

Question #:1

What was the first significant legal case concerning historic preservation?

- A. US v Gettysburg Electric Railway Co
- B. Penn Central Transportation Co. v New York City
- C. Eubank v City of Richmond
- D. Jones v Mayer

Answer: A

Question #:2

What percentage of households receive the long form of the US Census?

- A. 83%
- B. 17%
- C. 50%
- D. 25%

Answer: B

Question #:3

What is another name for CERCLA?

- A. SARA
- B. RCRA
- C. NEPA
- D. SUPERFUND

Answer: D

Explanation

- A. the 1986 superfund amendments and reauthorization act

B. resource conservation and recovery act 1976

C. national environmental policy act 1969

Question #:4

Who said “A budget is goals with a price tag attached.”?

A. Etzioni

B. Davidoff

C. Burgess

D. Wildavsky

Answer: D

Question #:5

Scenario

You are a planner in a city that has recently opened a new shelter for homeless people. The shelter opens each evening during the winter and provides a place for people to sleep during the night in dormitory-style rooms with cots. Some community members would like the shelter closed because they feel that the large number of people who congregate on the sidewalks near the shelter as they wait for it to open pose a threat to public safety. Your planning director decides to address these concerns by classifying the shelter as a hotel. The planning director knows that the zoning ordinance specifies that a hotel must provide private sleeping quarters, which the shelter does not. By classifying the shelter as a hotel, the planning director is taking steps to close the shelter based on the ground that it is in violation of the zoning ordinance. Suppose you believe that the planning director has assumed a position that is not politically feasible and consequently will be reversed. What might you do?

See the solution below

Explanation

You might choose to take no action. However, waiting until a higher authority reverses poor or unethical planning decisions is not the best course of action for a professional planner. Also, remember that a professional planner does have a special responsibility to plan for the needs of the disadvantaged (Ethical Principle 1)

Question #:6

Each of the following may constitute a conflict of interest for a public planner under the AICP Code of Ethics EXCEPT:

- A. Accepting a gift from a local building firm.
- B. Working for a developer who has an action before the Planning Board.
- C. Applying for a Health Department permit to operate a stall at the Farmers' Market.
- D. Processing a rezoning application for property the public planner owns.

Answer: C

Question #:7

What year was RLUIPA passed?

- A. 1994
- B. 1996
- C. 1998
- D. 2000

Answer: D

Question #:8

Where was the first urban growth boundary established in the US?

- A. Portland, Oregon
- B. Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- C. Los Angeles, California
- D. Lexington, Kentucky

Answer: D

Question #:9

Scenario

You are a newly hired planner involved in the process of preparing a new recreation plan for your community. Your supervisor learns that the City Council is anxious to take action on a recreation plan, and therefore, you are instructed to prepare the plan without scheduling any time for public participation or public comment.

What might you do first?

See the solution below

Explanation

The first step is to be sure you understand the situation completely, and, most importantly, you must know if public participation required by law. You know that as a planner, your responsibility is to provide full, clear and accurate information on planning issues to citizens and governmental decision-makers and to strive to give citizens the opportunity for meaningful impact on the development of plans (Ethical Principle 1)

Question #:10

What two railroads joined at Promontory Point, Utah to form the first transcontinental railroad?

- A. Union Pacific and Central Pacific
- B. Northern Pacific and Central Pacific
- C. Union Pacific and Northern Pacific
- D. Northern Pacific and South Pacific

Answer: A

Question #:11

A MSA includes:

- A. At least 2,500 but less than 50,000 and a population density of 1,000 persons per square mile
- B. Urban nucleus of 50,000 or more with a core density of 1,000 persons per square mile
- C. Population of 2,000 to 8,000 people
- D. At least one city with 50,000 or more and a total metropolitan population of 100,000

Answer: D

Question #:12

Who designed the first limited access highway, the Bronx River Parkway in West Chester County, NY?

- A. Robinson & Kessler
- B. Frederick Law Olmstead Sr.

C. Ernest Burgess

D. Robert Moses

Answer: D

Question #:13

Which of the following would be included as an element of a comprehensive plan?

A. Land Use Plan

B. Demographics

C. Historic Preservation

D. Implementation Schedule

Answer: A B C D

Question #:14

Who was the father of modern ecology?

A. Krumholz

B. Lindblom

C. McHarg

D. Davidoff

Answer: C

Question #:15

Who is associated with the City as Growth Machine Theory?

A. Logan and Molotch

B. Harris and Ullman

C. Home Hoyt

D. Ernest Burgess

Answer: A

Question #:16

What is the programming period for a CIP?

- A. One year
- B. 1-2 years
- C. 3-4 years
- D. 5-6 years

Answer: D

Explanation

Remember the Capital Improvement Budget is only one year, typically

Question #:17

What concept is Ebenezer Howard Associated with?

- A. City Beautiful
- B. PUD
- C. CIP
- D. Garden City

Answer: D

Question #:18

Who is known for Management by Objective (MBO)?

- A. Calthrope
- B. Bettman
- C. Drucker

D. Burgess

Answer: C

Question #:19

Which of the following is associated with Central Place theory?

- A. Christaller
- B. Hoyt
- C. Harris
- D. Ullman

Answer: A

Question #:20

What year was the standard city planning enabling act?

- A. 1924
- B. 1928
- C. 1934
- D. 1938

Answer: B

Question #:21

Which of the following groups of planning philosophies came before the City Humane Movement?

- A. City Functional, City Efficient, City Beautiful and Garden City
- B. Garden City, Agrarian Philosophy, Laissez Faire, City Functional
- C. Public Health, Agrarian Philosophy, Laissez Faire, Garden City
- D. Agrarian Philosophy, Laissez Faire, Public health, City Functional

Answer: C

Question #:22

What year was SARA passed?

- A. 1980
- B. 1984
- C. 1986
- D. 1988

Answer: C

Question #:23

What year was the standard state zoning enabling act adopted?

- A. 1924
- B. 1928
- C. 1934
- D. 1938

Answer: A

Question #:24

Which of the following cities was the first garden city in the United States?

- A. Reston, VA
- B. Columbia, MD
- C. Levittown, NY
- D. Radburn, NJ

Answer: D

Question #:25**Scenario**

You are a planner in a community with a new sign ordinance that prohibits banners from being strung across the road. The ordinance was adopted in response to several unattractive advertising banners that had frequently been strung across local roads and often become entangled with electrical wires. On your way to work one morning, you see that a community group has strung a banner across the main street that advertises an upcoming charity event that will generate thousands of dollars for needy families. You know that the money is greatly needed and that local officials and residents support the event. What might you do in the long run?

See the solution below

Explanation

If you feel that the ordinance is inappropriate for your community, you might decide to begin the process of modifying the language of the ordinance. With the approval of your supervisors, you might work with the city attorney to draft new language for the ordinance and place the item on the agenda for discussion at the next planning commission meeting

Question #:26

When was the TVA established?

- A. 1930
- B. 1933
- C. 1936
- D. 1939

Answer: B

Question #:27**Scenario**

You are a newly hired planner involved in the process of preparing a new recreation plan for your community. Your supervisor learns that the City Council is anxious to take action on a recreation plan, and therefore, you are instructed to prepare the plan without scheduling any time for public participation or public comment. Suppose you learn that there is a regulation in place and that this is clearly a violation of the regulation. What might you do?

See the solution below

Explanation

When you learn that a violation has occurred, bring it to the attention of your director or supervisor. If you learn that the violation has occurred unintentionally, suggest remedies, such as delaying action on the plan until there is adequate time for a participatory process, scheduling a number of participatory events quickly, publicizing the events well, and revising the plan accordingly. It might be a good idea to discuss the situation with a more experienced planner (Ethical Principle 3)

If the violation has occurred you discover that the violation has occurred intentionally, this is a very serious situation because as planners we shall not accept an assignment from an employer when the service to be performed involves conduct that we know to be illegal (Rule of Conduct 2)

Question #:28

What concept did Penn Central Transportation Co. v The City of New York (US Supreme Court) first introduce?

- A. PUD
- B. Eminent domain
- C. TDR
- D. Impact Fees

Answer: C

Question #:29

What two cities does Jean Gottman's book discuss?

- A. Dallas & Fort Worth
- B. Philadelphia, PA & Trenton, NJ
- C. Washington DC & Alexandria, VA
- D. Washington DC & Boston, MA

Answer: D

Question #:30

Who was the father of the modern housing code?

- A. Lawrence Veiller
- B. Patrick Geddes