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Question: 1

What is the purpose of a MasterFormat?

- A. provide a standard to organize specifications and important paperwork for a project
- B. provide a standard to codify all industry abbreviations and acronyms
- C. provide intermediate skill training for employees who want to master higher level skills
- D. provide a uniform format for all written communications to employees

Answer: A

Explanation:

MasterFormat is a standard for organizing specifications and important paperwork on construction projects, either institutional or commercial. It is used in both the US and Canada. Developed by the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and Construction Specifications Canada, it used to have 16 divisions. However, as the number of construction materials and techniques began to expand, the number of divisions was increased, and there are now 50.

Question: 2

Which of the following includes an overhead view of spaces on a floor of a building?

- A. site plan
- B. architectural plan
- C. plan view
- D. architectural schedule

Answer: C

Explanation:

A plan view includes an overhead view of the spaces on a specific floor. It also indicates the length, width and various heights of the structure and floor elevations, and may also contain details on a specific portion of work.

Question: 3

Which of the following is a requirement for a contract to be valid?

- A. Both parties must be at least 25 years of age.
- B. There must be an exchange of a thing in return for a promise of another thing.
- C. It must be witnessed by a notary public.

D. An escrow account must be used.

Answer: B

Explanation:

A valid contract can only be made between parties who are legally old enough to be held responsible for their actions, which is 18 years of age. One party must give or do something or promise to give or do something benefitting the other party, in exchange for something else, usually money. A contract that involves illegal activity is by definition not valid. Using an escrow account is not necessary, nor is having the contract attested to by a notary public.

Question: 4

A builder agrees in a contract to use a certain kind of interior paint. However, he delays purchasing the paint until absolutely necessary, hoping the price will go down. When the building is nearly completed and is ready to be painted, he discovers that the paint is no longer being manufactured. He then uses a lower-cost brand of paint without notifying the client. This builder has committed:

- A. nonfeasance
- B. misfeasance
- C. malfeasance
- D. disfeasance

Answer: B

Explanation:

The contractor has committed misfeasance. Nonfeasance occurs when a party agrees to do something, but never follows through at all. If the builder and his crew simply stopped showing up halfway through the project's completion that would be nonfeasance. Misfeasance consists of performing agreed upon work, but in an improper way, which is what this case falls under. Malfeasance is to commit acts clearly intended to harm the other party's interests. If the builder had set fire to the building in order to get out of paying a penalty for not using the agreed upon paint, that would be malfeasance.

Question: 5

In some contracts, both parties agree to give up their right to go to court in case of conflicts, and instead use a disinterested third party to settle any possible disputes. This method of resolving disputes is known as:

- A. mediation
- B. binding arbitration
- C. nonbinding arbitration
- D. civic disposition

Answer: B

Explanation:

When two parties agree to give up their right to go to court to settle disputes but instead rely on a neutral, third party to resolve the problem, this is known as binding arbitration. If they agree to let a neutral third party make a decision, but reserve the right to go to court if they don't like the arbitrator's ruling, that is nonbinding arbitration. In mediation, parties negotiate their disputes with each other, using a neutral third party, or mediator, to help guide and oversee the process.

Question: 6

Which of the following is the most important factor in determining how much water the soil can hold?

- A. the kind of soil
- B. the average amount of rainfall in the area
- C. the season
- D. the climate

Answer: A

Explanation:

The biggest factor when it comes to how much water soil can hold is the kind of soil. Soil contains pore spaces, or little holes, that can hold water. The size of the holes depends on the soil type, and the size of the holes determines how much water soil can hold.

Question: 7

Which of the following is used for a minor change to the requirements of the contract?

- A. field order
- B. change order
- C. addendum
- D. stipulation

Answer: A

Explanation:

During the life of a large construction project, changes to the requirements of the contract will sometimes be necessary. This can occur as a result of a large number of factors. For fairly substantial changes, a change order must take place. For minor changes, a field order will suffice.

Question: 8

Which kind of contract is appropriate when there's some uncertainty as to the scope of the project?

- A. bid with reserve

- B. stipulated sum
- C. unit price
- D. cost plus fee

Answer: C

Explanation:

When there is uncertainty about how big the scope of a project will actually turn out to be, the best contract option is price per unit.

Question: 9

On a request for proposal, it would be inappropriate for an entity to ask a firm to provide which of the following:

- A. company financial information
- B. references from previous customers
- C. education/work histories of employees
- D. medical records of employees

Answer: D

Explanation:

An entity would be out of line asking for employee medical records, but would not be out of line asking for any of the information listed in the other answer choices. An entity soliciting bids wants to be sure that a company has the financial stability to be able to deliver on their contract, so financial information is certainly a concern. It would also be appropriate to want to hear from previous customers, and to know what kind of education and/or work experience a bidder's employees will bring to the project.

Question: 10

A Notice of Substantial Completion can be issued when % of construction is complete.

- A. 95
- B. 85
- C. 75
- D. 70

Answer: A

Explanation:

95% of the construction must be completed in order for the local government building authority to issue a Notice of Substantial Completion.



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