

Product Backlog Management Quiz

One of the 13 tested categories on the Scrum Master exam is 'Product Backlog Management.'

These questions will give you an idea of the scope and difficulty of these exam questions.

Question 1

Who on the Scrum team has the authority to add new work to the sprint backlog?

- ☐ The Scrum Master and the developers
- ☒ The developers
- ☐ The Product Owner
- ☐ The Scrum Master

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The Scrum guide states:

Developers are always accountable for:

- Creating a plan for the Sprint, the Sprint Backlog;
- Instilling quality by adhering to a Definition of Done;
- Adapting their plan each day toward the Sprint Goal; and,
- Holding each other accountable as professionals.

Remember, the Product Owner is responsible for the Product Backlog, not the Sprint Backlog.

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Question 2

Which of the following statements are true?

- ☐ The Product Owner is responsible for estimating and choosing which Product Backlog items go into a Sprint
 - ☐ The Product Owner is responsible for developing and estimating Product Backlog items
 - ☒ The Product Owner is responsible for developing and ordering Product Backlog items
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The Product Owner develops, orders and communicates backlog items to the rest of the team. Note that in this sense 'development' does not mean software development, but instead developing the description of the Product Backlog item.

Estimating Product Backlog Items and choosing which ones go into a Sprint is the job of the developers.

"The Product Owner is also accountable for effective Product Backlog management, which includes:

Developing and explicitly communicating the Product Goal; Creating and clearly communicating Product Backlog items; Ordering Product Backlog items; and, Ensuring that the Product Backlog is transparent, visible and understood."

-The Scrum Guide, page 6

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Question 3

Which of the following statements are true?

- ☐ The Product Owner creates the Product Backlog item's estimate
- ☐ The Scrum Master creates the Product Backlog item's estimate
- ☒ The Development Team creates the Product Backlog item's estimate
- ☒ The Product Owner is responsible for communicating the Product Goal to developers
- ☐ The Scrum Master is responsible for communicating the Product Goal to developers
- ☐ The Scrum Developers create the Product Goal at the start of every Sprint

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The Scrum Developers are the ones who estimate the work required to complete a Product Backlog item. But this is done in collaboration with the Product Owner whose job it is to communicate the requirements of the Product Backlog item to the developers. Creation of the Product Goal and communicating that Product Goal to the rest of the team is the job of the Product Owner, not the Scrum Master or developers.

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Question 4

Multiple Scrum Teams who are actively developing features for the same project:

- ☒ Will share the same Product Owner
- ☐ Will have a different Product owner
- ☒ Will pick items from the same Product Backlogs
- ☐ Will maintain their own, separate Product Backlogs
- ☒ Will maintain their own, separate Sprint Backlogs

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When multiple teams work on the same project, they will have a common Product Backlog and a common Product Owner. However, they will maintain a separate Sprint Backlog because each team will be working on different things at the same time."If Scrum Teams become too large, they should consider reorganizing into multiple cohesive Scrum Teams, each focused on the same product. Therefore, they should share the same Product Goal, Product Backlog, and Product Owner." -The Scrum Guide, page 5

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Question 5

The Product Backlog should be ordered according to:

- ☐ What the Developers are capable of completing in the next Sprint
- ☒ Which items will provide the most value
- ☐ Items that have the least number of blockers associated with them
- ☐ Which items will take the most time to develop

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The Product Backlog is ordered according to which items will provide the most value and improve the product the most."The Product Backlog is an emergent, ordered list of what is needed to improve the product. It is the single source of work undertaken by the Scrum Team." -TSG, page 10

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