

# Questions for AICP Prep Session

## Planmaking and Implementation (14 Q's)

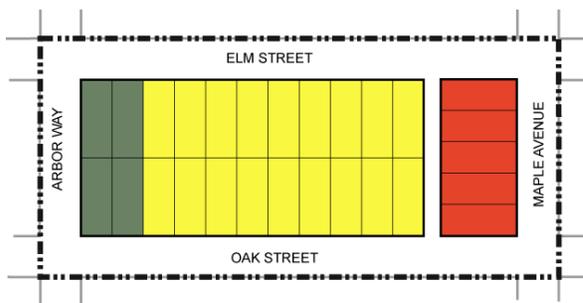
**1. A comprehensive plan can be best described as...**

- A. A device to provide flexibility within the zoning ordinance
- B. A plan that is required for local governments in all states except for Florida
- C. A long-range planning policy document providing direction for future decisions on various issues related to community development
- D. Something that does not run with the land and does not apply to future landowners

**2. Which of the following best describes a Datum?**

- A. The memory of a computer
- B. The signature date on a deed
- C. a line, point, or surface from which elevations are measured or indicated
- D. The decision of a court for the plaintiff

**3. Which of the following best describes the composition of the block highlighted below?**



- A. 50% Residential, 25% Park, 25% Retail
- B. 74.32% Residential, 9.76% Park, 15.87% Office
- C. 65% Residential, 15% Park, 20% Retail
- D. 65% Multi-Family Residential, 15% Park, 20% Retail

**4. Which of the following techniques is a means of forecasting future population?**

- I. Building Permits Issued
- II. Cohort Survival
- III. Symptomatic Method
- IV. New Electric Hookups

- A. II
- B. II & III
- C. I, III, & IV
- D. All of the above

5. This can be described as uses, structures, or site conditions that existed prior to the zoning ordinance and are not in compliance with its provisions.
- A. Special Use Permit
  - B. Nonconformities
  - C. Variance
  - D. Subdivision Regulation
6. This can be described as a scheduling technique that graphically depicts the interrelationships of the tasks that make up the project.
- A. Critical Path Programming
  - B. Regression Analysis
  - C. Linear Programming
  - D. PERT
7. Cities use this type of zoning to encourage development that exceeds the minimum standards by offering benefits to the developer, such as density bonuses.
- A. Incentive
  - B. Exclusive Classification
  - C. PUD
  - D. Overlay Zones
8. A variance can be described as...
- A. A form of relief from requirements of an ordinance based upon "unnecessary hardships"
  - B. An unnecessary hardship on a land owner
  - C. Something that cannot be granted by a Board of Adjustment
  - D. Something that cannot be granted by a Board of Zoning Appeals
9. What technique involves examining three components of regional employment growth between two periods of time?
- A. Shift-Share Analysis
  - B. Location Quotient
  - C. Forecasting Population
  - D. Localization Coefficient
10. Comprehensive Plans are always required to incorporate a recreation and tourism component.
- A. True
  - B. False
11. A 2015 article titled "Simplify That Code!" in Planning Magazine focused on the importance of integrating more form standards for large urban areas.
- A. True
  - B. False

**12. Which of the following represents a technique used by a planner for primary data collection?**

- I. Survey Research
- II. Direct Measurement
- III. Observation
- IV. Census Data

- A. IV, III
- B. I, II, III
- C. I
- D. All of the above

**13. A developer dedicating a certain amount of open space for the creation of park land in their new development is an example of what?**

- A. Improvement Standards
- B. Exactions
- C. Growth Management Controls
- D. Recordation Standards

**14. Capital Improvement Programming or Planning (CIP) involves which of the following?**

- I. It is linked to the goals of the comprehensive plan
- II. The annual Capital budget is the first year of usually 10-20 year programs
- III. Monitoring and evaluating the progress of the capital projects
- IV. Informing the public

- A. I and II
- B. III and IV
- C. I, III, and IV
- D. All of the above

## Functional Areas (12 Q's)

**15. Which of the following is the BEST answer for the term RLUIPA?**

- A. RLUIPA stands for Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000
- B. Local governments may not impose a land use regulation that imposes a substantial burden on the religion of a person or a religious institution
- C. RLUIPA is a protection by the federal government for churches from local zoning
- D. All of the above.

**16. Planning and Natural Hazard Mitigation:**

- A. Are best coordinated through the comprehensive plan
- B. Should not be combined without first working through a disaster
- C. Are increasingly coordinated since the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
- D. Are typical departments within a municipality

**17. Effective personnel management includes which of the following?**

- I. Open communication
- II. Adequate staff meetings
- III. Treating staff with respect and professionalism
- IV. Keeping staff informed of important policies or problems

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. I, II, and III
- D. I, II, III, and IV**

**18. An urban municipality has received grant funding to restore riparian buffers in order to improve the untreated water quality of the municipality's public water, which is drawn partially from surface waters. Which of the following steps is not necessary to get the project underway?**

- A. Research existing databases for information on water quality within the source waters' watershed.
- B. Determine ownership of parcels along all surface waters within the municipality.**
- C. Review aerial photography to assess conditions adjacent to waterways within the source waters' watershed.
- D. Research the most effective riparian buffer restoration methods for water quality improvement (such as differing buffer widths and vegetation type).
- E. Contact adjacent municipalities that contain any of the source waters' watershed.

**19. Which of the following is not true about a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?**

- A. They are federally mandated for urbanized areas with a population over 250,000.**
- B. They channel federal funds for transportation projects.
- C. They maintain a long-range transportation plan for a region.
- D. Their decision-making committees can be comprised of a mix of local, state, and federal representatives.

**20. TDM stands for:**

- A. Tennessee Development Managers
- B. Transportation Demand Management**
- C. Transportation Deviation of Modes
- D. Transit Demand Model

**21. Put these fastest growing US metropolitan areas from 2000-2010 in order.**

- I. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers, FL
- II. Las Vegas-Paradise, NV
- III. Palm Coast, FL
- IV. St. George, UT
- V. Raleigh-Cary, NC

- A. I, II, III, IV, V
- B. III, IV, V, II, I
- C. III, IV, II, V, I
- D. III, IV, I, II, V

**22. What type of regulations preserve land records by platting and mapping?**

- A. Development
- B. Zoning
- C. Subdivision
- D. Land Use

**23. The Environmental Indicators Initiative includes all but which of the following?**

- A. EPA's long-term goal is to improve the indicators and data that are used to guide the Agency's strategic plans, priorities, performance reports, and decision-making
- B. A document that will identify where research, data quality improvements, and information are already sufficient
- C. Identify where additional research, data quality improvements, and information are needed
- D. Will improve the Agency's ability to report on the status of and trends in environmental conditions and their impacts on human health and the nation's natural resources

**24. Which of the following is now dealing with the issues of logging, oil exploration, and beach access with comprehensive planning?**

- A. RLUIPA
- B. TMU
- C. Fish and Wildlife Service
- D. GAZBE

**25. What type of land accounts for about 2/3 of the privately held lands in the US?**

- A. Transportation routes
- B. Agricultural
- C. Residential
- D. Industrial and Commercial

**26. The "Tiny House Movement" is best described as:**

- A. A direct response to the Texas McMansion
- B. The appropriate terminology for affordable housing in poor neighborhoods
- C. Advocacy for micro-housing units that are affordable and fit an increasingly desirable lifestyle
- D. Something that Americans departed from after WWII

### History, Law, and Theory (7 questions)

**27. Which of the following pieces of federal legislation focused on slum clearance?**

- A. 1906 Antiquities Act

- B. 1934 Federal Housing Act
- C. 1949 Housing Act
- D. 1968 New Communities Act

**28. The landmark case *Agins v. City of Tiburon* (1980) established a test – a regulation is a taking if it can be shown that it:**

- I. Prompts a property owner to file a lawsuit.
- II. Deprives property of all economically viable use.
- III. Creates a nuisance on the affected property.
- IV. Fails to advance a legitimate governmental interest.

- A. I and II
- B. II and IV
- C. II and III
- D. III and IV

**29. In 1915, Patrick Geddes wrote which of the following books that created the foundation for regional planning theory in America?**

- A. The Culture of Cities
- B. Cities in Evolution
- C. Regional Survey of New York and Its Environs
- D. Tomorrow: A Peaceful Path to Real Reform

**30. Which case established that NEPA has judicially enforceable duties?**

- A. Sierra Club v Morton
- B. Citizens to Preserve Overton Park v Volpe
- C. Construction Industry of Sonoma County v Petaluma
- D. Calvert Cliffs' Coordinating Committee v Atomic Energy Commission

**31. Which of the following groups of abbreviations stands for the names of federal legislative acts?**

- A. RLUIPA, CERCLA, SARA
- B. NPDES, TMDL, BFE
- C. SEF, TW, CA-CO
- D. NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, BOD

**32. According to this principle, cities, towns, and counties have no powers other than those assigned to them by state governments:**

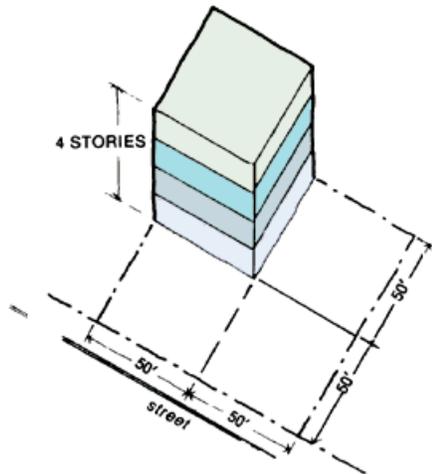
- A. Rough Proportionality Test
- B. Home Rule
- C. Tulloch Rule
- D. Dillon's Rule

**33. In the U.S. the "Neighborhood Unit" is attributed to:**

- A. Clarence Perry
- B. Lewis Mumford
- C. Kevin Lynch
- D. Ian McHarg

### Spatial Areas (7 questions)

34. What is the floor area of the building pictured below?



- A. .25
  - B. 1.0
  - C. .75
  - D. 4.0
35. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this designation is described as a small, relatively permanent statistical subdivision, usually of contiguous area and having an optimal population size of 4,000.
- A. Census Block
  - B. Census County Division
  - C. Census Tract
  - D. Census Designated Place
36. How many conflict points are there at a modern roundabout?
- A. 2
  - B. 4
  - C. 8
  - D. 16
37. Which of the following terms describes a site that has been previously developed with at least 50% of its surface area covered by impervious surface?
- A. Greyfield

- B. Brownfield
- C. Infill
- D. Greenfield

**38. An area intended for a future shopping district would be depicted as what color on a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map?**

- A. Yellow
- B. Green
- C. Red
- D. Purple

**39. According to the APA, in the Great Neighborhood program, most of the neighborhoods recognized include at least one of the following:**

- A. Bus Shelter
- B. Public Space
- C. Mix of Housing
- D. Gateway Sign

**40. In general, area wide planning organizations and regional organizations do NOT do which of the following?**

- A. Provide grantsmanship and planning assistance to member governments.
- B. Encourage intergovernmental coordination.
- C. Function as a separate layer of government.
- D. Plan for new kinds of intergovernmental services.

### Public Participation (5 questions)

**41. A Strategic Plan involves:**

- I. Focusing on a limited issue, problem, or project.
- II. An open process that is not dictatorial.
- III. Identification of W.O.T.S.
- IV. Identification of resources that can be used to achieve identified goals.

- A. 1
- B. 1 and 2
- C. 2, 3, and 4
- D. All of the above

**42. The three levels of the Ladder of Public Participation are:**

- I. Citizen Power
- II. Tokenism
- III. Non-participation
- IV. Community Involvement

- A. 2 and 3
- B. 1, 2, and 4
- C. 3, and 4
- D. 1, 2, and 3

**43. What month has the APA designated as “National Community Planning Month?”**

- A. January
- B. April
- C. July
- D. October

**44. The Policy Delphi method can be defined as:**

- A. Successive rounds of argument and counter argument that work towards a consensus.
- B. An intensive, interactive problem solving process.
- C. A group that is presumed to represent the attitudes and ideas of the smaller, local groups.
- D. A collection of citizens who participate in workshops to process various land use related proposals.

**45. In drafting a neighborhood plan, what is the most efficient and effective way to ensure that the interests of all groups have been addressed?**

- A. Send a copy of the plan to all ethnic, religious, and social organizations in the neighborhood and request written comments.
- B. Conduct focus group meetings in the neighborhood to discuss plan concepts and issues prior to drafting the plan.
- C. Conduct statistically valid public opinion polls of residents to determine their issues and desires.
- D. Hold a public hearing on the draft plan at a regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

### Code of Ethics (3 questions)

**46. A planner’s primary obligation is:**

- A. To be conscious of others.
- B. To protect the environment.
- C. To serve the public interest.
- D. To further economic development.

**47. A developer contacts you with an opportunity to use your expertise as a paid consultant in a matter not pertaining to your employer’s jurisdiction. You would work only on weekends. You should:**

- A. Notify your employer prior to accepting the job.
- B. Accept the job with no notification to your employer.
- C. Decline the job.
- D. Decline the job and notify your employer of the offer.

**48. Who is the Ethics Officer referred to in the AICP Code of Ethics?**

- A. President of the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association
- B. Professional Development Officer of the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association
- C. Executive Director of the American Planning Association**
- D. President of American Institute of Certified Planners