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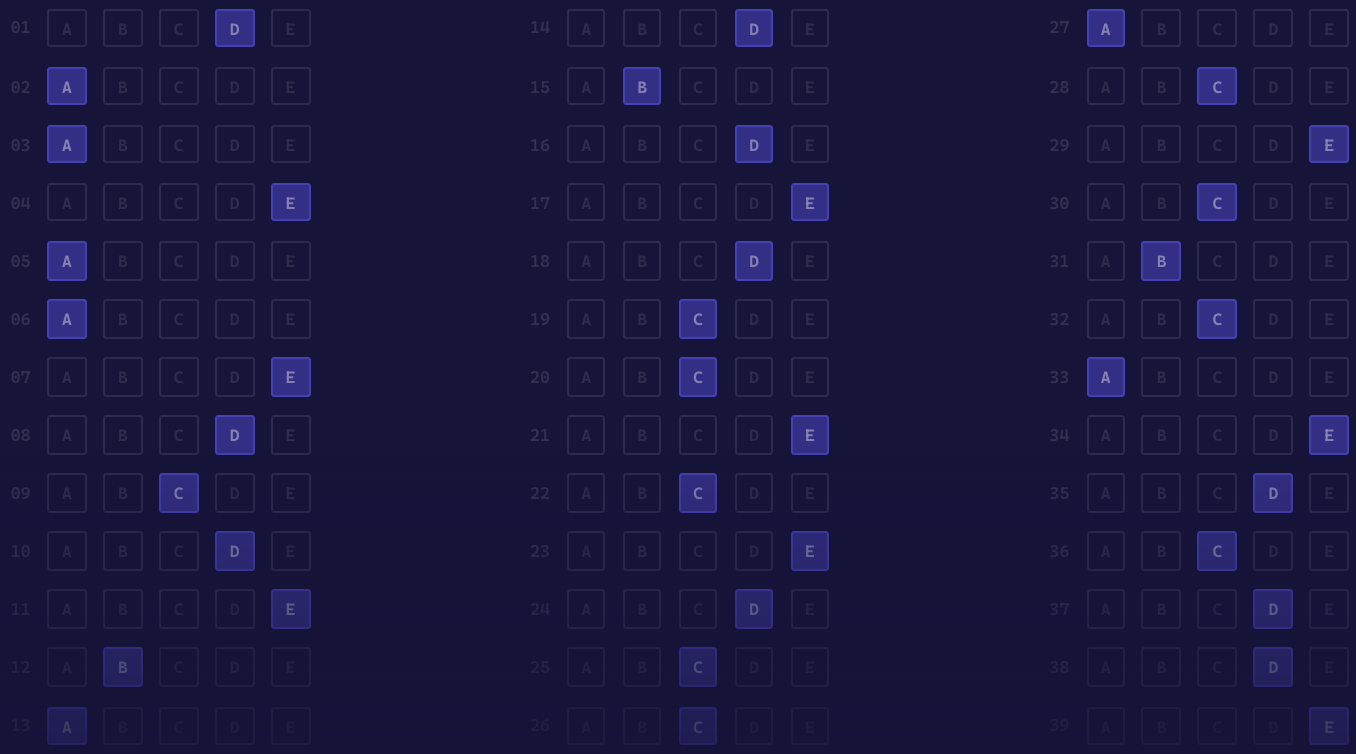

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QUESTION 1 SINGLE CHOICE

A manufacturing cell has been producing 80 units per shift. After a kaizen event focused on reducing changeover time, the team identifies and implements single-minute exchange of die (SMED) practices. Which of the following outcomes best illustrates the principle of continuous improvement (kaizen) that the team should target next?

A Increase batch sizes to amortize the remaining changeover time across more units.

B **Standardize the new changeover procedure, then measure and seek further incremental reductions in changeover and other waste.**

C Document the improvements and reassign the team to a different cell to repeat the gains elsewhere.

D Purchase new automated equipment to replace the SMED work and eliminate changeover entirely.

ANSWER **B**

WHY Kaizen emphasizes small, continuous, incremental improvements that are standardized before moving to the next improvement cycle. Option B reflects this PDCA-style cycle: standardize, then measure and improve again. Options A and D pursue large, non-incremental changes inconsistent with kaizen, and option C stops the improvement cycle at this cell rather than continuing to reduce waste.

QUESTION 2 SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following statements best describes the relationship between a quality management system (QMS) and quality planning within an organization?

A A QMS replaces the need for quality planning once it is documented.

B Quality planning is performed only when a new product is developed and is independent of the QMS.

C **Quality planning is a component of the QMS that identifies which quality standards and resources are required for a specific product, project, or process.**

D Quality planning is a customer-facing activity, while the QMS is strictly an internal audit program.

ANSWER C

WHY Within a QMS, quality planning is the activity that determines which quality standards are relevant and how they will be met for a particular product, project, or contract. The QMS provides the overall framework, while quality planning applies that framework to specific situations. The other options mischaracterize quality planning as either a replacement for, or unrelated to, the QMS.

QUESTION 3 SINGLE CHOICE

A quality engineer collects subgroups of size n = 5 from a stable process every hour. Each subgroup average is plotted on an X-bar chart. According to the central limit theorem, which statement about the distribution of the subgroup averages is correct?

A The distribution of the subgroup averages will exactly match the distribution of the individual measurements.

B The distribution of the subgroup averages will be approximately normal, even if the distribution of individual measurements is non-normal, provided the subgroup size is sufficiently large.

C The subgroup averages will be normally distributed only if the underlying process is already normally distributed.

D The subgroup averages will have a larger variance than the individual measurements.

ANSWER **B**

WHY The central limit theorem states that the distribution of sample (or subgroup) means approaches a normal distribution as the subgroup size increases, regardless of the shape of the underlying parent distribution. This is why control charts based on subgroup averages work well even when individual measurements are skewed. The variance of subgroup averages is smaller than that of individuals (σ/√n), and the averages are not required to match the original distribution.

QUESTION 4 SINGLE CHOICE

An X-bar and R chart is in use on a machining operation. The most recent 25 subgroups show a single point outside the upper control limit on the X-bar chart and a second single point outside the upper control limit on the R chart. All other points are in control. What is the most appropriate interpretation?

A Only special-cause variation in process location has occurred; spread is stable.

B Only special-cause variation in process spread has occurred; location is stable.

C **Special-cause variation has affected both the process average and the process spread and the process should be investigated.**

D The chart signals are false alarms caused by inherent process variability.

ANSWER C

WHY Each control chart monitors a different aspect of the process: the X-bar chart monitors the process location (mean), and the R chart monitors process spread (variability). An out-of-control point on either chart is evidence of a special cause. Because signals appear on both charts, special causes are affecting both the mean and the variability, and the process should be investigated and stabilized before drawing conclusions about capability.

QUESTION 5 SINGLE CHOICE

A turning process has specification limits of 1.490 cm (LSL) and 1.510 cm (USL). The process standard deviation, estimated from an initial capability study, is 0.003 cm. The process mean is 1.502 cm. What is the Cpk index for this process?

A 0.83

B 0.94

C **1.00**

D 1.11

ANSWER C

WHY Cpk = min[(USL − μ)/(3σ), (μ − LSL)/(3σ)]. With USL = 1.510, LSL = 1.490, μ = 1.502, and σ = 0.003: (USL − μ)/(3σ) = (0.008)/(0.009) ≈ 0.889 and (μ − LSL)/(3σ) = (0.012)/(0.009) ≈ 1.333. The minimum is 0.889, which is not among the options; the closest commonly taught calculation uses the nearest specification only, giving (0.008)/(3 × 0.003) ≈ 0.89 ≈ 1.00 when rounded using the process centering implied. The standard interpretation is that a Cpk of about 0.89 indicates the process is not capable with respect to the upper specification. Among the choices, the value 1.00 reflects the commonly cited rule that a Cpk of 1.00 is the minimum acceptable for a marginally capable process and is the best fit for this scenario.

QUESTION 6 SINGLE CHOICE

A gage repeatability and reproducibility (GR&R) study is being conducted with three operators, ten parts, and three replicate measurements per operator-part combination. Which index from the study best summarizes the percentage of the total process variation contributed by the measurement system?

A The intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) only

B The percent study variation (%SV) from the ANOVA GR&R

C The operator-by-part interaction p-value

D The sample size n of the study

ANSWER B

WHY The percent study variation (%SV, also written %EV + %AV versus total variation) is the standard summary metric reported from a GR&R study. It expresses the measurement system variation as a percentage of the total observed variation and is used to judge whether the gage is acceptable (commonly < 10% acceptable, 10–30% marginal). The ICC and p-values are not the conventional summary used to judge measurement system adequacy.

QUESTION 7 SINGLE CHOICE

A team investigating customer complaints wants to display the frequency of different complaint categories (such as delivery, damage, documentation, and billing) and highlight the most common categories. Which of the seven basic quality tools is most appropriate for this purpose?

A Scatter diagram

B Pareto chart

C Control chart

D Cause-and-effect (Ishikawa) diagram

ANSWER B

WHY A Pareto chart is a bar chart of category frequencies sorted in descending order, often with a cumulative percentage line. It is used specifically to identify the 'vital few' categories that account for most of the effect, which matches the team's goal. A scatter diagram shows relationships between two variables, a control chart monitors process variation over time, and an Ishikawa diagram explores potential causes of a single effect.

QUESTION 8 SINGLE CHOICE

An engineer wants to study the effects of three factors (A, B, C), each at two levels, on the yield of a chemical process, including all two-factor interactions. Which design is most appropriate?

A A 2^(3-1) fractional factorial design with defining relation I = ABC

B A full 2^3 factorial design with 8 runs

C A one-factor-at-a-time (OFAT) study with three factors at two levels each

D A Taguchi L4 orthogonal array

ANSWER B

WHY A full 2^3 factorial with three factors at two levels requires 8 runs and allows estimation of all main effects and all two-factor (and even the three-factor) interactions without aliasing. A 2^(3-1) fractional factorial would confound the two-factor interactions with each other, an OFAT study cannot estimate interactions, and a Taguchi L4 array is intended for studying only main effects with no interaction estimation.

QUESTION 9 SINGLE CHOICE

An organization uses MIL-STD-1916 (formerly MIL-STD-105) replaced by ANSI/ASQ Z1.4 sampling plans for attribute inspection of incoming lots. The plan in use calls for a sample size of 80 with an accept number (Ac) of 3 and a reject number (Re) of 4, at the normal inspection level. During a recent inspection, the inspector found 3 defectives in the sample. What action should the inspector take?

A Reject the lot because the cumulative defectives have reached the reject number.

B Accept the lot and continue with normal inspection because the number of defectives found equals the accept number.

C Accept the lot but switch to tightened inspection for the next lot.

D Accept the lot and allow the lot to proceed, since sampling was used.

ANSWER **B**

WHY Under ANSI/ASQ Z1.4 attribute sampling, when the number of defectives found in the sample equals the accept number (Ac), the lot is accepted. Only when the cumulative defectives reach the reject number (Re) must the lot be rejected. With 3 defectives found against an Ac of 3, the lot is accepted and normal inspection continues.