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1. Which of the following are characteristics of a virtual community according to Howard Rheingold?
I. Shared social protocols
II. Immediate physical proximity
III. Reciprocal communication
IV. Common public space
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(1) I, II, and III only
(2) II and III only
(3) I, III, and IV only
(4) All of the above
Answer Key: 3
Solution:
Statement I (Correct): Shared social protocols are essential for maintaining order and understanding within virtual communities.
Statement II (Incorrect): Virtual communities do not require immediate physical proximity; they are defined by their lack of it.
Statement III (Correct): Reciprocal communication is a key feature of virtual communities, facilitating interaction and community building.
Statement IV (Correct): A common public space, though virtual, is a central aspect where interactions occur within a virtual community.
Hence, the correct answer is Option (3).

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2. In the context of Communities of Practice (CoP) in online spaces, which of the following statements align with Wenger?s framework?
I. Shared domain of interest
II. Members meet regularly offline
III. Engagement in joint activities
IV. Development of a shared repertoire
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(1) I, II, and III only
(2) II and III only
(3) I, III, and IV only
(4) All of the above
Answer Key: 3
Solution:
Statement I (Correct): A shared domain of interest is fundamental for the existence of any CoP.
Statement II (Incorrect): Regular offline meetings are not necessary within an online CoP; interactions can be purely digital.
Statement III (Correct): Engagement in joint activities helps members build relationships and learn together, which is crucial in CoPs.
Statement IV (Correct): The development of a shared repertoire of resources, experiences, and tools is typical of CoPs.
Hence, the correct answer is Option (3).

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3. Regarding the concepts of bonding and bridging social capital online, which of the following are true according to Robert Putnam?s theories?
I. Bonding social capital excludes external connections
II. Bridging social capital builds broad inclusive identities
III. Bonding social capital is exclusive in nature
IV. Bridging social capital strengthens existing close relationships

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(1) I, II, and III only
(2) II and III only
(3) I, III, and IV only
(4) All of the above
Answer Key: 3
Solution:
Statement I (Correct): Bonding social capital typically strengthens internal ties, often excluding external groups and connections.
Statement II (Incorrect): Bridging social capital, not bonding, fosters the creation of broad and inclusive identities.
Statement III (Correct): Bonding social capital is indeed exclusive, focusing on tight-knit, homogeneous groups.
Statement IV (Incorrect): It is bridging social capital, not bonding, that reaches out to connect disparate groups, rather than strengthening existing close relationships.
Hence, the correct answer is Option (3).