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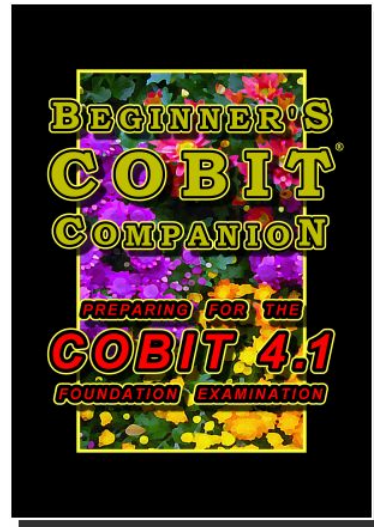
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**Q1.** COBIT has four main characteristics; business-focused, process-oriented, controls-based, and one other?

- 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

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**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

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**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

Q2 C

Q3 D

Q4 C

Q5 C

Q6 B

Q7 A

Q8 C

Q9 B

Q10 B

Q11 B

Q12 D

Q13 B

Q14 D

Q15 D

Q16 C

Q17 A

Q18 A

Q19 D

Q20 A

How many questions did you answer correctly?



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