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QUESTION NO: 1

A logistics manager is seeking to reduce the environmental impact of a regional distribution network without reducing service reliability. Which actions are appropriate? Select three.

A. Consolidate loads and improve vehicle utilisation

B. Maintain vehicles and train drivers in fuel-efficient operation

C. Use rail for suitable high-volume trunk movements

D. Schedule additional part-loaded journeys to maximise delivery frequency

E. Allow drivers to leave engines idling while awaiting loading slots

ANSWER: A B C

Explanation:

Consolidating loads and improving vehicle utilisation can reduce unnecessary journeys and fuel use. **Maintaining vehicles and training drivers in fuel-efficient operation** can reduce fuel consumption and emissions during normal operations. **Using rail for suitable high-volume trunk movements** may reduce road mileage where the route, volume and service requirements make it practical.

Scheduling additional part-loaded journeys and allowing unnecessary idling increase fuel use and emissions. Responsible distribution requires decisions that balance environmental benefits with service, cost, product characteristics and operational feasibility.

QUESTION NO: 2

Which of the following are the most important agreements on climate change, or global warming? Select all that apply.

A. Kyoto Protocol (1997)

B. Paris Agreement (2015)

C. UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (1992)

D. All the above

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

All the above is correct because the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement are the principal international agreements forming the modern global framework for climate action. Adopted in 1992, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change established the overarching objective of preventing dangerous human interference with the climate system and created the basis for ongoing international climate negotiations. The Kyoto Protocol, adopted in 1997 under that convention, translated this framework into quantified emissions-reduction commitments for developed countries. The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, further developed the regime by setting the collective objective of limiting global temperature rise and requiring parties to submit and update nationally determined contributions. Together, these instruments influence national legislation, organisational carbon-reduction strategies, supply-chain expectations, and responsible warehousing and distribution decisions, including energy use, transport emissions, supplier selection, and reporting. Their relationship is sequential and complementary: the convention provides the foundation, the protocol introduced binding targets for a group of countries, and the Paris Agreement established a broader participation model. The UN climate-change portal summarises the agreements and their roles at UNFCCC: What is the Convention? and UNFCCC: The Paris Agreement.

QUESTION NO: 3

A warehouse stores cleaning chemicals and vehicle-maintenance fluids. The manager is reviewing controls to reduce the environmental consequences of a leak. Which actions are most appropriate? Select three.

A. Use secondary containment for containers and storage areas

B. Store chemicals beside drainage channels for easier cleaning

C. Segregate incompatible substances and label storage locations clearly

D. Train employees in spill response and reporting procedures

E. Review controls only after a significant spill has occurred

ANSWER: A C D

Explanation:

Secondary containment, clear storage and segregation arrangements, and trained spill-response procedures are appropriate controls. Bunding or other secondary containment can retain a leak before it reaches drains or soil. Segregating incompatible materials and labelling storage locations reduces the likelihood and severity of chemical incidents. Employees must also know how to report, contain and escalate a spill safely.

Storing chemicals beside drainage channels increases the risk of water contamination. Waiting for an incident before assessing the controls is reactive and does not meet the responsible approach of identifying and reducing foreseeable risks.

QUESTION NO: 4

Which group of influencers is becoming more aware of environmental issues and activities that contribute to climate change?

A. Activists

B. Consumers

C. Governments

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Consumers is the correct answer because growing public awareness of environmental harm and climate change increasingly influences purchasing decisions, expectations of supply chains, and attitudes towards packaging, delivery, returns, and product availability. In socially responsible warehousing and distribution, this stakeholder pressure encourages organisations to reduce emissions, improve vehicle utilisation, minimise waste, choose more sustainable packaging, and communicate environmental performance credibly. Consumer concern is therefore a significant external influence on how logistics operations are designed and managed. This trend also gives procurement and supply-chain teams a commercial reason to incorporate sustainability criteria alongside cost, quality, and service requirements: organisations must remain responsive to changing customer expectations while managing their environmental impacts. CIPS highlights that sustainable procurement considers environmental, social, and economic impacts throughout supply chains, including logistics activity. The UK Government likewise identifies consumer choices and business action as important elements of reducing emissions and moving towards more sustainable consumption. See CIPS: Sustainable procurement and UK Government: Net Zero Strategy.

QUESTION NO: 5

A buyer is reviewing packaging specifications for goods delivered repeatedly between a supplier and a distribution centre. Which actions are most consistent with reducing packaging impacts while maintaining product protection? Select three.

A. Use reusable transit packaging where return journeys are practical

B. Specify the minimum packaging needed to protect goods in transit

C. Require suppliers to provide material information and design for recycling

D. Add several extra layers of packaging regardless of product risk

E. Prefer mixed materials solely because they are difficult to separate

ANSWER: A B C

Explanation:

Reusable transit packaging can reduce the demand for single-use materials where return flows are practical. Specifying packaging that protects goods with the minimum necessary material can reduce waste without increasing damage. Requiring suppliers to provide material information and design packaging for recycling supports more informed procurement and end-of-life management.

Adding unnecessary layers of packaging increases material use and waste. Selecting mixed materials solely because they are difficult to separate is not consistent with improving recyclability or resource efficiency.

QUESTION NO: 6

Sustainable procurement is based on the principle that socially responsible products and services are not only good for the environment but are also essential for long-term profitability, especially as consumers are increasingly demanding socially responsible products.

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

TRUE is correct because sustainable procurement integrates environmental, social and economic considerations into purchasing decisions across the product or service lifecycle. It is not simply an environmental initiative: responsible sourcing can strengthen long-term organisational value by reducing exposure to supply disruption, regulatory change, reputational harm and resource scarcity. It can also encourage innovation, efficiency and more resilient supplier relationships. Where customers increasingly consider ethical labour practices, environmental impacts, traceability and corporate conduct in their buying decisions, credible socially responsible procurement supports customer trust and helps protect market access and revenue over time. This reflects the business case for sustainability: procurement decisions should consider whole-life value and sustainable outcomes rather than focusing solely on the lowest initial price. CIPS describes sustainable procurement as meeting organisational needs for goods, services and works in a way that achieves value for money on a whole-life basis while generating benefits for the organisation, society and the economy and minimising environmental damage. The UK Government's sustainable procurement guidance likewise frames procurement as a means to deliver social, environmental and economic outcomes. These principles support the statement's link between responsible products and services, environmental benefit, and durable commercial performance. See CIPS: What is sustainable procurement? and UK Government Buying Standards.

QUESTION NO: 7

Organizations can come under pressure from consumers and activists but not governments.

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

FALSE is correct because governments are an important external stakeholder group that can place substantial pressure on organisations to operate responsibly. In warehousing and distribution, this pressure commonly takes the form of legislation, regulation, inspections, enforcement action and reporting requirements. Government bodies may set and enforce standards concerning worker health and safety, transport operations, environmental emissions, waste management, modern slavery, data protection and product handling. These requirements directly influence organisational policies, supplier selection, warehouse procedures and distribution practices.

Socially responsible operations therefore need to consider not only voluntary expectations from consumers and campaign groups, but also mandatory public-law obligations. Governments can impose penalties, restrict operating licences, investigate non-compliance or introduce new rules that require changes throughout a supply chain. Responsible procurement and logistics management includes monitoring applicable legal requirements, maintaining evidence of compliance and ensuring that contractors and suppliers meet relevant standards. This reflects the broader stakeholder perspective used in CIPS learning: organisational conduct is shaped by expectations and influence from public authorities as well as market and civil-society stakeholders. See the UK Health and Safety Executive's guidance for employers at https://www.hse.gov.uk/workers/employers.htm and the UK Government overview of environmental regulation at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/environmental-regulations.

QUESTION NO: 8

A warehouse is preparing an annual CSR plan. Which measures would provide meaningful evidence of progress across social and environmental responsibilities? Select three.

A. Monitor warehouse energy use and transport-related emissions

B. Record safety incidents, near misses and corrective actions

C. Assess relevant suppliers against labour and environmental expectations

D. Count the number of sustainability statements published

E. Measure only short-term sales revenue

ANSWER: A B C

Explanation:

Monitoring energy use and transport emissions provides evidence of environmental performance. Recording safety incidents, near misses and corrective actions helps demonstrate how worker risks are being managed. Assessing relevant suppliers against labour and environmental expectations extends responsibility beyond the warehouse's own activities.

Counting the number of sustainability statements published does not demonstrate improved performance. Measuring only short-term sales revenue addresses financial performance but does not provide evidence of social or environmental responsibility.

QUESTION NO: 9

By respecting employees' individualities and positioning them as an advantage, companies can drive both the individual's and the organization's sustainable growth.

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The statement is true because recognising employees' individual characteristics, perspectives, skills and needs is a core aspect of social sustainability. When an organisation treats diversity as a source of value rather than something to be managed away, it can create a more inclusive working environment in which people are able to contribute fully, develop their

capabilities and feel respected. This supports individual growth through fairer access to participation, learning, progression and meaningful work.

For the organisation, inclusion can strengthen engagement, collaboration, innovation and retention. These outcomes are especially relevant in warehousing and distribution, where safe operations, effective teamwork and reliable service depend on employees being listened to and supported. A socially responsible employer therefore considers people impacts alongside operational and financial performance. This approach aligns with the CIPS Global Standard's emphasis on responsible and ethical procurement and supply practice, including the management of people and stakeholders. It also supports the decent-work objective within the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which connects productive employment with inclusive and sustainable economic growth. See the CIPS Global Standard and UN Sustainable Development Goal 8.

QUESTION NO: 10

Buying traditional lightbulbs is OK because they're cheaper.

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

FALSE is correct because responsible purchasing decisions should consider whole-life cost rather than only the initial purchase price. Traditional incandescent lamps typically use substantially more electricity and have a much shorter operating life than LED lamps. As lighting is a continuing energy cost in a warehouse or distribution environment, a lower upfront unit price can be outweighed by higher energy consumption, more frequent replacement, associated labour, and waste-disposal requirements. Selecting energy-efficient lighting supports the environmental dimension of social responsibility by reducing energy demand and the emissions associated with electricity generation. It also supports economic sustainability: LEDs generally deliver longer service life and lower total cost of ownership when energy and maintenance are included. This reflects sustainable procurement practice, in which specifications and sourcing decisions account for environmental impacts and value over the product lifecycle, rather than treating the cheapest purchase price as the best outcome. The UK Energy Saving Trust explains that LEDs use far less energy than older incandescent bulbs and can last much longer: Energy Saving Trust: Lighting. The International Energy Agency likewise identifies efficient lighting as an important energy-efficiency measure: IEA: Lighting.

QUESTION NO: 11

What does CSR stand for?

A. Company Social Response

B. Company Social Responsibility

C. Corporate Social Response

D. Corporate Social Responsibility

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Corporate Social Responsibility is correct because CSR is the established term for an organisation's responsibility to manage the social, environmental and economic effects of its activities in an ethical and accountable way. In procurement, warehousing and distribution, this means that commercial decisions should consider more than immediate cost and service outcomes. Businesses should also account for matters such as workers' conditions and safety, environmental impacts from energy use and transport, ethical sourcing, community effects, and transparent conduct with stakeholders. CSR is therefore closely connected to sustainable business practice: it embeds responsible behaviour into normal operational and strategic decision-making rather than treating it as a separate charitable activity. This understanding supports the CIPS focus on balancing organisational objectives with the wider impacts of supply-chain and logistics activities. The International

Organization for Standardization describes social responsibility as responsibility for the impacts of decisions and activities on society and the environment through transparent and ethical behaviour. The UN Global Compact likewise frames responsible business around commitments to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. See ISO 26000: Social responsibility and UN Global Compact Principles.

QUESTION NO: 12

A warehouse is introducing automated picking equipment. Which actions are needed to support a socially responsible implementation? Select three.

A. Consult affected employees and provide suitable training

B. Complete a risk assessment and implement appropriate safeguards

C. Plan maintenance, emergency stops and clear escalation procedures

D. Install the equipment before identifying changes to work-related hazards

E. Measure productivity only and leave safety management to equipment suppliers

ANSWER: A B C

Explanation:

Consulting affected employees and providing suitable training helps workers understand changed roles, safe systems of work and new competence requirements. **Completing a risk assessment and implementing safeguards** is essential before automated equipment is put into operation. **Planning maintenance, emergency stops and clear escalation procedures** helps ensure that equipment remains safe throughout its use.

Automation should not be introduced without employee involvement or risk controls merely to increase throughput. Monitoring productivity alone does not manage hazards, wellbeing, job design or the competence needed to operate and maintain the system safely.

QUESTION NO: 13

Transportation is responsible for 13% of greenhouse emissions.

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

TRUE is correct. Transport is commonly cited as contributing approximately 13% of global greenhouse-gas emissions in the sectoral breakdown used in sustainable procurement and logistics learning materials. This figure refers to transport activity across road, rail, aviation and shipping, rather than solely to freight distribution. The precise percentage can vary according to the reporting year, geographic scope and accounting method, but 13% is an accepted rounded global estimate in the context of CIPS L3M6. Transport emissions are especially relevant to socially responsible warehousing and distribution because supplier deliveries, line-haul movements and last-mile operations can form a significant part of an organisation's indirect supply-chain emissions. Identifying these emissions enables practical reduction measures, including consolidating loads, improving route and vehicle utilisation, selecting lower-carbon transport modes, and working with carriers that measure and reduce their emissions. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change identifies transport as a major global emitting sector, while the World Resources Institute provides sector-level emissions data and methodology that supports this type of assessment. See the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, Working Group III and the World Resources Institute emissions data overview.

QUESTION NO: 14

Which methods can governments use to encourage both private and business vehicle operations to reduce CO2 emissions by offering incentives to adopt greener modes of transport? Select all that apply.

A. Encouraging new-energy vehicles and clean technologies

B. Enhancing the connectivity of rail, waterway or port, road, and air systems in logistics hubs

C. Introducing low-emission zones

D. Offering tax breaks for diesel to generate extra revenue and reduce the appeal of buying electric vehicles

ANSWER: A B C

Explanation:

Encouraging new-energy vehicles and clean technologies is a direct way for governments to influence transport-related carbon emissions. Purchase grants, tax incentives, charging infrastructure support and fleet-transition programmes can reduce the cost and operational barriers associated with electric, hybrid and other lower-emission vehicles. This supports both private motorists and commercial operators in changing vehicle choices and operating practices.

Enhancing the connectivity of rail, waterway or port, road, and air systems in logistics hubs supports greener modal choices by making intermodal transport practical and efficient. Well-connected hubs can enable freight operators to use lower-carbon modes, including rail and waterborne freight, for appropriate stages of a journey while retaining road vehicles for local collection and delivery. This helps reduce unnecessary road mileage and associated emissions.

Introducing low-emission zones also encourages the transition to cleaner transport. By setting emissions-based access conditions in congested urban areas, governments create a clear economic and operational incentive for vehicle owners and logistics fleets to use compliant low-emission vehicles, consolidate deliveries, or choose alternative transport modes. These measures form part of wider sustainable-transport policy approaches described by the International Energy Agency and the UK Government's guidance on Clean Air Zones.

QUESTION NO: 15

A new warehouse is being designed to improve employee welfare and safe working conditions. Which features should be included as social considerations? Select three.

A. Adequate lighting and ventilation

B. Clearly segregated pedestrian and vehicle routes

C. Suitable welfare facilities and rest areas

D. Reduced break periods during peak dispatch activity

E. Maximum storage density regardless of access requirements

ANSWER: A B C

Explanation:

Adequate lighting and ventilation support employees' ability to work safely and comfortably. **Clearly segregated pedestrian and vehicle routes** reduce the risk of collisions between people and workplace transport. **Suitable welfare facilities and rest areas** support workers' health, dignity and wellbeing.

Reducing breaks to increase output is not socially responsible and may increase fatigue-related risk. Designing solely around maximum storage density can compromise safe access, working space and emergency arrangements if people-centred requirements are ignored.

QUESTION NO: 16

Green transport replaces traditional modes of transportation that depend on fossil fuels with more eco-friendly methods. What are the advantages of using green transport? Select all that apply.

A. Contribute to building a sustainable economy

B. Increase in pollution rates

C. Lower cost energy

D. Reduced carbon emissions

ANSWER: A C D

Explanation:

Green transport contributes to building a sustainable economy because it reduces dependence on finite fossil fuels, helps manage environmental costs associated with transport, and encourages investment in cleaner vehicles, infrastructure and energy systems. These outcomes support more resilient supply chains and communities while helping organisations meet wider sustainability objectives. The European Commission identifies sustainable and smart mobility as central to reducing transport emissions while maintaining an effective economy and transport system: European Commission sustainable and smart mobility strategy.

Lower cost energy is an advantage where transport is electrified or made more energy-efficient. Electricity can provide a lower and more stable operating-energy cost than petroleum fuels, particularly when vehicles are efficiently used and charging is managed well. The International Energy Agency reports that, in many markets, the total cost of owning an electric car is already competitive with conventional alternatives, with lower energy and maintenance costs contributing to this result: IEA Global EV Outlook 2024.

Reduced carbon emissions is a core benefit of shifting freight and passenger movements to lower-emission modes, including walking, cycling, rail, electric vehicles and appropriately fuelled shared transport. Cutting lifecycle greenhouse-gas emissions directly supports climate-mitigation goals and more responsible distribution decisions.