D. risk assessments.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 34

While preparing a business case, an experienced business analyst faces difficulty in deciding which of three different solution options to recommend. The senior vice president (SVP) who requested the business case favors an outsourced solution; however, an analysis favors a custom-developed solution, either built internally or using contract labor.

To prepare the recommendation, what should the business analyst do?

- A. Recommend the SVP's choice, as It is most likely to be adopted.
- B. Formulate a weighted-ranking matrix.
- C. Perform solution evaluation
- D. Review the stakeholder analysis.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 37

A project team has been assembled to streamline accounts payable processes in all divisions of the company. As part of the planning activities, the business analyst is working to identify stakeholders.

Which of the following techniques would the business analyst use to identify stakeholders?

- A. Brainstorming
- B. Estimation
- C. Prototyping
- D. State diagram

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 42

After completing the requirements, the project manager and business analyst realize that the project scope is not feasible in the projected schedule. The business analyst needs to review the amount of work

the team is capable of delivering based on the approved project schedule. Which prioritization technique should the business analyst use?

- A. Multivoting
- B. Weighted ranking
- C. Time-boxing
- D. SWOT analysis

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 44

A business analyst is developing a traceability matrix to determine whether or not any gaps exist and to identify any discrepancies.

ID		Business Need	Status	Priority
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Which critical field is needed to ensure that the traceability matrix is usable?

- A. Status
- B. Hierarchy
- C. Requirements description
- D. Owner

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 49

A business analyst is leading a project to implement automated order entry software at a local pizza restaurant. The business analyst has very little information about the project the ordering process takes too long and often ends in incorrect orders. What step should the business analyst take next?

- A. Identify testing resources to support the implementation.
- B. Schedule a requirements gathering sessions with the manager of the ordering department.
- C. Select the software to implement and start working with the technical resources.
- D. Request information on the current ordering process and compare it with other companies.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 54

Which of the following is the best approach to enable developers and product owners to be in constant communication so that changes or issues that occur during development are exposed and discussed as they develop?

- A. Waterfall
- B. Linear
- C. Iterative
- D. Agile

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 56

When managing a product backlog, which statement best describes how to determine the value of backlog items?

- A. The stakeholders provide input about backlog value when the item is first identified.
- B. The stakeholders do not typically play a major role.
- C. The stakeholders provide recommendations with the product owner having the final say.
- D. The stakeholders follow the value-ranking criteria.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 60

How can a business analyst show progressive iterations of product development to stakeholders after the requirements baseline has been approved?

- A. Conduct requirement walkthrough sessions.
- B. Talk to distinct testing groups to check testing status.
- C. Create prototype proof-of-concept models.
- D. Review performance data with the project sponsor.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 64

The business analyst is planning an approach to formally manage updates to requirements that may be requested by stakeholders. What should the business analyst do?

- A. Document changes as they occur.
- B. Develop a change control process.
- C. Obtain approval from the project sponsor.
- D. Hold firm on scope and reject changes.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 65

An organization is evaluating the possibility of conducting business internationally. Which factors should be investigated at the onset of the initiative?

- A. Impacts on requirements baseline
- B. Change control processes
- C. Deliverables to be produced
- D. External dependencies

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 67

Which document best provides the boundaries for product development?

- A. Requirements baseline
- B. Project plan
- C. Scope document
- D. Scope definition

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 72

The stakeholders for a newly approved project are subject matter experts who are very knowledgeable in the client's business and will provide the project requirements. The project team scheduled separate sessions with each subject matter expert to identify and prioritize the requirements. Which technique is being used?

- A. Delphi technique
- B. Idea and mind mapping
- C. Workshop sessions
- D. Brainstorming

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 75

A business analyst needs to estimate the effort associated with project requirements. However, the lack of detail is concerning. What technique could the business analyst use to help alleviate this concern?

- A. Context diagram
- B. Decomposition model
- C. Swimlane diagram
- D. Business analysis work plan

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 76

After conducting a brainstorming session with a group of project participants, the business analyst feels that the elicited requirements are biased. Which tool or technique could be used to gain an objective, first-hand insight into tasks and activities that are difficult to describe?

- A. Observation
- B. Document analysis
- C. Questionnaires and surveys
- D. Traceability matrix

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 79

A business analyst is working on a project's acceptance criteria. In an early collaboration with the company's stakeholders, the business analyst identified several user groups within the company:

"Purchaser," "Shipper," "Customer," and "Agent." These user groups categorize stakeholders with similar needs and create a detailed narrative.

Which technique did the business analyst use for evaluating the solution's acceptance criteria?

- A. Stakeholder analysis
- B. Job analysis
- C. Persona analysis
- D. Risk analysis

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 84

A type of requirements document that would be the most valuable to a database administrator would be:

- A. a data flow diagram.
- B. an entity relationship diagram
- C. an object diagram.
- D. a business process diagram.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 86

The project team is working on the requirements specifications for a new product. The team reached a decision on which requirements will be included in the next release. A third of the stakeholders endorse one approach while no other approach achieved more than a quarter of the vote.

Which decision role was used?

- A. Majority
- B. Consensus
- C. Unanimity
- D. Plurality

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 91

What is one benefit of documenting the change control process?

- A. Stakeholders understand the difficulty of managing requirements.
- B. Stakeholders are shielded from how changes are assessed.
- C. Stakeholders know how to request changes.
- D. Stakeholders have a schedule of changes to be deployed.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 94

Which tool is the most appropriate to aid in development of measurable and actionable requirements for a new project?

- A. Use case diagram
- B. Activity-on-node diagram
- C. Network diagram
- D. Entity relationship diagram

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 98

The requirements baseline is ready for sign-off when the requirements are:

- A. consistent, analyzed, complete, and validated
- B. justified, clear, consistent, and verified
- C. complete, clear, verified, and adopted
- D. clear, consistent, complete, and validated

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 100

The technology department identified a defect in the company's software, which leads to an increase in human resource requirements to perform manual transactions as a workaround for tasks that should have been automated. The company begins losing money, so it hires a business analyst to produce a business case that outlines the problem/opportunity, potential options, and a recommendation for how to proceed.

Which of the following analyses must the business analyst perform in order to complete the business case and arrive at a solid recommendation"?

- A. Risk
- B. Gap
- C. SWOT
- D. Cost-benefit

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 101

A company has developed a new product for a customer. The customer provided a specification, but the company did not produce the system requirements in the verification matrix.

The customer is having difficulty determining if the product is meeting the requirements during the test event because the:

- A. customer did not adequately review the test procedure before the test.
- B. test engineer is not communicating effectively with the customer.
- C. customer cannot make this determination until the entire test is complete.
- D. requirements in the technical specification are unclear and ambiguous.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 105

A major stakeholder of a project is surprised to learn that a particular requirement was not implemented during the latest launch. The business analyst tells the stakeholder that the requirement status was changed to "deferred."

What could have prevented the stakeholder from being surprised about the status change?

- A. The status should have been reviewed prior to project launch.
- B. The status should have been communicated to the requirement's source.
- C. The status should have been updated in the traceability matrix.
- D. The status should have been communicated to all project stakeholders.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 106

A business analysis team has collected the main business requirements from the major stakeholders of a project. The team wants to be sure that each stakeholder has a clear understanding of the areas of analysis that will be in scope.

Which model should the team employ to ensure the most effective representation of analysis boundary?

- A. Entity relationship diagram

- B. Context diagram
- C. Data flow diagram
- D. State diagram

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 109

Last year, a company registered a high number of complaints about its customer service. Which of the following tools or techniques can help to identify the high-priority changes needed to improve that service?

- A. A cause-and-effect diagram
- B. A flowchart of the service
- C. A work breakdown structure analysis of the service
- D. A Pareto analysis

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 111

Projects have been managed well and completed on schedule and on budget. However, successful completion of the projects has not improved the company's performance and profitability.

Which of the following should have been implemented to ensure that the projects would improve the company's performance and profitability?

- A. A risk plan
- B. A review with appropriate stakeholders
- C. A project management plan
- D. A strategies and goals analysis

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 115

In order to reduce product and project risk for a large, complex project, a business analyst is asked to help develop a change process that includes formal authorization and tracking throughout the life cycle

of the project. The business analyst needs a capability that will help ensure that the product conforms to approved requirements, changes can be documented, and the status of each change can be reported.

What should the business analyst use?

- A. Traceability matrix
- B. Context models
- C. Configuration management system
- D. Work breakdown structure

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 118

A company wants to procure a tool to improve customer satisfaction and loyalty. Which of the following documents would provide basis for analyzing vendor products?

- A. Project charter
- B. Business case
- C. Survey
- D. Storyboard

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 119

A company has completed a major project within time, cost, and scope and satisfied high-level quality standards and marketing requests. However, the product was considered a complete failure by shareholders and the market due to low return on investment

From the business analysis perspective, the main reason for this business failure was a failure to:

- A. gather the appropriate usability requirements
- B. set the product positioning
- C. establish measurable success criteria in the business case
- D. review and evaluate market expectations

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 121

The project team has all the document control process and versioning in place to capture the requirements changes. The team ensures that the change is documented in the scope document, resulting in the changed work breakdown schedule (WBS) and schedule. However, a key requirement was not implemented in the release

Which is a possible reason why the requirement was not implemented?

- A. The requirements traceability matrix was not updated with the change.
- B. The schedule management plan was not updated with the change.
- C. The requirements management plan was not updated with the change.
- D. The scope management plan was not updated with the change.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 123

The project sponsor needs to know which requirements will be implemented. Which of the following would be the most valuable for a business analyst to provide?

- A. Requirements traceability matrix
- B. Requirements impact analysis
- C. Requirements management plan
- D. Requirements baseline document

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 128

When eliciting requirements, a good time to consider using the interviewing method is when:

- A. assembling a requirements traceability matrix.
- B. there is not enough time to gather requirements from many different sources.
- C. there are communication challenges among stakeholders.
- D. attempting to obtain sign-off on requirements from stakeholders.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 133

A company's management team has decided to deploy a new product. However, there is concern that users may not accept a new product that forces them to change existing practices.

The business analyst should:

- A. delay the application's deployment until the conflicts have been resolved.
- B. voice user concerns to management and recommend that the project be closed.
- C. adhere to the project plan to achieve project objectives.
- D. clearly communicate project objectives and attempt to defuse tensions.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 134

A new project's goal is to replace an existing system. What is an input into solution evaluation and decision making in this context?

- A. Technical readiness of the development team
- B. Customer metrics on the existing system
- C. New solution design specification
- D. Cost-benefit analysis of the existing system

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 139

A business analyst has started a project for a system enhancement. In order to determine how the requirements will be approved, the business analyst schedules a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss the proposed approval process.

Which measure of effective decision making allows the business analyst to finalize the process for requirement approval?

- A. The requirements approval process is documented.
- B. The requirements verification process is documented.
- C. The requirements elicitation process is documented.
- D. The requirements validation process is documented.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 140

Which of the following actions will contribute most to the success of the initial stage of the project?

- A. Document the requirements and obtain sign-off.
- B. Establish the change control process of the project.
- C. Interview stakeholders to clearly define the problem.
- D. Define the acceptance criteria required during the acceptance phase.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 143

A major stakeholder wants to know how the implementation of new features in the development of a product is progressing. Which of the following should be reported to the stakeholder?

- A. Number of requirements tested and approved
- B. Distribution of project changes
- C. Requirements status during the project development cycle
- D. Number of requirements approved v
- E. number of requirements rejected

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 148

A business analyst is working on a project to update the user interface for a legacy procurement system. An end user raises concerns that the new solution will not support their core business processes.

How could the business analyst address the end user's concerns about the new interface?

- A. Develop a use case package to support the user interface.
- B. Document the business data objects using an entity relationship diagram
- C. Consult the stakeholder register to evaluate if the user has authority to influence the project.
- D. Develop a prototype to gather functional requirements.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 152

When a change request is received, the business analyst is responsible for:

- A. analyzing the impact on business and underlying systems.
- B. ensuring that change-related incidents are minimized in production.
- C. prioritizing and scheduling the changes requested.
- D. analyzing the impact to the project schedule and budget.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 154

The project team is early in the development phase of a new product. The project will need to be completed on a tight timeline and with a lean budget. What should the team do to reduce the risk of rework?

- A. Perform a Pareto analysis on the requirements.
- B. Validate the requirements before continuing with development.
- C. Organize a new elicitation workshop.
- D. Ask the project sponsor to prioritize the requirements

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 157

A project affects the marketing unit and procurement unit. The project manager gives the business analyst an overview of the project for the first time. What should the business analyst do immediately after the discussion?

- A. Schedule time with the process owners.
- B. Develop an issues log.
- C. Assess the risks for the project.
- D. Put the information into a project plan.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 160

A project team has been assembled to reduce production costs. The business analyst is working with the project team to review and approve requirements. A stakeholder from the assembly line area has an issue with one of the requirements since it is dependent on using existing equipment that is set to be retired within the next six months.

Which of these techniques would the business analyst use to manage issues identified by stakeholders with requirements to ensure that those issues are resolved?

- A. Interviews
- B. Process modeling
- C. Problem tracking
- D. Estimation

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 163

During validation of a project solution, the business analyst discovers that a requirement has been altered. Instead of placing the company logo in the upper-left corner of the window, it is displayed in the upper-right corner. When the business analyst asks the developer about the change, the developer says that one of the stakeholders asked directly for the change.

Which corrective action should the business analyst take?

- A. Discuss the change in the next stakeholder meeting.
- B. Ask the developer to correct the logo as stated in the requirement.
- C. Confront the stakeholder that requested the change.
- D. Follow the change control process as defined in the business analysis plan.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 165

Which of the following techniques contrasts the current and desired business views to analyze possible business changes?

- A. Impact analysis
- B. SWOT analysis
- C. Trend analysis
- D. Gap analysis

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 169

The customer generated a design specification for a new product. What is the best action to take to establish an approved requirements baseline with the customer?

- A. Request that the customer create a baseline of the requirements in the contract specification.
- B. Perform a variance analysis on the design specification and report the results to the customer.
- C. Create a requirements baseline approval form for the customer to review and approve.
- D. Create a requirements traceability matrix for review and approval by the customer.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 172

A company is developing a new risk management system. The company expects the system to evolve in the near future due to changing government regulations. Which approach will better cope with the requirements' volatility?

- A. Comparative analysis
- B. Phased baselmmg
- C. Storyboarding
- D. Multivoting

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 173

A financial company deployed a new online product lo ltheir customers to invest in the stock market. The company notices a problem regarding financial calculations and starts the problem analysis. The company discovers that the new rules for taxes and fees were not implemented. This problem could have been avoided by:

- A. involving a business analyst during all phases of system development.
- B. implementing an automated Issue tracking system to facilitate the tracing of defects to the requirements.
- C. using a table that shows each applicable business rule with the implemented functional requirement.
- D. rolling back the operations using a contingency process in order to avoid loss and client dissatisfaction.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 176

Which of the following can be used to determine if requirements align to the product's objectives?

- A. Business use cases
- B. Context diagrams
- C. Five Whys
- D. Activity network diagrams

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 179

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