COBIT 4.1 Foundation Examination – Preparation Materials

Free Mock Exam Questions

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Q1. COBIT has four main characteristics; business-focused, process-oriented, controls-based, and one other?

A.   Measurement-driven
B.   Results-oriented
C.   Technology-independent
D.   Standards-based

Q2. What is the performance driver for an IT goal?

A.   IT metric
B.   Process goal
C.   Process metric
D.   Activity metric

Q3. Which generic control requirement aligns 'metrics, targets, and methods with IT's overall performance monitoring approach'?

A.   Process goals and objectives
B.   Process repeatability
C.   Policy, plans, and procedures
D.   Process performance improvement

Q4. The enterprise architecture for IT consists of information, IT processes, infrastructure and people, plus one other component?

A.   Organisational structures
B.   Procedures
C.   Applications
D.   Policies

Q5. Which one of the following is **not** included in the definition of control?

A.   Policies
B.   Practices
C.   Applications
D.   Organisational structures

Q6. What is **not** a benefit 'of implementing COBIT as a governance framework over IT'?

A.   Better alignment, based on a business focus
B.   Clear ownership and responsibilities, based on controls
C.   General acceptability with third parties and regulators
D.   Shared understanding amongst all stakeholders, based on a common language

Q7. Which COBIT process is 'manage projects'?

A.   PO10
B.   AI10
C.   DS10
D.   ME10

Q8. What is **not** a control objective for COBIT process PO10?

A. Programme management framework
B. Project management framework
C. IT risk management framework
D. Stakeholder commitment

Q9. What is the performance driver for the IT goal of 'respond to governance requirements, in line with board direction', within COBIT process PO10?

A. Percent of projects meeting stakeholders expectations (on time, on budget, and meeting requirements - weighted by importance)
B. Percent of projects meeting stakeholder expectations
C. Percent of projects following project management standards and practices
D. Percent of stakeholders participating in projects (involvement index)

Q10. What is the performance driver for the IT goal of 'ensure mutual satisfaction of third-party relationships', within COBIT process DS2?

A. Number of user complaints due to contracted services
B. Number of formal disputes with suppliers
C. Percent of major suppliers subject to clearly defined requirements and service levels
D. Number of significant incidents of supplier non-compliance per time period

Q11. 'The maturity attribute table lists the characteristics of how IT processes are managed and describes how they evolve from a non-existent to an optimised process'. Which one of the following is **not** a maturity attribute?

A. Awareness and communication
B. Goals, processes, and activities
C. Tools and automation
D. Skills and expertise

Q12. What is **not** a component of COBIT?

A. Domains
B. Processes
C. Activities
D. Functions

Q13. Which one of the following items is **not** part of the enterprise architecture for IT?

A. Infrastructure
B. Activities
C. Applications
D. People

Q14. The core constituents of IT governance are risk, control, and one other?

A. Compliance
B. Regulation
C. Transparency
D. Value

Q15. As defined by COBIT, who is responsible for IT governance?

A. Customers and suppliers
B. Stakeholders and investors
C. IT managers and IT team leaders
D. Executives and the board of directors

Q16. Which COBIT process is 'manage third-party services'?

A. PO2
B. AI2
C. DS2
D. ME2

Q17. 'IT control objectives provide a complete set of high-level requirements to be considered by management for effective control of each IT process'. Which one of the following statements does **not** describe COBIT's IT control objectives?

A. Defined for use as a threshold model, where one cannot move to the next higher level without having fulfilled all conditions of the lower level
B. Are statements of managerial actions to increase value or reduce risk
C. Consist of policies, procedures, practices, and organisational structures
D. Are designed to provide reasonable assurance that business objectives will be achieved and undesired events will be prevented or detected and corrected

Q18. 'To achieve alignment of good practice to business requirements, it is recommended that COBIT be used at' which level within the enterprise?

A. Highest
B. Middle
C. Lowest
D. All

Q19. With which standard, framework, guideline, or practice is COBIT **not** aligned?

A. ISO27000
B. COSO
C. ITIL
D. GAAP

Q20. What drives business goals for IT?

A. Enterprise strategy
B. IT goals
C. Enterprise architecture for IT
D. IT scorecard

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Q1	A		**Q11**	B
Q2	C		**Q12**	D
Q3	D		**Q13**	B
Q4	C		**Q14**	D
Q5	C		**Q15**	D
Q6	B		**Q16**	C
Q7	A		**Q17**	A
Q8	C		**Q18**	A
Q9	B		**Q19**	D
Q10	B		**Q20**	A

How many did you get right?

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