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**QUESTION 1**

Which Housing Act allowed for funds to be used for comprehensive planning for metro, state and regional levels?

- A. Housing Act of 1954
- B. Housing Act of 1959
- C. Housing Act of 1964
- D. Housing Act of 1965

Correct Answer: B

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**QUESTION 2**

Where was the first department store located?

- A. New York City, NY
- B. Los Angeles, CA
- C. Lexington, KY
- D. Salt Lake City, Utah

Correct Answer: D

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**QUESTION 3**

Who was the father of modern ecology?

- A. Krumholz
- B. Lindblom
- C. McHarg
- D. Davidoff

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 4**

When was the Columbian Exposition?

- A. 1891
- B. 1892

C. 1893

D. 1894

Correct Answer: C

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#### QUESTION 5

What year was the standard state zoning enabling act adopted?

A. 1924

B. 1928

C. 1934

D. 1938

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 6

Which of the principles of the AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct are applicable to instances of sexual harassment?

I) A planner must not commit a deliberately wrongful act, which reflects adversely on the planner's professional fitness.

II) A planner must respect the rights of others and, must not improperly discriminate against persons.

III) A planner must have special concern for the long-range consequences of present action.

A. I and II

B. I, II, and III

C. I and III

D. II and III

Correct Answer: A

See Ethical Principles 1, 3; Rule of Conduct 20. Having special concern for the long-range consequences of present actions per Ethical Principle 1 refers to the consequences of planning decisions, not to individual behavior.

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#### QUESTION 7

Which is a better insulation for a ceiling?

A. R-16

B. R-19

C. R-22

D. R-30

Correct Answer: D

Because the higher the number the better

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### QUESTION 8

Who designed Letchworth and who designed Welwyn?

A. Unwin, deSoissons

B. Unwin, Burges

C. Burgess, deSoissons

D. Burgess, Unwin

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 9

Which of the following is not part of the AICP Code of Ethics?

A. Assist in the clarification of community goals, objectives and policies in plan-making.

B. A planner must have special concern for the long range consequences of present actions.

C. A planner must strive to expand choice and opportunity for all persons, recognizing a special responsibility to plan for the needs of disadvantaged groups and person, and must urge the alteration of policies, institutions and decisions which oppose such needs.

D. A planner must strive to give citizens the opportunity to have a meaningful impact on the development of plans and programs. Participation should be broad enough to include people who lack formal organization or influence.

Correct Answer: C

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### QUESTION 10

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 short term?

A. Answer: See the solution below

Correct Answer: A

Since it is your duty to enforce the ordinance immediately, you might want to think of some alternatives to suggest to the event organizers, such as stringing the sign between two buildings on the same side of the road. However, note that such a solution might have undesirable ramifications, such as a proliferation of signs being strung between buildings. Another way to confront the situation honestly would be to encourage the community group to apply for a variance. If a variance were granted, then there would be no question about allowing the banner to remain in place.

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#### QUESTION 11

Who wrote "Edgeless City in 2002?"

- A. Robert Lang
- B. Joel Garreau
- C. Allan Jacobs
- D. Andres Duany

Correct Answer: A

- B. wrote Edge Cities in 1991
  - C. wrote Making City Planning Work in 1985
  - D. advocate for new urbanism or neotraditional design
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#### QUESTION 12

Which of the following is a swamp or marsh type of non-tidal wetlands with cattails? (know others too.)

- A. Palustrine
- B. Lacustrine
- C. Oligotrophic
- D. Littoral

Correct Answer: A

**QUESTION 13**

The American Community Survey will replace the \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Long form
- B. Short form
- C. Census block
- D. Census tract

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 14**

The Burnham Plan for Chicago was released in what year?

- A. 1900
- B. 1908
- C. 1909
- D. 1912

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 15**

You are the planning director in a small town. Your husband runs the local country club and is applying for construction of a new swimming pool. This application will be reviewed by the planning commission for approval. This situation clearly:

- A. Constitutes a conflict of interest according to the AICP Code of Ethics.
- B. Happens every time an application for a swimming pool comes before the planning commission.
- C. May lead to your loss of employment.
- D. Does not lead to any ethical conflicts.

Correct Answer: A

See Ethical Principle 2 and Rules of Conduct 6 and 19. When a decision is presented publicly, you might want to note the situation and to explain how the potential conflict of interest was addressed.

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