The ITIL® Foundation Examination

Sample Paper A, version 4.2

Multiple Choice

Instructions

1. All 40 questions should be attempted.
2. All answers are to be marked on the answer grid provided.
3. You have 60 minutes to complete this paper.
4. You must achieve 26 or more out of a possible 40 marks (65%) to pass this examination.
1. What types of changes are NOT usually included within the scope of change management?
   a) Changes to a mainframe computer
   b) Changes to business strategy
   c) Changes to a service level agreement (SLA)
   d) The retirement of a service

2. Which of the following is NOT an objective of service operation?
   a) Thorough testing to ensure that services are designed to meet business’ needs
   b) To deliver and manage IT services
   c) To manage the technology used to deliver services
   d) To monitor the performance of technology and processes

3. What does the term IT operations control refer to?
   a) Managing the technical and applications management functions
   b) Overseeing the execution and monitoring of operational activities and events
   c) The tools used to monitor and display the status of the IT infrastructure and applications
   d) The service desk monitoring the status of the infrastructure when operators are not available

4. Which process is responsible for recording relationships between service components?
   a) Service level management
   b) Service portfolio management
   c) Service asset and configuration management (SACM)
   d) Incident management

5. What is the RACI model used for?
   a) Documenting the roles and relationships of stakeholders in a process or activity
   b) Defining requirements for a new service or process
   c) Analysing the business impact of an incident
   d) Creating a balanced scorecard showing the overall status of service management

6. Which of the following is the BEST description of an operational level agreement (OLA)?
   a) An agreement between an IT service provider and another part of the same organization that assists in the provision of services
   b) A written agreement between the IT service provider and their customer(s) defining key targets and responsibilities of both parties
   c) An agreement between two service providers about the levels of service required by the customer
   d) An agreement between a 3rd (third) party service desk and the IT customer about fix and response times
7. What is the MAIN goal or purpose of availability management?
   a) To monitor and report availability of components
   b) To ensure that all targets in the service level agreements (SLAs) are met
   c) To guarantee availability levels for services and components
   d) To ensure that service availability meets the agreed needs of the business

8. Which of the following does service transition provide guidance on?
   1. Introducing new services
   2. Decommissioning services
   3. Transfer of services between service providers
   a) 1 and 2 only
   b) 2 only
   c) All of the above
   d) 1 and 3 only

9. Which of the following is NOT a phase of the service lifecycle?
   a) Service optimization
   b) Service transition
   c) Service design
   d) Service strategy

10. Which of the following statements about a configuration management system (CMS) is CORRECT?
    a) The CMS should not contain corporate data about customers and users
    b) There may be more than one CMS
    c) There should not be more than one configuration management database (CMDB)
    d) Even if an organization outsources its IT services there is still a need for a CMS

11. What are the three sub-processes of capacity management?
    a) Business capacity management, service capacity management and component capacity management
    b) Supplier capacity management, service capacity management and component capacity management
    c) Supplier capacity management, service capacity management and technology capacity management
    d) Business capacity management, technology capacity management and component capacity management
12. Which of the following would be stored in the definitive media library (DML)?

   1. Copies of purchased software
   2. Copies of internally-developed software
   3. Relevant licence documentation
   4. The change schedule

   a) All of the above  
   b) 1 and 2 only  
   c) 3 and 4 only  
   d) 1, 2 and 3 only

13. Which process is responsible for reviewing operational level agreements (OLAs) on a regular basis?

   a) Supplier management
   b) Service level management
   c) Service portfolio management
   d) Demand management

14. Which role should ensure that process documentation is current and available?

   a) The service owner
   b) The chief information officer
   c) Knowledge management
   d) The process owner

15. Which of the following are the purposes or objectives of the release and deployment management process?

   1. To define and agree release and deployment plans
   2. To ensure release packages can be tracked
   3. To authorize changes to support the process

   a) 1 and 2 only
   b) All of the above
   c) 2 and 3 only
   d) 1 and 3 only

16. Which of the following are characteristics of every process?

   1. It is measurable
   2. It delivers a specific result
   3. It delivers its primary results to a customer or stakeholder

   a) 1 and 3 only
   b) 1 and 2 only
   c) 2 and 3 only
   d) All of the above
17. Agreeing business requirements and service levels for a new service is part of:
   a) Service operation
   b) Service strategy
   c) Service transition
   d) Service design

18. The information security policy should be available to which groups of people?
   a) Senior business managers and all IT staff only
   b) Senior business managers, IT executives and the information security manager only
   c) All customers, users and IT staff
   d) Information security management staff only

19. Which of the following are valid elements of a service design package (SDP)?
   1. Agreed and documented business requirements
   2. A service definition for transition and operation of the service
   3. Requirements for new or changed processes
   4. Metrics to measure the service
   a) 1 only
   b) 2 and 3 only
   c) 1, 2 and 4 only
   d) All of the above

20. Which of the following are examples of tools that might support the service transition phase of the lifecycle?
   1. A tool to store definitive versions of software
   2. A workflow tool for managing changes
   3. An automated software distribution tool
   4. Testing and validation tools
   a) 1, 3 and 4 only
   b) 1, 2 and 3 only
   c) All of the above
   d) 2, 3 and 4 only

21. Which of the following statements about problem management is/are CORRECT?
   1. It ensures that all resolutions or workarounds that require a change to a configuration item (CI) are submitted through change management
   2. It provides management information about the cost of resolving and preventing problems
   a) 1 only
   b) 2 only
   c) Both of the above
   d) Neither of the above
22. What is the purpose of the request fulfilment process?
   a) Dealing with service requests from the users
   b) Making sure all requests within an IT organization are fulfilled
   c) Ensuring fulfilment of change requests
   d) Making sure the service level agreement (SLA) is met

23. Which statement about value creation through services is CORRECT?
   a) The customer's perception of the service is an important factor in value creation
   b) The value of a service can only ever be measured in financial terms
   c) Delivering service provider outcomes is important in the value of a service
   d) Service provider preferences drive the value perception of a service

24. Plan, Do, Check, Act are the four stages of which quality improvement method?
   a) Business knowledge management framework
   b) Benchmarking
   c) Continual service improvement
   d) The Deming Cycle

25. Which of the following should IT services deliver to customers?
   a) Capabilities
   b) Cost
   c) Risk
   d) Value

26. Which of the following activities is part of the service level management (SLM) process?
   a) Designing the configuration management system from a business perspective
   b) Creating technology metrics to align with customer needs
   c) Monitoring service performance against service level agreements (SLAs)
   d) Training service desk staff how to deal with customer complaints about service

27. Which of the following BEST summarizes the purpose of event management?
   a) The ability to detect events, make sense of them and determine the appropriate control action
   b) The ability to detect events, restore normal service as soon as possible and minimize the adverse impact on business operations
   c) The ability to monitor and control the activities of technical staff
   d) The ability to report on the successful delivery of services by checking the uptime of infrastructure devices
28. Which of the following should a service catalogue contain?
   a) The version information of all software
   b) The organizational structure of the company
   c) Asset information
   d) Details of all operational services

29. "Warranty of a service" means?
   a) The service is fit for purpose
   b) There will be no failures in applications and infrastructure associated with the service
   c) All service-related problems are fixed free of charge for a certain period of time
   d) Customers are assured of certain levels of availability, capacity, continuity and security

30. A technician uses a pre-defined technique to restore service as the incident has been seen before. This is an example of which of the following?
   a) A workaround
   b) A standard change
   c) A service capability
   d) An alert

31. Which of the following is a benefit of using an incident model?
   a) It will make problems easier to identify and diagnose
   b) It means known incident types never recur
   c) It provides pre-defined steps for handling particular types of incidents
   d) It ensures all incidents are easy to solve

32. Which of the following is the CORRECT sequence of activities for handling an incident?
   a) identification, logging, categorization, prioritization, initial diagnosis, functional escalation, investigation and diagnosis, resolution and recovery, closure
   b) prioritization, identification, logging, categorization, initial diagnosis, functional escalation, investigation and diagnosis, resolution and recovery, closure
   c) identification, logging, initial diagnosis, categorization, prioritization, functional escalation, resolution and recovery, investigation and diagnosis, closure
   d) identification, initial diagnosis, investigation, logging, categorization, functional escalation, prioritization, resolution and recovery, closure

33. Which of the following are objectives of continual service improvement?
   1. To improve process efficiency and effectiveness
   2. To improve services
   3. To improve all phases of the service lifecycle EXCEPT service strategy
   4. To improve international standards such as ISO/IEC 20000
   a) 1 and 2 only
   b) 2 and 4 only
   c) 1, 2 and 3 only
   d) All of the above
34. Which of the following processes need to carry out risk assessment and management against services?

1. IT service continuity management
2. Information security management
3. Service catalogue management

a) All of the above
b) 1 and 3 only
c) 2 and 3 only
d) 1 and 2 only

35. Which of the following is NOT a type of metric described in continual service improvement (CSI)?

a) Process metrics
b) Service metrics
c) Personnel metrics
d) Technology metrics

36. Which statement about the relationship between the configuration management system (CMS) and the service knowledge management system (SKMS) is CORRECT?

a) The SKMS is part of the CMS
b) The CMS forms part of the SKMS
c) The CMS and SKMS are the same thing
d) There is no relationship between the CMS and the SKMS

37. What is the role of the emergency change advisory board (ECAB)?

a) To assist the change manager in ensuring that no urgent changes are made during particularly volatile business periods
b) To assist the change manager by implementing emergency changes
c) To assist the change manager in evaluating emergency changes and to decide whether they should be approved
d) To assist the change manager in speeding up the emergency change process so that no unacceptable delays occur

38. Which of the following statements about the service desk is/are CORRECT?

1. The service desk is a function that provides a means of communication between IT and its users for all operational issues
2. The service desk should be the owner of the problem management process

a) 2 only
b) 1 only
c) Both of the above
d) Neither of the above
39. Which of the following are the four Ps of service design?

a) Planning, products, position, processes
b) Planning, perspective, position, people
c) Perspective, partners, problems, people
d) People, partners, products, processes

40. Which of the following represents the BEST course of action to take when a problem workaround is found?

a) The problem record is closed
b) The problem record remains open and details of the workaround are documented within it
c) The problem record remains open and details of the workaround are documented on all related incident records
d) The problem record is closed and details of the workaround are documented in a request for change (RFC)