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QUESTION 1

A knowledge worker is iterating a prompt that has produced a partly acceptable response. Which refinement practice produces the strongest learning across iterations?

- A. Change one identifiable element per iteration, capture the change and its effect, and adjust another element only after the first is settled.
- B. Restart from a fresh prompt each iteration so that prior wording does not bias the next attempt, and pick the strongest response at the end.
- C. Make several related changes in one iteration when they target the same weakness, and revert the whole set if the combined change makes the output worse.
- D. Address every weakness the response showed in a single revision, then compare the revised output against the prior version.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Under the objective Iterate prompts to improve output quality, systematic prompt optimization relies on disciplined, hypothesis-driven iteration using controlled variables.

When a prompt yields a partially acceptable result, modifying a single isolated element at a time--such as refining role framing, adjusting format constraints, or adding specific negative constraints--allows the user to establish clear causality between the prompt modification and the resulting output change (Option A). Documenting the effect of each adjustment ensures reproducible, predictable improvements.

QUESTION 2

You are an operations assistant asking Claude to summarize 200 weekly metric records across multiple regions. Which output format communicates the data most clearly?

- A. a bulleted list of observations grouped by region without consistent metrics across entries
- B. a narrative summary organized by region, describing trends and notable records in prose
- C. a series of regional narrative briefs, each describing weekly performance in paragraph form
- D. a structured table with one record per row and one metric per column, sorted by region

Answer: D

Explanation:

Under the objective Organize and curate information for optimal outputs and select appropriate output formats, selecting the right presentation format is determined by data density, comparability, and target audience utility.

When dealing with a high volume of multi-variable quantitative data (such as 200 metric records across multiple regional cohorts), structured tabular formatting provides the highest visual scanability and cognitive efficiency. Organizing data into a Markdown table with uniform rows, standardized metric columns, and regional sorting (Option D) enables immediate horizontal and vertical cross-comparison, trend spot-checking, and rapid verification. In contrast, narrative prose, regional paragraph briefs, or unstructured bullet points (Options A, B, and C) obscure numerical trends, hide outliers, and create unnecessary reading overhead for operational consumers.

QUESTION 3

A customer-success team member is reviewing a Claude-generated customer health-check report against the agreed deliverable list. The report covers all five required topics, but the renewal-risk section names only one risk factor where the deliverable specification calls for renewal risk to be assessed across pricing, product fit, and stakeholder change. Which conclusion is best supported?

- A. The report's completeness cannot be assessed from the deliverable specification alone; the customer should review the output and confirm whether the renewal-risk depth is sufficient.
- B. The report does not meet the deliverable specification because a section that addresses only one of three required risk dimensions counts as a missing section.
- C. The report meets the deliverable specification because all five required topics appear and the renewal-risk section is present in the output.
- D. The report meets the topic-level requirements but the renewal-risk section is under-scoped against the specification and should be expanded before delivery.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Under the objective Evaluate Claude-generated outputs for accuracy and completeness, quality assurance involves auditing both macro-level structure (presence of required topics) and micro-level depth (thoroughness against detailed specifications).

The report successfully includes all five mandatory high-level headings, satisfying basic structural completeness. However, evaluating the internal substance of the renewal-risk section reveals an under-scoped deliverable: the specification required analyzing three distinct dimensions (pricing, product fit, and stakeholder change), but Claude addressed only one. Therefore, Option D is the accurate assessment: the artifact fulfills topical scope but lacks required operational depth and must be expanded prior to client delivery.

QUESTION 4

An HR team member is reviewing a Claude-drafted set of interview questions intended for use across all candidates for a single role. The questions will be asked in the same order to every candidate. Which review practice best supports fairness?

- A. Review the questions to ensure they apply equally to all candidates, avoid assumptions about candidate backgrounds, and focus on the role's actual requirements.
- B. Review the questions for length and tone, since the questions Claude drafts are well-aligned to role requirements by default and need only stylistic adjustment.
- C. Review the questions and add follow-up questions tailored to each candidate's resume so each interview can explore the candidate's specific experience.
- D. Review the questions and rotate the order across candidates so no candidate is consistently asked the hardest questions first.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Under the objective Understand ethical implications of AI usage, applying AI in human resources demands rigorous bias auditing to ensure fair, standardized, and legally defensible evaluation practices.

Structured interviewing requires that questions focus strictly on observable, job-related competencies and avoid implicit assumptions or biased phrasing that could systematically disadvantage candidates from diverse non-traditional backgrounds (Option A). Human review must verify that Claude-generated questions remain objective, relevant, and standardized across applicants.

QUESTION 5

You are an operations lead evaluating prompting strategies that teammates have proposed for various task types. Which two strategies represent appropriate matches between strategy and task type? (Select two.) Each correct answer presents part of the solution.

- A. rigid templated prompting for early-stage creative naming and tagline ideation
- B. open exploratory prompting for legal contract redlining against a clause library
- C. open exploratory prompting for early-stage strategic brainstorming on a new market
- D. rigid templated prompting for casual customer-feedback summarization with no schema
- E. rigid templated prompting for monthly compliance reports against a fixed schema

Answer: CE

Explanation:

Under the objective Adapt prompting strategies based on task type (e.g., analysis, research, drafting, brainstorming), prompting architectures must match the operational nature and variability of the task.

Option C correctly pairs open, exploratory prompting with divergent brainstorming and early-stage strategy, allowing Claude the flexibility to generate wide-ranging perspectives, identify unexpected market angles, and propose creative concepts. Option E correctly pairs rigid, templated prompting (with explicit constraints, schema definitions, and validation rules) with recurring compliance reporting, where deterministic output structure, consistency, and adherence to regulatory schemas are mandatory.

QUESTION 6

An HR business partner is configuring two separate Projects for two distinct client engagements. Which configuration best prevents context bleed between the two engagements?

- A. Set up each Project with its own distinct memory context, knowledge sources, and instructions, and verify that information from one Project does not appear in the other Project's responses.
- B. Use a single shared Project for both client engagements with combined memory, knowledge sources, and instructions, on the assumption that Claude will keep the two clients' contexts separate without configuration.
- C. Configure both Projects to share the same memory context to reduce setup effort, even though shared memory between unrelated client engagements is precisely the configuration that produces context bleed.
- D. Skip Project configuration entirely and use general chats for both engagements, which provides no scoped memory contexts and offers no structural separation between the two clients' work streams.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Under the Claude objective Configure Claude Projects with instructions and knowledge sources, preventing context bleed and data crossover between distinct clients is a critical privacy, security, and project governance requirement. Projects in Claude serve as isolated contextual containers designed to compartmentalize project-specific knowledge files, custom system instructions, and chat histories.

Option A correctly implements strict boundary isolation by creating dedicated, independent Projects for each client engagement. By giving each Project its own discrete knowledge base and unique system prompt, reference material and conversational state from one client remain entirely inaccessible to the other.

QUESTION 7

A communications manager is drafting a prompt for Claude to produce a quarterly newsletter for store managers in three regions. The agreed key messages, regional details, and a prior

newsletter the team liked are all available. Which prompt approach is most likely to produce a usable first draft?

- A. Attach the prior newsletter, and ask Claude to match its tone and structure while incorporating the new key messages for the three named regions.
- B. Attach the prior newsletter and the agreed key messages, and ask Claude to produce a similar newsletter for this quarter.
- C. Provide the agreed key messages and the three regions, and ask Claude to choose an appropriate length and tone for store managers.
- D. Name the audience, the three regions, the length, the tone, and the agreed key messages, and reference the prior newsletter only as a tone example.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Under the objective Create effective prompts for business and technical tasks, Anthropic's core prompt engineering principle emphasizes being explicit, direct, and providing complete structural constraints rather than relying on implicit document matching.

Option D establishes all essential prompt components directly within the prompt itself: explicitly defining the target audience (store managers), geographic scope (three regions), length constraints, tone guidelines, and the core messaging points, while treating the historical newsletter as a calibrated few-shot tone reference. This explicit framing eliminates ambiguity and prevents the model from copying obsolete structure or irrelevant sections from the historical document.

QUESTION 8

A knowledge worker is explaining how to use feedback to improve Claude-supported work over time. Which description is most accurate?

- A. Capture specific feedback after each run, translate it into targeted prompt or workflow changes, and observe whether subsequent runs improve.
- B. Capture feedback only after several runs so patterns emerge from the volume of observations, then apply changes based on the patterns rather than any single run.
- C. Capture feedback as an aggregate quality score per run, since aggregate scores show whether quality is improving without requiring detail on individual issues.
- D. Capture general impressions after each run and apply them as broad prompt rewrites, since broad rewrites cover more potential issues than targeted changes.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Under the objective Adjust approach based on feedback and results, iterative refinement requires tight, closed feedback loops characterized by concrete observation, targeted modification, and empirical evaluation.

Option A details the gold-standard iteration cycle: capturing specific, granular defects immediately following an execution run (e.g., tone misalignment, omitted edge cases, formatting errors), translating those observations into targeted, discrete adjustments in prompt instructions or workflow logic, and validating whether subsequent outputs resolve the issue without regressions.

QUESTION 9

You are reviewing Connector setups that colleagues have proposed for various tasks. Which two Connector setups represent safe and appropriate uses? (Select two.) Each correct answer presents a complete solution.

- A. a Connector that links to the personnel-records system for team leads to support scheduling tasks
- B. a Connector that links to the team's project management workspace under approved scope
- C. a Connector that links to a personal cloud storage account where team members store working drafts alongside personal files
- D. a read-only Connector that links to the public knowledge base for reference content
- E. a Connector that links to the payroll system to allow team members to submit expense reports directly

Answer: BD

Explanation:

Under the objective Manage uploaded knowledge and connectors (e.g., Google Drive, Gmail), establishing data connectors requires adhering to the principle of least privilege, strict scope boundary management, and robust data classification.

Option B is an authorized, safe integration: connecting Claude to an approved, bounded project management workspace with explicit scope controls allows the model to summarize tasks and sprint updates safely. Option D is an ideal read-only integration, granting access to public documentation and reference repositories where confidential data leakage risks are zero.

QUESTION 10

You are a project manager reviewing Claude usage approaches that teammates have proposed for a project workflow. Which two workflow steps are well-suited for Claude support? (Select two.) Each correct answer presents a complete solution.

- A. approving a final external press release without any human review
- B. issuing legally binding contractual commitments on behalf of the company
- C. deciding promotion outcomes for staff based solely on the model's judgment
- D. synthesizing a literature review across many uploaded research documents
- E. drafting a structured project status update from a set of meeting notes

Answer: DE

Explanation:

Under the objective Identify appropriate and inappropriate use cases, determining suitable application domains hinges on evaluating AI capabilities against risk severity and the presence of human oversight.

Claude excels at information extraction, multi-document synthesis, and structured text generation. Synthesizing complex findings from multiple research papers (Option D) and compiling meeting notes into organized, structured status summaries (Option E) are classic high-leverage knowledge-work tasks that streamline team operations while keeping final outputs subject to team review.

QUESTION 11

A finance consultant is adapting a Claude-generated narrative for a quarterly investor update. Investors have a fixed time window for the call and expect the headline result and forward outlook to be clear early. Which adaptation is most appropriate for this audience?

- A. Lead with the quarter's operational highlights, present the financial result in the middle for context, and close with the forward outlook.
- B. Lead with the forward outlook, since investors are most interested in what comes next, and present the headline result and drivers afterward.

- C. Lead with the headline result, present the key drivers concisely, and close with the forward outlook.
- D. Lead with a chronological recap of the quarter's events, present the headline result at the natural end of the recap, and conclude with the forward outlook.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Under the objective Edit, adapt, refine, and compare the output generated by Claude model(s) for the intended audience (Domain 2: Output Evaluation and Validation), adapting generated text requires restructuring content to match the executive decision-making style of the stakeholders.

Executive and investor audiences operate under strict time constraints and prioritize the bottom-line financial outcome before examining underlying mechanics (following the Minto Pyramid / Bottom-Line-Up-Front principle). Option C correctly structures the executive narrative: opening immediately with the headline financial figures, following with a concise breakdown of key operational drivers, and concluding with forward-looking guidance. Structuring the briefing chronologically (Option D) or burying core financial results in the middle of operational prose (Option A) creates cognitive friction and wastes time. Leading with the forward outlook before establishing current financial performance (Option B) lacks context.

QUESTION 12

You are a content creator. A first response from Claude is accurate but uses inconsistent terminology that does not match your organization's glossary. Which iterative change addresses the issue most directly?

- A. Increase the requested length so the inconsistent terminology appears more often.
- B. Ask Claude to invent additional terms unrelated to the glossary.
- C. Remove the topic from the prompt to avoid the terminology issue entirely.
- D. Provide the organization's glossary and instruct Claude to use only those terms throughout the response.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Under the objective Iterate prompts to improve output quality (Domain 1: Prompting and Task Execution), resolving domain-specific vocabulary inconsistencies requires grounding the prompt with explicit terminology constraints.

When Claude generates accurate conceptual content but uses generic or non-standard synonyms, the most direct prompt refinement is providing the organization's canonical terminology glossary (or uploading it to Project knowledge) accompanied by a strict constraint instructing the model to use only those defined terms (Option D). This eliminates vocabulary drift and guarantees brand consistency. Expanding prompt length (Option A) amplifies terminology discrepancies. Encouraging invented terms (Option B) worsens terminology alignment. Deleting topics from the prompt (Option C) fails the original task requirements.

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