

IASSC Green Belt Certification Practice Test 1 Correction and Explanation

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Questions and corresponding Answers:

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24	c	49	b	74	h	99	b
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LSS_BoK_1.1 - The Basics of Six Sigma : 6 Questions

Question 1/6 or 1/100:

What does Six Sigma represent?

- a) Process Improvement Methodology
- b) Financial Management System
- c) Organizational Hierarchy Model
- d) Marketing Strategy Framework

The correct answer is a) Process Improvement Methodology.

Explanation: Six Sigma is a data-driven approach and methodology for eliminating defects and improving processes in any business operation. It focuses on identifying and removing causes of defects and minimizing variability in manufacturing and business processes. It uses statistical methods and tools for process improvement, emphasizing quality control and systematic efforts to achieve near-perfection in products or services. This makes "Process Improvement Methodology" the most accurate representation of what Six Sigma stands for.

Question 2/6 or 2/100:

The fundamental goal for most companies implementing Six Sigma is to _____.

- a) Minimize defects
- b) Enhance process efficiency
- c) Increase profitability
- d) All of the above

The correct answer is d) All of the above.

Explanation: The fundamental goal of implementing Six Sigma in most companies is multifaceted, encompassing all the options listed.

Minimize defects: Six Sigma's core objective is to reduce the number of defects in processes to as close to zero as possible. It uses statistical tools to identify and eliminate sources of variation and defects, thereby improving the quality of output.

Enhance process efficiency: By streamlining processes and removing unnecessary steps or variations, Six Sigma leads to more efficient processes. This increase in efficiency not only reduces the time and resources needed for production but also improves overall operational performance.

Increase profitability: The culmination of minimizing defects and enhancing process efficiency is an increase in profitability. By producing higher quality products or services with fewer resources and in less time, companies can reduce costs and increase customer satisfaction, leading to increased sales and profit margins.

Question 3/6 or 3/100:

Within a Project Charter, what element articulates the Business Case for addressing a defect/error in a process?

- a) Project Scope
- b) Problem Statement
- c) Key Performance Indicators
- d) Composition of the Project Team

The correct answer is b) Problem Statement.

Explanation: In a Project Charter, the Problem Statement is the element that articulates the Business Case for addressing a defect or error in a process. The Problem Statement clearly describes the issue or defect, outlining its impact on operations, quality, customer satisfaction, or costs. This statement provides a rationale for why the project is necessary, highlighting the significance of the problem and its implications for the business. It sets the stage for the project by defining the scope and objectives in the context of addressing the identified issue. Unlike other elements like Project Objectives, Stakeholder Analysis, or Budget and Resources, the Problem Statement is specifically focused on detailing the issue and forming the basis for the project's necessity and goals.

Question 4/6 or 4/100:

The concept of measuring performance using the Six Sigma scale involves

- _____.
- a) Considering only mean values in calculations
 - b) Focusing solely on variation in calculations
 - c) Incorporating both mean and variation in calculations
 - d) None of the above

The correct answer is c) Incorporating both mean and variation in calculations.

Explanation: The concept of measuring performance using the Six Sigma scale involves incorporating both mean and variation in calculations. Six Sigma is a statistical measurement that assesses process capability. It evaluates how far a given process deviates from perfection or a set specification limit. The mean, or average, of the process is considered to understand its central tendency, while the variation (often measured in terms of standard deviation) indicates how much the process results spread around this mean. This dual focus allows for a comprehensive assessment of process performance, considering not only how well the process performs on average but also how consistent this performance is. This approach helps in identifying and reducing variability, thereby moving towards higher quality and efficiency.

Question 5/6 or 5/100:

In the context of customer focus, 'listening to the customer' typically refers to the

- _____.
- a) Chief Executive Officer
 - b) Intermediate product user
 - c) End customer or client
 - d) Company's marketing department

The correct answer is c) End customer or client.

Explanation: In the context of customer focus, 'listening to the customer' refers to understanding and responding to the needs and expectations of the end customer or client. This concept is central to customer-centric approaches and quality management practices like Six Sigma. It emphasizes the importance of understanding what the final users of a product or service require and expect. This approach helps in tailoring processes and products to better meet these needs, thereby improving customer satisfaction and loyalty. While the perspectives of the CEO, intermediate product users, and the marketing department are valuable, they are typically seen as intermediaries or influencers in understanding customer needs rather than the direct source of this insight.

Question 6/6 or 6/100:

In a Lean Six Sigma framework, the Sponsor is responsible for allocating resources for projects within their unit, maintaining regular communication with the project manager, and actively participating in DMAIC phase-end reviews.

a) TRUE

b) FALSE

The correct answer is a) TRUE

Explanation: In a Lean Six Sigma framework, the role of the Sponsor (also known as Champion in some contexts) is crucial for the successful execution and implementation of projects. The Sponsor is typically a senior-level executive who is responsible for:

Allocating Resources: They ensure that the project team has the necessary resources, which could include funding, personnel, and access to technology or information, to successfully complete the project.

Maintaining Regular Communication: The Sponsor stays in regular contact with the project manager, providing guidance, support, and direction. This communication is vital for addressing any issues that arise and for making key decisions.

Actively Participating in DMAIC Phase-End Reviews: The DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control) methodology is a core component of Lean Six Sigma projects. The Sponsor participates in reviews at the end of each phase to assess progress, make necessary adjustments, and validate the results achieved.

Therefore, the statement accurately describes the responsibilities of a Sponsor in a Lean Six Sigma framework.

LSS_BoK_1.2 - The Fundamentals of Six Sigma : 5 Questions

Question 1/5 or 7/100:

The Voice of the Customer (VOC) process focuses on identifying what customers need, rather than how to fulfill those needs.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

The correct answer is a) TRUE

Explanation: The Voice of the Customer (VOC) process in Lean Six Sigma is primarily focused on identifying and understanding customer needs and requirements. It is about capturing detailed customer feedback, expectations, preferences, and aversions. This process does not delve into how these needs should be fulfilled; that's typically addressed in later stages of the Six Sigma process. The VOC process is about gathering comprehensive insights into what the customers value or need, forming the foundation for subsequent improvement efforts that aim to meet these needs more effectively. It's a crucial step in ensuring that the solutions developed are aligned with actual customer expectations.

Question 2/5 or 8/100:

Which method is used to capture critical elements of a service or product according to customer needs?

- a) Project Charter
- b) Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
- c) House of Quality
- d) Critical to Quality (CTQ) Flowdown

The correct answer is d) Critical to Quality (CTQ) Flowdown

Explanation: Critical to Quality (CTQ) Flowdown is the method used to capture critical elements of a service or product according to customer needs in Lean Six Sigma. CTQ Flowdown involves translating customer needs and requirements (often identified through the Voice of the Customer process) into specific, measurable quality requirements. These quality requirements are critical for ensuring the product or service meets customer expectations. The CTQ Flowdown process helps in identifying what characteristics of a product or service are essential from the customer's perspective and then ensuring that these are adequately addressed in the design and delivery of the product or service.

While Project Charter is a document that outlines the scope, objectives, and stakeholders of a project, FMEA (Failure Mode and Effects Analysis) is used for risk assessment, and the House of Quality is a part of Quality Function Deployment used for product design, they are not specifically focused on capturing critical product or service elements based on customer needs like CTQ Flowdown.

Question 3/5 or 9/100:

Net Present Value (NPV) is the financial metric that calculates the difference between the current value of future cash flows and the initial investment.

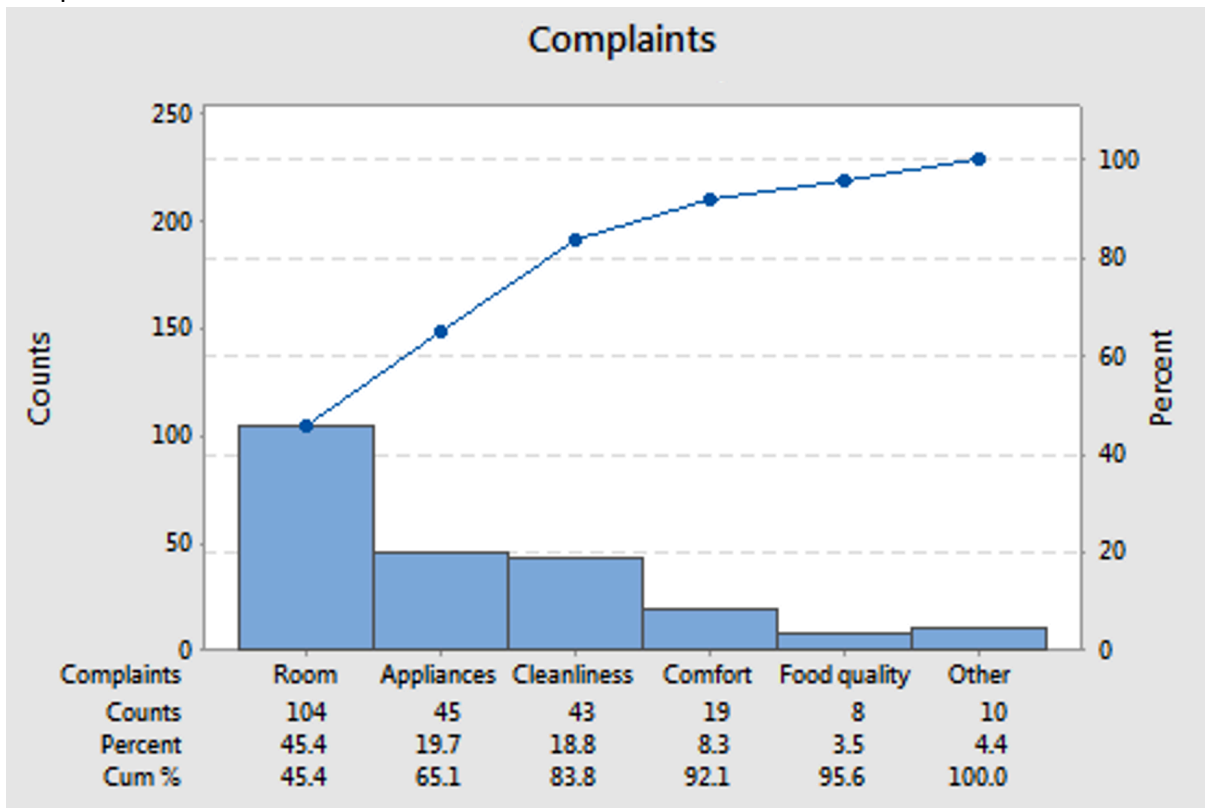
- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

The correct answer is a) TRUE

Explanation: Net Present Value (NPV) is indeed a financial metric used to evaluate the profitability of an investment or project. It calculates the difference between the present value of cash inflows and the present value of cash outflows over a period of time. NPV takes into account the time value of money, recognizing that a dollar today is worth more than a dollar in the future. By discounting future cash flows back to their present value and then subtracting the initial investment, NPV provides a method to assess the profitability of a project. A positive NPV indicates that the projected earnings (in present dollars) exceed the anticipated costs (also in present dollars), which generally suggests that the investment is viable.

Question 4/5 or 10/100:

According to the graphic provided, which three factors constitute the primary reasons for complaints?



- a) Room, Appliances, other
- b) Room, Appliances, Cleanliness
- c) Comfort, other, Room
- d) Cleanliness, Percent, Food quality

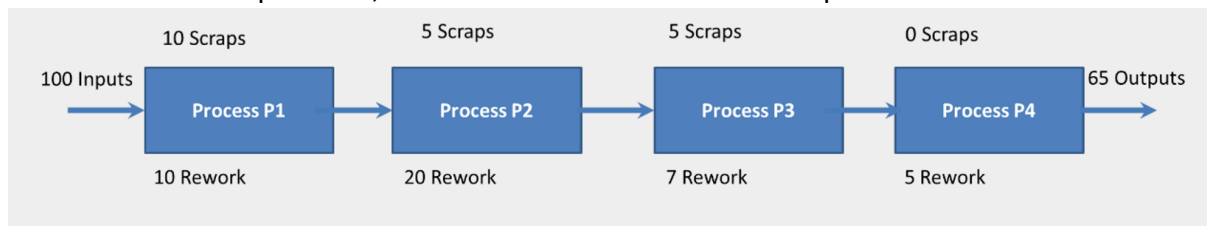
The correct answer is b) Room, Appliances, Cleanliness

The graphic titled "Complaints" provides a Pareto chart, which is a tool used in Six Sigma and other quality management processes to prioritize issues based on their significance. The chart displays various types of defects that cause complaints, with their respective counts and the cumulative percentage of the total errors they represent.

The Pareto principle, also known as the 80/20 rule, is at play here, suggesting that 80% of the problems typically come from 20% of the causes. In this scenario, these three factors are those key causes of complaints that if addressed, could significantly improve the process.

Question 5/5 or 11/100:

Based on the chart provided, what is the First Pass Yield of this process?



- a) 43%
- b) 65%
- c) 58%
- d) 100%

The correct answer is a) 43%

The First Pass Yield (FPY) is calculated by subtracting the sum of scraps and reworks from the total inputs and dividing by the total inputs:

$$\text{FPY} = (\text{Initial Inputs} - \text{Total Scraps} - \text{Total Rework}) / \text{Initial Inputs}$$

$$\text{FPY} = (100 - 20 - 37) / 100$$

$$\text{FPY} = 43 / 100$$

$$\text{FPY} = 0.43 \text{ or } 43\%$$

Thus, the FPY for this process is 43%.

LSS_BoK_1.3 - Selecting Lean Six Sigma Projects : 3 Questions

Question 1/3 or 12/100:

Factors that may affect the timeline of a Green or Black Belt Lean Six Sigma Project include

- _____.
- a) The availability of resources
 - b) The significance of the outcome for the business
 - c) The breadth and boundaries of the project
 - d) All of the mentioned factors

The correct answer is d) All of the mentioned factors.

Each of the mentioned factors significantly impacts the timeline of a Green or Black Belt Lean Six Sigma Project. Resource availability can limit or facilitate project progression. The significance of the outcome to the business often dictates the priority and resource allocation, influencing the speed of completion. Lastly, the project's breadth and boundaries define its scope, with larger and more complex projects typically requiring more time. Hence, all these factors collectively determine the project's timeline.

Question 2/3 or 13/100:

The Primary Metric in a Lean Six Sigma project is the _____.

- a) Goal outlined by the General Manager
- b) Direct measurement of the defect or issue
- c) Perspective of the project team
- d) Initial recommendation from the first stakeholder

The correct answer is b) Direct measurement of the defect or issue.

In Lean Six Sigma projects, the primary metric is typically the direct measurement of the defect or issue that the project aims to address. This metric is crucial because it provides a tangible and quantifiable basis for evaluating the project's success. It is directly linked to the problem at hand and is used to assess the effectiveness of the improvements made. The primary metric is often related to key aspects such as quality, time, cost, or customer satisfaction, directly reflecting the project's impact on the process or product being improved.

Question 3/3 or 14/100:

The calculation of project benefits is typically based on the savings achieved within what time frame after the project's completion?

- a) One year
- b) Two years
- c) Five years
- d) Six months

The correct answer is a) One year.

In Lean Six Sigma projects, the calculation of project benefits is typically based on the savings achieved within one year after the project's completion. This one-year period is a standard timeframe that allows for a realistic assessment of the project's impact while accounting for short-term fluctuations and long-term trends in performance. It provides a balance between observing immediate benefits and understanding the sustained impact of the improvements made.

LSS_BoK_1.4 - The Lean Enterprise : 5 Questions

Question 1/5 or 15/100:

A Lean Six Sigma project resulted in a cost reduction of \$200,000. The project's total investment was \$50,000. What is the Return on Investment (ROI) for this project?

- a) 400%
- b) 300%
- c) 200%
- d) 100%

The correct answer is b) 300%.

Return on Investment (ROI) is calculated as the ratio of the net benefit (total benefits minus total costs) to the total investment, multiplied by 100 to express it as a percentage. In this case, the net benefit of the project is the cost reduction (\$200,000) minus the project investment (\$50,000), which equals \$150,000. The ROI is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ROI} &= [(\text{Net Benefit} / \text{Total Investment}) \times 100] \\ &= [(\$150,000 / \$50,000) \times 100] \\ &= [3 \times 100] \\ &= 300\%\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the ROI for this project is 300%, indicating that for every dollar invested, there was a return of three dollars.