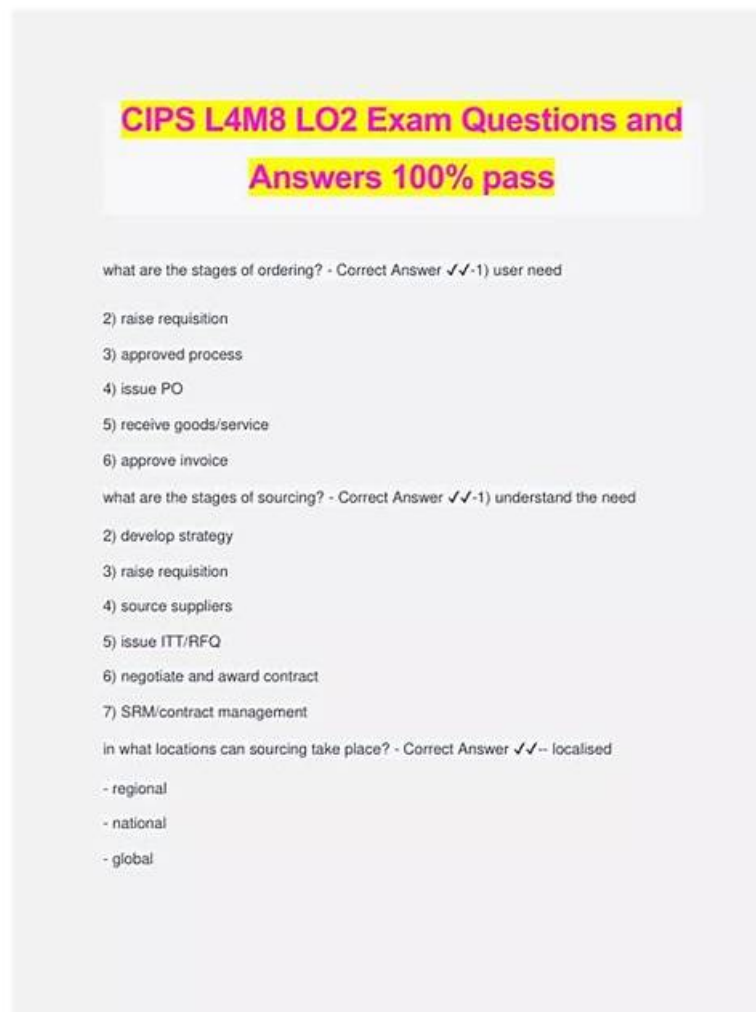


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CIPS Defining Business Needs Sample Questions (Q263-Q268):

NEW QUESTION # 263

A purchaser is looking for alternative supplies if there is a major disruption to their supply chain, including logistics, manufacturing and all support services. Which of the following method is that purchaser applying?

- A. Treat the risk
- B. Transfer the risk
- C. Terminate the risk
- D. Tolerate the risk

Answer: A

Explanation:

Risk control is the process by which an organization reduces the likelihood of a risk event occurring or mitigates the effects that risk should it occur. CIPS preferred way to determine your risk control strategy is to use the four T's Process:

Transferring Risk can be achieved through the use of various forms of insurance, or the payment to third parties who are prepared to take the risk on behalf of the organization. Tolerating Risk is where no action is taken to mitigate or reduce a risk. This may be because the cost of instituting risk reduction or mitigation activity is not cost-effective or the risks of impact are at so low that they are deemed acceptable to the business. Even when these risks are tolerated they should be monitored because future changes may make it no longer tolerable.

Treating Risk is a method of controlling risk through actions that reduce the likelihood of the risk occurring or minimize its impact prior to its occurrence. Also, there are contingent measures that can be developed to reduce the impact of an event once it has occurred. Finding an alternative supplier is an example of treating the risk.

Terminating Risk is the simplest and most often ignored method of dealing with risk. It is the approach that should be most favored where possible and simply involves risk elimination. This can be done by altering an inherently risky process or practice to remove the risk. The same can be used when reviewing practices and processes in all areas of the business.

If an item presents a risk and can be changed or removed without it materially affecting the business, then removing the risk should be the first option considered; rather than attempting to treat, tolerate or transfer it.

NEW QUESTION # 264

As the lead procurement manager, you are asked to compile a business case for a large project. Which should be included?

- * Costs and risks
- * List of large suppliers
- * Business benefits
- * Informal recommendation

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

Answer: D

Explanation:

Comprehensive and Detailed Explanation (from CIPS L4M2: Business Case Development) A business case should include:

- * Costs and risks (financial, operational, reputational)
- * Expected business benefits (value, performance, compliance)

Supplier lists or informal notes are not part of a formal business case.

Relevant CIPS L4M2 Sections:

- * Key contents of a business case
- * Risk and benefit analysis in procurement justification

NEW QUESTION # 265

A CPO is analyzing whole life cycle costing of a machinery. He realises that cost elements are not specific but come from a range of values. Which whole-life costing model should the CPO use to get the most accurate total cost of ownership?

- A. Simulation models
- B. Kraljic's preferencing model
- C. Optimisation models
- D. Decision support models

Answer: A

Explanation:

There are three basic groups of WLC (whole life-cycle costing) models:

- Decision support models
- Simulation models: Life cycle cost is an essential approach to decide on alternative rehabilitation strategies for infrastructure systems. Monte Carlo simulation approach is used to develop a stochastic life cycle cost (SLCC) model and methodology in order to compare different rehabilitation scenarios/alternatives for infrastructures, such as water mains. This method assumes that some inputs are randomly variable in a range of values.
- Optimisation models

Reference:

LO 1, AC 1.2

NEW QUESTION # 266

This is the information on an organisation's activities over the past year

* Sale were \$5,000,000. The value of accounts receivable was \$450,000 at the start of the year and \$525,000 at the end of the year

* The value of direct costs was \$2,500,000 and 75% of this was bought on credit

* Indirect costs were \$3,000,000 and 25% of this was bought on credit

* During the year the organization spent \$1,500,000 on new assets and sold \$150,000 of old assets.

\$1,000,000 of the spend on assets was funded by a bank loan

* The organization declared a dividend of \$200,000 at the end of the year but this was not paid for another two months

* Opening balance was \$175,000

Which of the following is the bank balance of that organization at the end of the year?

- A. \$1,875,000
- B. \$2,025,000
- C. \$1,700,000
- D. \$1,675,000

Answer: A

Explanation:

In this question, you should understand the concept of cash flow and formula of cash flow. Cash flow calculates the physical money moving in and out a company's bank balance. The cash flow from sale activity is:

cash flow from sale = account receivable at beginning of the year + revenue - account receivable at the end of the year = \$450,000 + \$5,000,000 - \$525,000 = \$4,925,000

75% of direct costs was bought by credit, therefore, the company spent 25% on direct cost: $-\$2,500,000 \times 25 / 100 = -\$625,000$

25% of indirect costs was bought on credit. Cash flow out on indirect costs is: $-\$3,000,000 \times 25 / 100 = -\$750,000$

Company spent \$1,500,000 on new assets funded by a loan of \$1,000,000. Cash flow out from this activity is $-\$500,000$

Company received \$150,000 from selling old assets

Dividends have not been paid for another 2 months, thus, they are not accounted as cash flow out.

The bank balance at the end of the year is: $\$175,000 + \$4,925,000 - \$625,000 - \$750,000 - \$500,000 + \$150,000 = \$1,875,000$

LO 1, AC 1.4

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