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QUESTION NO: 1

Having validated that the team is solving the 'right' problem, enables the product ownership analysis (POA) practitioner to help plan:

- A. minimal viable product (MVP), guide development and maximize value.
- B. the training, guide the customer and maximize development.
- C. releases, guide the testing and maximize desirability.
- D. retrospectives, guide the releases and maximize benefit.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The correct completion is “**minimal viable product (MVP), guide development and maximize value.**” Validating that the team is addressing the right problem establishes that the product opportunity and stakeholder need are sufficiently understood before substantial solution investment is made. A POA practitioner can then help the team define an MVP: the smallest viable product or increment that can test assumptions, provide usable value, and generate feedback. This validation also provides an evidence-based foundation for guiding development choices, including prioritization, scope decisions, and sequencing of product work. Throughout this process, the practitioner maintains attention on value, ensuring that delivered outcomes remain aligned with the validated problem and the needs of stakeholders. This reflects the purpose of product ownership analysis: enabling teams to make informed product decisions and maximize the value delivered by a product. IIBA describes CPOA as focused on the practical application of analysis to product ownership and value delivery; see the [IIBA Certificate in Product Ownership Analysis](#) page. The broader IIBA perspective on business analysis and value is also outlined in the [BABOK Guide resources](#).

QUESTION NO: 2

What type of connection is required to create a support system and a culture of teamwork across the organization?

- A. Influential
- B. Social
- C. Personal
- D. Emotional

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Emotional is correct because emotional connections establish the trust, empathy, psychological safety, and sense of belonging that allow people to support one another and work as a genuine team. In product ownership, results depend on collaboration among people with different responsibilities, perspectives, and levels of organizational influence. A shared emotional connection helps those individuals move beyond merely exchanging information or completing separate tasks: they become willing to listen, raise concerns, offer help, and align around a common product outcome. This kind of connection also strengthens resilience when priorities change or difficult trade-offs are needed, because team members understand that they are working in an environment where their contributions and concerns are valued. Building this supportive culture is consistent with IIBA's emphasis on effective stakeholder engagement and collaboration as essential business analysis practices. Product owners and product ownership practitioners foster it through transparent communication, active listening, inclusive decision-making, recognition, and consistent follow-through. These behaviors create the interpersonal foundation needed for organizational teamwork, rather than simply coordinating work across functional boundaries. See IIBA's overview of the Certificate in Product Ownership Analysis at [IIBA CPOA](#) and its business analysis standards resources at [IIBA Standards and Resources](#).

QUESTION NO: 3

Engaging in observation uses the following to gain insights:

- A. visible and hidden observation.
- B. passive and active observation.
- C. disguised and undisguised observation.
- D. planned and unplanned observation.

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Passive and active observation is correct because observation is a product ownership analysis technique used to gain direct insight into how people perform work, interact with a product, and respond within their actual operating context. In passive observation, the practitioner watches activities without participating or materially influencing the situation. This is useful for identifying real behaviours, workarounds, handoffs, environmental factors, and needs that stakeholders may not describe during an interview. In active observation, the practitioner engages with the activity or participants while observing, which can help clarify decisions, explore actions as they occur, and better understand the context behind observed behaviour. Used appropriately, these complementary approaches help the Product Ownership Analysis practitioner develop an evidence-based understanding of stakeholder needs and the product's context, supporting discovery and refinement of valuable product outcomes. IIBA's Business Analysis Body of Knowledge describes observation as a technique for examining work as it is performed and recognizes that the observer may either participate in the work or remain external to it. See [IIBA's BABOK Guide resources](#) and [IIBA's Business Analysis Blog](#).

QUESTION NO: 4

Where are initiatives that deliver desired results identified?

- A. Release plan
- B. Product roadmap
- C. Business strategy
- D. Product vision

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Business strategy is correct because it establishes the organization's direction for achieving desired business outcomes and identifies the initiatives needed to realize those outcomes. In product ownership analysis, product work must be connected to this broader strategic context: strategic goals clarify the value the organization intends to create, while initiatives provide the significant, coordinated bodies of work through which that value is pursued. This creates the basis for deciding which products, product changes, investments, and priorities are worth advancing.

A business strategy is therefore not merely a statement of aspiration. It guides choices about where to focus resources and how to pursue measurable results, ensuring that product decisions support enterprise objectives and stakeholder needs. Product owners use the strategic context to align product vision, roadmap decisions, and planned delivery with the outcomes the organization seeks. IIBA's product ownership resources emphasize outcome-focused product decisions and alignment between product direction and organizational strategy. See [IIBA's Certificate in Product Ownership Analysis overview](#) and [IIBA's BABOK Guide resources](#).

QUESTION NO: 5

Empathy with stakeholders is built by:

- A. clarifying assumptions.

- B. relying on prior personal experiences.
- C. delivering the solution under budget.
- D. accepting the use of ambiguous words.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Clarifying assumptions is correct because empathy in product ownership analysis requires intentionally understanding a stakeholder's perspective, context, needs, concerns, and intended meaning rather than interpreting their statements through an untested personal viewpoint. Assumptions often arise when people use the same terms differently, leave context unstated, or believe that a shared understanding exists when it does not. By surfacing and validating these assumptions through questions, active listening, and confirmation of understanding, the product owner analyst demonstrates respect for the stakeholder's experience and builds the mutual understanding needed for productive collaboration. This practice also makes stakeholder needs more reliable inputs to product decisions, because the team can distinguish what was actually expressed from what was inferred. IIBA's Product Ownership Analysis guidance emphasizes stakeholder engagement and collaboration as central to enabling value delivery; empathetic understanding supports both by creating a sound basis for conversations about needs, outcomes, and priorities. Further information on the CPOA discipline is available from [IIBA's Certificate in Product Ownership Analysis page](#) and IIBA's overview of [The Business Analysis Standard](#).

QUESTION NO: 6

If there are similar questions about performance and security with the ready state product backlog items (PBIs), the product ownership analysis (POA) practitioner can utilize this information to:

- A. refine performance and security related requirements so that the acceptance criteria can be modified accordingly.
- B. inform the delivery team and customers about these PBIs.
- C. keep monitoring the items as the average age of stories has not been crossed by these PBIs yet.
- D. conduct extra sessions with the iteration manager to elaborate on the root cause.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The correct action is to refine performance and security related requirements so that the acceptance criteria can be modified accordingly. Repeated questions about performance and security across PBIs are meaningful product information: they indicate that these quality attributes need clearer, more consistent treatment before work proceeds. A POA practitioner uses insights from backlog analysis and stakeholder collaboration to ensure that PBIs are sufficiently understood and ready for delivery. Refining the related requirements makes the expected performance levels, security protections, constraints, and verification conditions explicit. Updating acceptance criteria then gives the delivery team objective conditions for determining whether the implemented product increment meets the intended quality needs. This supports a shared understanding of value and reduces the risk that important non-functional expectations are discovered only during or after development. It also helps apply a consistent quality approach across related backlog items rather than treating each question as an isolated issue. IIBA's CPOA certification emphasizes applying product ownership analysis practices to maximize product value and support effective product delivery; see [IIBA's CPOA certification page](#). The broader business analysis focus on defining and communicating requirements is also described in [IIBA's BABOK Guide resources](#).