MSP® PRACTITIONER COURSE OUTLINE

Introduction

This Practitioner course is a PeopleCert Accredited Course that covers the elements contained in the AXELOS Syllabus for the Managing Successful Programmes (MSP) Practitioner Course.

The Practitioner course is aimed at individuals who have successfully completed their MSP Foundation examination and now need to review in detail MSP Principles, Governance Themes and Transformation Flows

The delegates are expected to apply their programme management experience and knowledge of MSP to a given scenario.

The course will use a mix of tutorial, group work and self-study to enhance the individual learning including the use of sample examination papers to familiarise participants with the Practitioner examination.

Learning outcomes of the course

On completion of the course the participants should be able to:

- Discuss the structure and contents of MSP Practitioner examination paper.
- Explain the Glossary of MSP Practitioner examination questions types.
- Apply understanding of MSP and project management to answer MSP practitioner examination questions.

Course

The course will examine:

- Contents and structure of a MSP Practitioner examination paper including:
    - Contents of Practitioner Paper including Scenario, Question and Answer Booklets
    - Glossary of examination question types
    - General advice on answering examination questions
- Analysis of a Case Study to provide delegates with the opportunity to put some of the theory obtained during the classroom sessions into practice by using a reproduction of a real-life project, albeit limited by practicality constraints. It is divided into the following areas::
    - Scenario

- o Organisation
- o Vision
- o Stakeholder Engagement
- o Benefits Management
- o Planning and Control
- o Risk and Issue Management
- o Business Case
- o Quality and Assurance

Case Study exercises have been styled in a similar manner to the Practitioner Examination question style, with roughly the same amount of information provided.

- ▪ Sample Practitioner Examination questions
- ▪ Conclusion

Practitioner Examination

The Practitioner exam uses objective test questions which require a candidate to choose a response to a question from a set of choices for which the correct answer is pre-determined.

The question types include:
- ▪ Classical Multiple Choice
- ▪ Multiple Response
- ▪ Matching
- ▪ Sequencing
- ▪ Assertion/Reason

Reference to the candidates' own annotated MSP manual is permitted. No additional support material is permitted, including use of post-it notes and stapled sheets. A candidate, may however, index their manual.

The examination is two and a half hours in duration. This includes any time required to analyse the scenario and any additional information required to answer the questions.

The Question Booklet will contain eight questions, each covering a different syllabus area which will be clearly identified at the beginning of each question. Each of the eight questions contains 10 question lines, each of which attracts 1 mark, giving a total of 80 marks. The pass mark is 40 (50%). Each of the eight questions will be sub-divided into parts. Each of the 'part-questions' will identify the portion of the 10 marks allocated to it. You are expected to answer all questions and part-questions

Prerequisites

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To gain the most from the Practitioner Course we recommend that delegates should have had prior experience or awareness of programmes and the programme management environment.

Prior to Day One of the course, delegates should have completed their pre-course study pack. The course content and timing is based on the assumption that they will have done so.

It is essential that the delegates have passed their Foundation Examination.

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