
CIPS Level 3 – Advanced Certificate in Procurement and Supply Operations

Socially Responsible Warehousing and Distribution [L3M6]

Sample Exam Questions (Objective Response)

The correct answer will be listed below each question

Q1. Which of the following would be typical sustainability focused criteria used in procurement and supply decision-making?

- a. Social and environmental
- b. Suppliers and planet
- c. Products and people
- d. Waste and policies

LO: 1

AC: 1.1

Correct answer: A

Q2. Procurement decisions and policies which consider the needs of the present as well as future generations are focused on which of the following?

- a. Profit
- b. Sustainability
- c. Competition
- d. Risk

LO: 1

AC: 1.1

Correct answer: B

Q3. Promoting good corporate citizenship is likely to contribute directly to which of the following for the procurement organisation?

- a. Supplier rationalisation
- b. Cost reduction
- c. Technological development
- d. Brand reputation

LO: 1

AC: 1.2

Correct answer: D

Q4. An environmental impact of increased transportation is most likely to be ...

- a. reduced profit
- b. atmospheric emissions
- c. loss of resource
- d. fewer accidents

LO: 2

AC: 2.2

Correct answer: B

Q5. Drag and drop the correct option into the blank space.

An organisation's is the total amount of its greenhouse gas emissions created in support directly and indirectly of its business activities

- carbon footprint
- environmental pollution
- waste generation
- corporate impact

LO: 2

AC: 2.2

Correct answer: carbon footprint

Q6. Which of the following is a type of mechanised materials handling equipment?

- a. Pallet
- b. Unit load
- c. Stacking system
- d. Forklift truck

LO: 3

AC: 3.2

Correct answer: D

Q7. Which of the following often represents a challenge when an organisation is planning to build new major warehousing and distribution facilities in urban areas?

- a. Designing suitable facilities to meet the organisation's needs
- b. Increased public awareness of environmental sustainability issues
- c. Ensuring input has been received from key internal stakeholders
- d. Access to suitable energy sources to meet the organisation's needs

LO: 4

AC: 4.1

Correct answer: B

Q8. Constructing a new national distribution centre in a rural location is likely to meet resistance from local people due to which of the following factors?

- a. Employment creation
- b. Visual intrusion
- c. Utilisation of fuel
- d. Waste removal

LO: 2

AC: 2.2

Correct answer: B

Q9. How might a government promote environmental sustainability which may impact an organisation's warehousing and distribution decisions?

- a. Seek co-operation from the United Nations
- b. Mandate national ethical codes of practice
- c. Introduce legislation to reduce emissions
- d. Build more motorways to ease congestion

LO: 4

AC: 4.4

Correct answer: C

Q10. Drag and drop the correct option into the blank space.

is a significant contributor to the environmental cost of warehousing and logistics.

- Greenhouse gas
- Vehicle maintenance
- Resource overhead
- Sourcing components

LO: 4

AC: 4.3

Correct answer: Greenhouse gas

Q11. Which of the following is an increase in the earth's average atmospheric temperature that causes corresponding changes in climate and can be an environmental cost of ineffective warehousing, logistics and other activities?

- a. Global warming
- b. Air pollution
- c. Increased landfill
- d. Visual intrusion

LO: 4

AC: 4.3

Correct answer: A

Q12. Governments can encourage use of greener modes of transport in distribution through which of the following?

- a. Environmental training for all long-distance drivers
- b. Donating a percentage of tax revenues to good causes
- c. Tax breaks on environmentally friendly vehicles
- d. Developing new fuels specifically for use in logistics

LO: 4

AC: 4.4

Correct answer: C

Q13. Select the correct option from the drop down box.

Efficient incorporated within warehouse design contributes towards sustainability by reducing unnecessary movement

- lighting
- flow
- racking
- packing

LO: 3

AC: 3.1

Correct answer: Flow

Q14. Packaging that is in immediate contact with the product itself is known as which of the following?

- a. Primary packaging
- b. Protection packaging
- c. Branded packaging
- d. Storage packaging

LO: 3

AC: 3.2

Correct answer: A

Q15. A procurement organisation has decided to refocus its contract selection and award criteria away from price, delivery and quality in favour of more sustainable supply chain practices. It is most likely to focus on which of the following criteria to achieve this goal?

- a. Last three years' credit ratings
- b. Plans to reduce carbon emissions
- c. Ability to fulfil the required volumes
- d. Processes to ensure zero defects

LO: 1

AC: 1.1

Correct answer: B

Q16. A buyer is examining information on the loudness of new transportation equipment and the amount of movement that may be experienced nearby when it is running at full speed. The buyer is concerned mostly about which of the following?

- a. Atmospheric emissions and fumes
- b. Visual intrusion and land-take
- c. Air and water pollution
- d. Vibration and noise

LO: 2

AC: 2.2

Correct answer: D

Q17. Which of the following standards relates to packaging and the environment?

- a. ISO 26000
- b. ISO 9000
- c. ISO 20400
- d. ISO 18601

LO: 3

AC: 3.2

Correct answer: D

Q18. When designing a new warehouse, optimising flow, space and flexibility will be key goals. The trade-off in striving to achieve these is often which of the following?

- a. Benefits
- b. Cost
- c. Weaknesses
- d. Size

LO: 3

AC: 3.1

Correct answer: B

Q19. Globalisation has had a detrimental impact on the environment because of which of the following?

- a. Increasing the need to transport materials
- b. Reducing demand levels from consumers
- c. Increasing international tariffs on goods
- d. Reducing supply chain complexity

LO: 2

AC: 2.1

Correct answer: A

Q20. Government support for more use of greener modes of transport has led to an increased demand for which of the following?

- a. Petrol vehicles
- b. Diesel vehicles
- c. Electric vehicles
- d. Hybrid vehicles

LO: 2

AC: 2.3

Correct answer: C