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Question 1
What is the primary purpose of the IRB? *

- Protect WGU from the liability of researcher misconduct.
- Oversee the safety and privacy of human subjects during research.
- Evaluate research methods to assure they yield reliable and valid results
- Report compliance with federal regulations to accreditation and state offices.

Question 2

What type of scholarly activity cannot be exempt from formal IRB review? *

- Studies whose primary purpose is program improvement.
- Studies that survey prisoners, pregnant women, or the elderly.
- Research using publically available, de-identified data
- Studies in schools that compare pre-and post-test performance on standardized tests

Question 3

Who is unable to determine whether proposed scholarly activities are exempt from IRB review? *

- The course instructor or capstone evaluator
- The investigator him or herself
- A subcommittee of the IRB
- A designated IRB member

Question 4

How long could the decision of a full IRB take? *

- A month or more
- Three business days (excludes weekends and holidays)
- Three days
Question 5

How long should an expedited IRB decision take? *

- Less than three days
- Not applicable; IRB does not conduct expedited reviews
- A week or longer
- Less than three business days (excludes weekends and holidays)

Question 6

Under what conditions can an IRB chair or member conduct an expedited review? *

- The study involves only minimal risk
- Not applicable; IRB does not conduct expedited reviews
- The investigator is under pressure to quickly complete the research
- The sponsoring agency is under pressure to have the investigator complete the research

Question 7

What does the IRB member conducting an expedited review do if she or he cannot approve the research after receiving all clarifying information? *

- Refer the research proposal to the full IRB for consideration
- Ask the researcher to re-write the proposal
- Confer with faculty experts in capstone research
- Disapprove the research

Question 8
Under what conditions are employees considered a vulnerable population? *

- A) They are in low-wage positions without benefits
- B) They belong to ethnic minorities
- C) Known participation as a subject could harm chances for raises and advancement
- D) A supervisor is conducting the research and pressures subordinates to participate
- E) Both A and C
- F) Both C and D

**Question 9**

How are official IRB decisions communicated to investigators, and what should this communication contain? *

- In writing
- Length of approval
- Obligation to report unforeseen issues or request modifications
- All of the above

**Question 10**

What should the researcher do if the approved methods or informed consent form must be changed after having received IRB approval? *

- Clear the Changes with their Capstone Course Instructor (if student); clear it with their manager (if employee).
- Make sure the participating facility approves of the proposed changes
- Notify the IRB with relevant information and forms, seeking approval before implementing the proposed changes
- Be sure to report whatever changes were made in the research “Discussion” and “Conclusions” chapter

**Question 11**
What if an unanticipated consequence results when implementing the research plan that could immediately harm human subjects -- what should the investigator do? *

- Document the extent of the harm and report that in the “Findings” section of the report
- Immediately alter their research activities to reduce harm and then contact the IRB
- Notify those subjects harmed and offer restitution if possible
- Notify the IRB and program mentor (if student)/Manager (if employee), to get direction about whether gathered data may be used

**Question 12**

Where do students involved in Capstone research obtain correct forms and submit their research for approval? *

- From the Office of Human Research Protections, submitting them to their Course Instructor
- From the Capstone Course, submitting them through your course, as well
- From the Office of Institutional Research, submitting them to the same
- From WGU IRB Information site, submitting them to the IRB chair

**Question 13**

If your research activity will extend beyond the approved period, what should you do? *

- Notify the sponsoring agency and ask for an extension
- Notify the IRB and ask for an extension
- Pre-arrange extension approvals to remain in compliance
- All of the above

**Question 14**

Which of these statements does not constitute research: *

- A practical study that is directed toward improvement of a specific program
An investigation that gathers qualitative data for scholarship
An investigation that gathers quantitative data for scholarship
A systematic investigation that seeks to produce generalizable knowledge

**Question 15**

Which of the following is beyond the scope of the IRB? *
- Conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of different online survey platforms
- Specify the procedures for obtaining consent from research subjects
- Continuously review approved research while implemented
- Approve and disapprove research proposals

**Question 16**

What level of risk will the IRB allow in a research study? *
- Risk whenever potential benefits outweigh harm to subjects
- Risk where subjects will only sustain minor social or reputational harm
- Risk that is similar to that experienced in regular life activities
- Risk where subjects are likely to only be harmed in a small way physically or psychologically

**Question 17**

Which of these statements is true about WGU's informed consent procedures? *
- Subjects are typically not told the research’s purpose or methods so as to not bias results
- Once a person has consented to participate, he or she may not withdraw
- K-12 students (or minors) may give consent themselves if an administrator has also approved the study
- Researchers must obtain subject or parent/guardian signatures indicating that they have received full information and agree to participate
Question 18

Which of these research proposals will NOT be exempt from IRB review? *

- Research that collects and analyzes data where no human subjects are involved
- A project that seeks to draw generalizable conclusions from interviews, surveys, or participant observations
- A project whose primary purpose is improvement or quality assurance of a specific program
- A project that examines already-collected de-identified data from human subjects

Question 19

Under what conditions can a designated member of the IRB or chair conduct an expedited review: *

- The proposed behavioral research presents minimal risk to human subjects
- The proposed research can easily be disapproved
- The proposed research involves deception and intends to not collect informed consent
- The proposed research involves vulnerable populations

Question 20

If the proposed research is to be conducted in a situation involving conflicts of interest, such as supervisory or family relations with participants or where there is a vested interest in outcomes, what type of review is required: *

- Expedited
- Full Board
- Exempt
- Subcommittee

Question 21
Which groups do not typically represent vulnerable populations requiring full IRB review? *

- Subordinates, physically-impaired, gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender (LGBT)
- Teachers, nurses, IT and business professionals
- Pregnant women, hospitalized patients, undocumented individuals
- Prisoners, homeless, elderly, and decisionally-impaired

Question 22

If wanting to use data from WGU students, alumni, faculty or staff, to which entity must the researcher first receive permission prior to submitting their proposal to the IRB? *

- Office of Institutional Research
- Capstones in the relevant College
- Office of Academic Affairs
- Student Services

Question 23

Which of these is NOT a major consideration when determining whether a research proposal to use WGU data will be permitted? *

- The potential risk in which WGU students or employees may be put if participating
- The length of time needed to conduct the study
- The potential of the research to achieve WGU’s goals and improve its practices
- The availability of previously collected data to answer the research questions

Question 24

Who initially determines whether a student's capstone project can be exempt or requires further IRB review? *

- The IRB Chair
A qualified member of the IRB
Capstone Course Instructor, Capstone Evaluator, or College IRB Member
Office of Institutional Research

Question 25

Under what condition should the researcher go ahead and implement a change to their IRB-approved research before getting approval? *

- The Capstone term is within a month of ending
- The researcher discovers that human subjects are under immediate risk
- The school or facility where the research is being conducted period of approval has ended
- The researcher can increase the sample size making generalizable results more significant

Question 26

If the IRB learns that there have been increased human risks in an approved study, what should they do? *

(choose the best)

- Investigate, determine whether the research should continue, and inform stakeholders
- Terminate the research by official written notification to the investigator
- Notify the organization who approved the research and ask that they investigate
- If student, convene a Student Conduct Board review; if employee, notify the manager

Question 27

Under what circumstances should the researcher report activities to the IRB after having received research approval? *

- An interviewee explained involvement in an illegal activity
- The identities of participants was accidentally shared with the sponsoring organization
- The researcher collected classroom data before obtaining parental/guardian consent
- All of these require the researcher to report activities to the IRB
Question 28

If the researcher’s proposal is disapproved, what recourse should he or she FIRST make? *

☐ Appeal the decision to the Provost

☐ Develop a request for reconsideration and submit it to the IRB

☐ If student, ask their Capstone Course Instructor (if employee, their manager) to advocate on their behalf

☐ None of the above; IRB decisions are final

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