

PJBL Projects - questions

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PUB3721: PROJECT BASED LEARNING PROJECTS

In your Portfolio of Evidence (PoE), you are required to do a research project following the steps within project cycle and peer learning.

The following are project cycle steps:

- Situational Analysis
- Project Design
- Design of a monitoring & evaluation plan
- Baseline Study
- Implementation & monitoring
- Evaluation
- Documenting lessons learned

You are required to choose a public institution of your choice (if not placed) or do the following in the public institution you are placed or working in:

QUESTION 1

Apply the above project cycle steps to assess communication skills to ensure effective management in the public sector. In your answer highlight the following:

- 1.1 Communication principles in different communication policies.
- 1.2 Different communication skills required within the organisational structure.
- 1.3 Who the organisation's internal and external stakeholders are.
- 1.4 The importance of good governance and effective public management procedures including negotiation skills.
- 1.5 Intra- and extra-governmental relations to ensure intersectoral collaboration.



QUESTION 2

Apply the above project cycle steps in the management of public finances according to relevant legislation and regulations to ensure accountability. Your answer should elucidate the following:

- 2.1 What the different sources of revenue are that are used to ensure services are delivered economically, efficiently and effectively, in the chosen public institution.
- 2.2 Compilation, comparison and analysis of budgets in accordance with business plans to achieve the objectives of an institution in an effective, efficient, and economical manner.
- 2.3 An investigation, description, and proposal of improvements in the internal control environment to ensure accountable financial management.
- 2.4 A description of a procurement system within the context of relevant legislation and regulations.

QUESTION 3

Apply the above project cycle steps in explaining human resources management and systems to ensure effective and efficient service delivery.

You need to highlight the following, in your answer:

- 3.1. How a tool to maintain and evaluate a performance management system to achieve predetermined objectives should be designed.
- 3.2 Various human resource responsibilities and functions to ensure operational effectiveness.
- 3.3 Niche areas, skills, training and development needs according to the relevant regulatory framework.

QUESTION 4

Apply the above project cycle steps in executing public policy and procedures according to relevant legislation and regulations. In your answer include:

- 4.1 The processes used to develop policies and effective procedures to set clear objectives on administrative and operational levels.
- 4.2 An investigation and explanation of applicable administrative policies and procedures to ensure that institutional objectives are met.
- 4.3 An outline of administrative policies and procedures to ensure effective service delivery.

QUESTION 5

Apply the above project cycle steps in describing public management functions, skills and techniques to achieve institutional objectives. Your answer should include:

- 5.1 Identified projects aimed at ensuring optimal utilisation of scarce resources for development.
- 5.2 A description of information systems for service delivery.
- 5.3 Analysis of internal environmental factors to ensure proactive adjustments.
- 5.4 Your advice on the implementation of policies and procedures to achieve departmental objectives.