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**QUESTION 1**

What economic analysis is being referenced in question 55?

- A. Shift-share
- B. Input-output
- C. Economic benefit
- D. PERT

Correct Answer: C

As I understand it this term is interchangeable with Economic Base Analysis

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**QUESTION 2**

What was Saul Alinsky know for?

- A. Incrementalism
- B. Equity
- C. Community organization
- D. Transportation oriented design

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 3**

A MSA includes:

- A. At least 2,500 but less than 50,000 and a population density of 1,000 persons per square mile
- B. Urban nucleus of 50,000 or more with a core density of 1,000 persons per square mile
- C. Population of 2,000 to 8,000 people
- D. At least one city with 50,000 or more and a total metropolitan population of 100,000

Correct Answer: D

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**QUESTION 4**

Who was the father of advocacy planning?

- A. Burgess

- B. Hoyt
- C. Davidoff
- D. Christaller

Correct Answer: C

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## QUESTION 5

Transportation Demand Management strategies include all but?

- A. Car pools
- B. Expanding the number of lanes on a highway
- C. Bicycle racks on buses
- D. Guaranteed ride home program

Correct Answer: B

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## QUESTION 6

What is the purpose of the 100th meridian?

- A. A longitudinal line
- B. A latitudinal line
- C. The equator
- D. Separates east and west by rainfall

Correct Answer: D

Correct answer, runs through N. and S. Dakota and Oklahoma panhandle marking the east which receives 20 inches more precipitation per year from the drier west.

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## QUESTION 7

Scenario

You are a planner in a community with a new sign ordinance that prohibits banners from being strung across the road. The ordinance was adopted in response to several unattractive advertising banners that had frequently been strung across

local roads and often become entangled with electrical wires. On your way to work one morning, you see that a community group has strung a banner across the main street that advertises an upcoming charity event that will generate

thousands of dollars for needy families. You know that the money is greatly needed and that local officials and residents support the event.

What might be your first reaction?

A. Answer: See the solution below

Correct Answer: A

Whatever your sympathies, you do not have the luxury of ignoring the banner. Ignoring the banner because it is for a cause that you personally support and because you personally argue that it is more important for outcomes to be fair than for processes to be fair, is NOT an option because a planner must obey regulations.

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### QUESTION 8

Scenario

The owner of the local NFL football team tells the mayor through the press that he will relocate his team unless the city builds a new stadium and practice field. The mayor wants the team to stay because his campaign platform included a promise to keep the team in the community. He asks you, the planning director, to evaluate the costs and benefits of building a new stadium. The planning staff does the analysis and demonstrates that large-scale public investment in a new stadium makes no economic sense and may lead to bankruptcy. What might you do?

A. Answer: See the solution below

Correct Answer: A

As with any analysis, verify the facts and assumptions made in the analysis and be sure that all appropriate procedures were used. Write the report accurately despite the fact that it may be embarrassing to the mayor. However, before presenting the report publicly, as with any report and because you are sensitive to the mayor's dilemma, it would be best to first to reveal its contents to the mayor. Should the situation be politically charged, you might recommend having a consultant revisit the analysis and present the findings to the mayor. The mayor may be more willing to consider alternatives when they are presented by a paid, independent, expert consultant rather than by staff (Ethical Principle 2) Suppose the mayor, upon learning about your report, refuses to make it public and makes plans to go ahead with the construction of a new stadium. Then, it may be time to resign. Or, it may be time to release the information to the media because of your responsibility to the public regarding the long-range consequences of actions, which may obviously put your job in jeopardy (Ethical Principle 1; Rule of Conduct 7) Suppose the mayor pressures you to alter your findings and report favorably on the potential impacts of the stadium. Then you might engage in a frank discussion with the mayor and suggest some alternatives. The mayor may, for example, discard the idea in favor of a proposal to conduct significant renovations to the existing facility. Suppose you see that the information about how bad the new stadium might be for the community as a whole as well as information about the pressure being applied by the mayor might be helpful in preventing the mayor from winning reelection. And suppose you do not personally want to see this mayor reelected. As a planning director, you may NOT use the information to your personal advantage, and, for example, go directly to the press with the results of the analysis (Rule of Conduct 7) Suppose you are indifferent as to the mayor's election but believe that this course of action will bankrupt the community. To prevent a substantial injury to the public, you could still go to the press after verifying all facts and seeking reconsideration of the matter

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### QUESTION 9

Where was the first study of the four steps in the travel demand model?

A. Chicago, IL

B. Los Angeles, CA

C. Columbus, OH

D. Boston, MA

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 10**

Scenario

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thousands of dollars for needy families. You know that the money is greatly needed and that local officials and residents support the event.

What might you do in the long run?

A. Answer: See the solution below

Correct Answer: A

If you feel that the ordinance is inappropriate for your community, you might decide to begin the process of modifying the language of the ordinance. With the approval of your supervisors, you might work with the city attorney to draft new language for the ordinance and place the item on the agenda for discussion at the next planning commission meeting

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**QUESTION 11**

Who designed Riverside, Illinois, the first model for all future American suburban land planning?

A. Jacob Riis

B. John Wesley Powell

C. Ebenezer Howard

D. Frederick Law Olmstead Sr.

Correct Answer: D

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**QUESTION 12**

What is the median of the following: 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 4.5

Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 13

Which is Burgess associated with?

- A. Sector
- B. Concentric ring
- C. Multi-nuclei
- D. Central place

Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 14

What year was RLUIPA passed?

- A. 1994
- B. 1996
- C. 1998
- D. 2000

Correct Answer: D

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### QUESTION 15

Who promoted a dream city "Radiant City"?

- A. Frank Lloyd Wright
- B. LeCorbusier
- C. Louis Wirth
- D. James Rouse

Correct Answer: B

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- A. promoted auto oriented development with Broadacre City
- C. Louis Wirth wrote Urbanism as a Way of Life
- D. influenced urban design with indoor shopping malls in 1950's

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