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Chapter 2 Principles of Accounting and Financial Reporting for State and Local Governments

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24) Proprietary funds primarily provide services to the general public for a fee.

25) A permanent endowment is an example of a nonspendable fund balance.

26) Assigned fund balances can be either positive or negative.

27) The General Fund is the only fund that can have a positive unassigned fund balance.

28) The positive fund balance in a special revenue fund must at a minimum be reported as assigned.

29) Nonmajor funds are *not* reported on the fund financial statements.

30) There are four major activity categories reported by state and local governments: governmental, government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary.

31) Governmental activities include the core services provided by a government, such as public safety.

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32) Which of the following is a primary objective of financial reporting by state and local governments?
A) To provide information that can be used for capital allocation decisions made by external investors.
B) To report on the legal requirements imposed on the government by its elected officials.
C) To provide information that can be used to assess a government's accountability.
D) To fulfill the government's statutory duty to report on cash received and cash disbursed.

33) According to the GASB definition, which of the following represents an inflow of resources?
A) Expenditures.
B) Revenues.
C) Assets.
D) Deferred inflows.

34) According to the GASB, information that is essential and useful to placing information in the correct context should be reported as which of the following?
A) Required supplementary information.
B) Supplementary information.
C) Notes to the financial statements.
D) A line item on the financial statements.

35) Which of the following is *not* one of the methods recommended by the GASB *Concepts Statement 3* for communicating information to external users of government financial reports?
A) Providing a popular report.
B) Recognition in the financial statements.
C) Presentation as required supplementary information.
D) Disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

36) Which of the following activities is considered a core government activity?
A) Finance and budget.
B) Central purchasing.
C) Culture and recreation.
D) Employee pension fund.

37) Which of the following is *true* regarding financial reporting for internal service funds?
A) Internal service funds are reported in the governmental fund financial statements.
B) Internal service funds are aggregated and reported as a major fund in the proprietary fund financial statements.
C) Internal service funds are generally reported in the Business-type Activities column of the government-wide financial statements.
D) Internal service funds are generally reported in the Governmental Activities column of the government-wide financial statements.

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38) Which of the following is *not* a characteristic of a fund as defined by GASB standards?
A) An accounting entity.
B) A fiscal entity.
C) A reporting entity.
D) A self-balancing set of accounts.

39) In accounting for state and local governments the modified accrual basis is required for
A) Proprietary and fiduciary funds.
B) Governmental funds.
C) Governmental and fiduciary funds.
D) Governmental and internal service funds.

40) Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues should be recognized when
A) Earned.
B) Collected in cash.
C) Authorized by the budget ordinance.
D) Measurable and available.

41) Which of the following funds is a governmental fund-type?
A) Private-purpose trust fund.
B) Internal service fund.
C) Permanent fund.
D) Enterprise fund.

42) Financial resources set aside to pay principal and interest on general long-term debt may be accounted for in which of the following fund types?
A) Private-purpose trust fund.
B) Debt service fund.
C) Principal and interest trust fund.
D) Internal service fund.

43) Which of the following is a proprietary fund?
A) Special revenue fund.
B) Investment trust fund.
C) Debt service fund.
D) Internal service fund.

44) Which of the following is a fiduciary fund?
A) Investment trust fund.
B) Special revenue fund.
C) Debt service fund.
D) Enterprise fund.

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45) Which of the following funds would be most appropriate when accounting for an activity that provides goods or services to the public for a fee that is intended to make the activity self-supporting?
A) Investment trust fund.
B) Enterprise fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Special revenue fund.

46) Which of the following funds should be used if resources provided by a federal grant must be segregated and used for counseling of youthful offenders?
A) Private-purpose trust fund.
B) Enterprise fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Special revenue fund.

47) Which of the following funds would be used to account for an activity that provides centralized purchasing and sales of goods or services to other departments or agencies of the government on a cost-reimbursement basis?
A) Enterprise fund.
B) Fiduciary fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Permanent fund.

48) Which of the following funds would record depreciation of capital assets?
A) Special revenue fund.
B) Permanent fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Custodial fund.

49) Capital assets used by departments accounted for by the General Fund of a governmental unit should be accounted for in
A) The General Fund.
B) The governmental activities journal.
C) The business-type activities journal.
D) The general capital assets fund.

50) Capital assets used by an enterprise fund should be accounted for in the
A) Enterprise fund and depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.
B) Business-type activities journal but no depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.
C) Governmental activities journal and depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.
D) Enterprise fund but no depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.

51) Which of the following funds are proprietary funds?
A) Enterprise funds, investment trust funds, pension trust funds, and the General Fund.
B) Enterprise funds and internal service funds.
C) Internal service funds, special revenue funds, and enterprise funds.
D) Proprietary funds are not used in governmental accounting.

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52) Which of the following funds are governmental funds?
A) General Fund, special revenue funds, capital projects funds, debt service funds, and private-purpose trust funds.
B) General Fund, special revenue funds, private-purpose trust funds.
C) General Fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital projects funds, and permanent funds.
D) General Fund, special revenue funds, capital projects funds, debt service funds, and internal service funds.

53) The activities of a water utility department, which offers its services to the general public on a user charge basis, should be accounted for in
A) An enterprise fund.
B) A special revenue fund.
C) The General Fund.
D) An internal service fund.

54) The measurement focus and basis of accounting that are most *unlike* those used by business entities are those used by
A) Governmental funds.
B) Fiduciary funds.
C) Proprietary funds.
D) Contribution funds.

55) Which of the following governmental funds *must* be reported as a major fund?
A) The General Fund.
B) Any fund with total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures that are 10% or more of the General Fund and 5% or more of total General Fund and Business-type Activities.
C) The government may opt to include or exclude any fund it choses as a major fund.
D) Only the General Fund and special revenue funds that meet the 10% and 5% size criteria.

56) The basis of accounting that should be used in preparing fund financial statements is:

	Governmental funds	**Proprietary funds**	**Fiduciary funds**
A)	Modified accrual	Accrual	Modified accrual
B)	Modified accrual	Modified accrual	Modified accrual
C)	Modified accrual	Accrual	Accrual
D)	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual

A) Choice A
B) Choice B
C) Choice C
D) Choice D

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57) A major governmental fund is one that has one or more elements (e.g., assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures) that is at least:
A) Five percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and 10 percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.
B) Ten percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and 10 percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.
C) Five percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and five percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.
D) Ten percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and 5 percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.

58) A city received resources that the state indicates can only be used for public works projects, such as road construction. Assuming the resources have not been expended by year end, how would the resources the city received be shown in the city's fund balances?
A) Designated Fund Balance.
B) Committed Fund Balance.
C) Restricted Fund Balance.
D) Assigned Fund Balance.

59) Which of the following would be reported as a nonspendable fund balance?
A) Inventory.
B) Restricted assets.
C) Assets whose use is limited.
D) Capital assets.

60) Under GASB standards which of the following funds can report a positive amount for unassigned fund balance?
A) Capital projects fund.
B) Special revenue fund.
C) General Fund.
D) All of the options.

61) Use the following information to determine whether the Development Special Revenue and the Debt Service Funds should be reported as major funds based on asset amounts provided.

Development Special Revenue Fund Assets	$ 740,000
Debt Service Fund Assets	$ 150,000
Total Governmental Fund Assets	$ 7,500,000
Total Governmental Fund and Enterprise Fund Assets	$ 8,750,000

A) The Development Special Revenue Fund should be reported as major.
B) The Debt Service Fund should be reported as major.
C) Both the Development Special Revenue Fund and the Debt Service Fund should be reported as major.
D) Neither the Development Special Revenue Fund nor the Debt Service Fund should be reported as major.

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62) Which of the following is not one of the seven elements defined by the GASB concept statements?
A) Deferred inflow of resources.
B) Expenses.
C) Assets.
D) Net position.

63) The GASB concept statements indicate that in certain instances a remeasured value for an asset or liability should be reported on the financial statements. Which of the following is not one of the methods recommended by the GASB for remeasured amounts?
A) Historical cost.
B) Lower of cost or market.
C) Fair value.
D) Replacement cost.

64) The GASB recommends that budget-to-actual comparison information be provided as which of the following?
A) A stand-alone financial statement.
B) A schedule in the notes to the financial statements.
C) As a part of the basic financial statements.
D) As a required supplementary information schedule.

65) The GASB requires budget-to-actual comparison information for which of the following?
A) The General Fund.
B) All governmental funds.
C) The General Fund and major special revenue funds with legally adopted budgets.
D) All special revenue, debt service and capital projects funds with legally adopted budgets.

66) For each of the following descriptive phrases, indicate the type of fund from the list.

A. Governmental funds
B. Proprietary funds
C. Fiduciary funds

_____ 1. Includes permanent funds held in trust to be used for public purposes
_____ 2. Sometimes referred to as self-supporting or business-like funds
_____ 3. Any fund held by a government in a custodial or trustee relationship for an external party
_____ 4. Used when the government collects taxes or amounts to be invested for external parties
_____ 5. Enterprise and internal service funds

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67) For each of the following scenarios, indicate how they would be classified for fund balance reporting purposes using the classification list.

A. Nonspendable
B. Restricted
C. Committed
D. Assigned
E. Unassigned

_____ 1. Bond proceeds of $15,000,000 that must be used for construction of a fire substation remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year.
_____ 2. Prepaid rent of $6,000 remains at the end of the fiscal year.
_____ 3. The city council adopted a plan to set aside 2% of revenues over the next three years to help build cash reserves. At the end of the fiscal year 2% of the revenues were set aside.
_____ 4. The state transportation department provided $1,000,000 in state funds to be used for street widening. At the end of the fiscal year $750,000 remained unspent.
_____ 5. The county received a $3,000,000 endowment during the year.

68) Following are some of the county's governmental funds. The county has asked you to determine is any of the funds listed should be classified as major funds based on the GASB size criteria. Clearly indicate which fund(s) you believe should be classified as major and provide support for your choice(s).

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total of all Governmental Funds	Total of all Governmental & Enterprise Funds
Assets	12,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	15,000,000	21,000,000
Liabilities	3,000,000	250,000	30,000	4,580,000	5,890,000
Revenues	10,000,000	600,000	1,450,000	13,770,000	17,123,000
Expenditures/ Expenses	9,859,000	725,000	1,300,000	13,460,000	16,665,000

69) List the basic financial statements required by GASB standards and briefly explain their purposes.

70) "The primary purpose of an accounting system for a state or a local government is to make it possible for financial statements to demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions." Explain why you believe this statement to be correct or incorrect.

71) Explain the difference between measurement focus and basis of accounting. Also, explain the difference between the economic resources measurement focus and the current financial resources measurement focus as well as the difference between the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting. Which funds and government-wide activities use each focus and each basis?

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72) List the seven fund financial statements that are required as part of the basic financial statements by GASB standards. What measurement focus and basis of accounting should be used in preparing each of these statements?

73) Explain the nature of the three major activity categories of a state or local government: governmental activities, business-type activities, and fiduciary activities. Provide examples of each.

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3) Activities a local government can engage in are classified as governmental, business-type, or fiduciary.

Answer: TRUE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Activities of Government
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Answer: FALSE
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13) The maximum sets of fund financial statements a government would present are three.

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Difficulty: 3 Hard
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18) Deferred outflow of resources is a type of asset that is unique to government.

Answer: FALSE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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Answer: TRUE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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20) An expenditure is an example of what the GASB terms an outflow of resources.

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24) Proprietary funds primarily provide services to the general public for a fee.

Answer: FALSE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
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25) A permanent endowment is an example of a nonspendable fund balance.

Answer: TRUE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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26) Assigned fund balances can be either positive or negative.

Answer: FALSE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
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27) The General Fund is the only fund that can have a positive unassigned fund balance.

Answer: TRUE
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
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28) The positive fund balance in a special revenue fund must at a minimum be reported as assigned.

Answer: TRUE
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
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29) Nonmajor funds are *not* reported on the fund financial statements.

Answer: FALSE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-04 Discuss the nature of major fund reporting and the criteria used to determine whether a fund should be reported as a major fund.
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30) There are four major activity categories reported by state and local governments: governmental, government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Answer: FALSE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Activities of Government
Learning Objective: 02-02 Explain the nature of the three major activity categories of a state or local government: governmental activities, business-type activities, and fiduciary activities.
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31) Governmental activities include the core services provided by a government, such as public safety.

Answer: TRUE
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Activities of Government
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32) Which of the following is a primary objective of financial reporting by state and local governments?
A) To provide information that can be used for capital allocation decisions made by external investors.
B) To report on the legal requirements imposed on the government by its elected officials.
C) To provide information that can be used to assess a government's accountability.
D) To fulfill the government's statutory duty to report on cash received and cash disbursed.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Conceptual Framework-Providing Useful Financial Reports
Learning Objective: 02-01 Describe the concepts related to the financial reporting requirements of the GASB reporting model.
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33) According to the GASB definition, which of the following represents an inflow of resources?
A) Expenditures.
B) Revenues.
C) Assets.
D) Deferred inflows.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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34) According to the GASB, information that is essential and useful to placing information in the correct context should be reported as which of the following?
A) Required supplementary information.
B) Supplementary information.
C) Notes to the financial statements.
D) A line item on the financial statements.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Conceptual Framework-Providing Useful Financial Reports
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35) Which of the following is *not* one of the methods recommended by the GASB *Concepts Statement 3* for communicating information to external users of government financial reports?
A) Providing a popular report.
B) Recognition in the financial statements.
C) Presentation as required supplementary information.
D) Disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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36) Which of the following activities is considered a core government activity?
A) Finance and budget.
B) Central purchasing.
C) Culture and recreation.
D) Employee pension fund.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Activities of Government
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37) Which of the following is *true* regarding financial reporting for internal service funds?
A) Internal service funds are reported in the governmental fund financial statements.
B) Internal service funds are aggregated and reported as a major fund in the proprietary fund financial statements.
C) Internal service funds are generally reported in the Business-type Activities column of the government-wide financial statements.
D) Internal service funds are generally reported in the Governmental Activities column of the government-wide financial statements.

Answer: D
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
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38) Which of the following is *not* a characteristic of a fund as defined by GASB standards?
A) An accounting entity.
B) A fiscal entity.
C) A reporting entity.
D) A self-balancing set of accounts.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
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39) In accounting for state and local governments the modified accrual basis is required for
A) Proprietary and fiduciary funds.
B) Governmental funds.
C) Governmental and fiduciary funds.
D) Governmental and internal service funds.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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40) Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues should be recognized when
A) Earned.
B) Collected in cash.
C) Authorized by the budget ordinance.
D) Measurable and available.

Answer: D
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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41) Which of the following funds is a governmental fund-type?
A) Private-purpose trust fund.
B) Internal service fund.
C) Permanent fund.
D) Enterprise fund.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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42) Financial resources set aside to pay principal and interest on general long-term debt may be accounted for in which of the following fund types?
A) Private-purpose trust fund.
B) Debt service fund.
C) Principal and interest trust fund.
D) Internal service fund.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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43) Which of the following is a proprietary fund?
A) Special revenue fund.
B) Investment trust fund.
C) Debt service fund.
D) Internal service fund.

Answer: D
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
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44) Which of the following is a fiduciary fund?
A) Investment trust fund.
B) Special revenue fund.
C) Debt service fund.
D) Enterprise fund.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
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45) Which of the following funds would be most appropriate when accounting for an activity that provides goods or services to the public for a fee that is intended to make the activity self-supporting?
A) Investment trust fund.
B) Enterprise fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Special revenue fund.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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46) Which of the following funds should be used if resources provided by a federal grant must be segregated and used for counseling of youthful offenders?
A) Private-purpose trust fund.
B) Enterprise fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Special revenue fund.

Answer: D
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
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47) Which of the following funds would be used to account for an activity that provides centralized purchasing and sales of goods or services to other departments or agencies of the government on a cost-reimbursement basis?
A) Enterprise fund.
B) Fiduciary fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Permanent fund.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
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48) Which of the following funds would record depreciation of capital assets?
A) Special revenue fund.
B) Permanent fund.
C) Internal service fund.
D) Custodial fund.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
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49) Capital assets used by departments accounted for by the General Fund of a governmental unit should be accounted for in
A) The General Fund.
B) The governmental activities journal.
C) The business-type activities journal.
D) The general capital assets fund.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
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50) Capital assets used by an enterprise fund should be accounted for in the
A) Enterprise fund and depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.
B) Business-type activities journal but no depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.
C) Governmental activities journal and depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.
D) Enterprise fund but no depreciation on the capital assets should be recorded.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
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Bloom's: Remember
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51) Which of the following funds are proprietary funds?
A) Enterprise funds, investment trust funds, pension trust funds, and the General Fund.
B) Enterprise funds and internal service funds.
C) Internal service funds, special revenue funds, and enterprise funds.
D) Proprietary funds are not used in governmental accounting.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
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52) Which of the following funds are governmental funds?
A) General Fund, special revenue funds, capital projects funds, debt service funds, and private-purpose trust funds.
B) General Fund, special revenue funds, private-purpose trust funds.
C) General Fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital projects funds, and permanent funds.
D) General Fund, special revenue funds, capital projects funds, debt service funds, and internal service funds.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
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53) The activities of a water utility department, which offers its services to the general public on a user charge basis, should be accounted for in
A) An enterprise fund.
B) A special revenue fund.
C) The General Fund.
D) An internal service fund.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
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54) The measurement focus and basis of accounting that are most *unlike* those used by business entities are those used by
A) Governmental funds.
B) Fiduciary funds.
C) Proprietary funds.
D) Contribution funds.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
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55) Which of the following governmental funds *must* be reported as a major fund?
A) The General Fund.
B) Any fund with total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures that are 10% or more of the General Fund and 5% or more of total General Fund and Business-type Activities.
C) The government may opt to include or exclude any fund it choses as a major fund.
D) Only the General Fund and special revenue funds that meet the 10% and 5% size criteria.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-04 Discuss the nature of major fund reporting and the criteria used to determine whether a fund should be reported as a major fund.
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56) The basis of accounting that should be used in preparing fund financial statements is:

	Governmental funds	Proprietary funds	Fiduciary funds
A)	Modified accrual	Accrual	Modified accrual
B)	Modified accrual	Modified accrual	Modified accrual
C)	Modified accrual	Accrual	Accrual
D)	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual

A) Choice A
B) Choice B
C) Choice C
D) Choice D

Answer: C
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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57) A major governmental fund is one that has one or more elements (e.g., assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures) that is at least:
A) Five percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and 10 percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.
B) Ten percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and 10 percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.
C) Five percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and five percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.
D) Ten percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental funds and 5 percent of the corresponding element(s) of total governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Answer: D
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-04 Discuss the nature of major fund reporting and the criteria used to determine whether a fund should be reported as a major fund.
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58) A city received resources that the state indicates can only be used for public works projects, such as road construction. Assuming the resources have not been expended by year end, how would the resources the city received be shown in the city's fund balances?
A) Designated Fund Balance.
B) Committed Fund Balance.
C) Restricted Fund Balance.
D) Assigned Fund Balance.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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AICPA: FN Reporting

59) Which of the following would be reported as a nonspendable fund balance?
A) Inventory.
B) Restricted assets.
C) Assets whose use is limited.
D) Capital assets.

Answer: A
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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60) Under GASB standards which of the following funds can report a positive amount for unassigned fund balance?
A) Capital projects fund.
B) Special revenue fund.
C) General Fund.
D) All of the options.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
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61) Use the following information to determine whether the Development Special Revenue and the Debt Service Funds should be reported as major funds based on asset amounts provided.

Development Special Revenue Fund Assets	$ 740,000
Debt Service Fund Assets	$ 150,000
Total Governmental Fund Assets	$ 7,500,000
Total Governmental Fund and Enterprise Fund Assets	$ 8,750,000

A) The Development Special Revenue Fund should be reported as major.
B) The Debt Service Fund should be reported as major.
C) Both the Development Special Revenue Fund and the Debt Service Fund should be reported as major.
D) Neither the Development Special Revenue Fund nor the Debt Service Fund should be reported as major.

Answer: D
Difficulty: 3 Hard
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-04 Discuss the nature of major fund reporting and the criteria used to determine whether a fund should be reported as a major fund.
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62) Which of the following is not one of the seven elements defined by the GASB concept statements?
A) Deferred inflow of resources.
B) Expenses.
C) Assets.
D) Net position.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Conceptual Framework-Providing Useful Financial Reports
Learning Objective: 02-01 Describe the concepts related to the financial reporting requirements of the GASB reporting model.
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63) The GASB concept statements indicate that in certain instances a remeasured value for an asset or liability should be reported on the financial statements. Which of the following is not one of the methods recommended by the GASB for remeasured amounts?
A) Historical cost.
B) Lower of cost or market.
C) Fair value.
D) Replacement cost.

Answer: B
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Conceptual Framework-Providing Useful Financial Reports
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64) The GASB recommends that budget-to-actual comparison information be provided as which of the following?
A) A stand-alone financial statement.
B) A schedule in the notes to the financial statements.
C) As a part of the basic financial statements.
D) As a required supplementary information schedule.

Answer: D
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
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65) The GASB requires budget-to-actual comparison information for which of the following?
A) The General Fund.
B) All governmental funds.
C) The General Fund and major special revenue funds with legally adopted budgets.
D) All special revenue, debt service and capital projects funds with legally adopted budgets.

Answer: C
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Fund Reporting
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66) For each of the following descriptive phrases, indicate the type of fund from the list.

A. Governmental funds
B. Proprietary funds
C. Fiduciary funds

_____ 1. Includes permanent funds held in trust to be used for public purposes
_____ 2. Sometimes referred to as self-supporting or business-like funds
_____ 3. Any fund held by a government in a custodial or trustee relationship for an external party
_____ 4. Used when the government collects taxes or amounts to be invested for external parties
_____ 5. Enterprise and internal service funds

Answer: 1. A, 2. B, 3. C, 4. C, 5. B

Explanation: No further explanation details are available for this problem.
Difficulty: 1 Easy
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67) For each of the following scenarios, indicate how they would be classified for fund balance reporting purposes using the classification list.

A. Nonspendable
B. Restricted
C. Committed
D. Assigned
E. Unassigned

_____ 1. Bond proceeds of $15,000,000 that must be used for construction of a fire substation remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year.
_____ 2. Prepaid rent of $6,000 remains at the end of the fiscal year.
_____ 3. The city council adopted a plan to set aside 2% of revenues over the next three years to help build cash reserves. At the end of the fiscal year 2% of the revenues were set aside.
_____ 4. The state transportation department provided $1,000,000 in state funds to be used for street widening. At the end of the fiscal year $750,000 remained unspent.
_____ 5. The county received a $3,000,000 endowment during the year.

Answer: 1. B, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B, 5. A
Explanation: No further explanation details are available for this problem.
Difficulty: 3 Hard
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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68) Following are some of the county's governmental funds. The county has asked you to determine is any of the funds listed should be classified as major funds based on the GASB size criteria. Clearly indicate which fund(s) you believe should be classified as major and provide support for your choice(s).

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total of all Governmental Funds	Total of all Governmental & Enterprise Funds
Assets	12,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	15,000,000	21,000,000
Liabilities	3,000,000	250,000	30,000	4,580,000	5,890,000
Revenues	10,000,000	600,000	1,450,000	13,770,000	17,123,000
Expenditures/ Expenses	9,859,000	725,000	1,300,000	13,460,000	16,665,000

Answer: Debt Service Fund – The size criteria states that a fund must be at least 10% of the total of all governmental funds for at least one of the elements (assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures/expenses), and it must be at least 5% of the total of all governmental funds and enterprise funds for the same element. The debt service fund meets the size criteria for revenues since 10% of the total of all governmental funds is $1,377,000 and 5% of the total of all governmental and enterprise funds is $856,150, both of which the debt service fund exceeds. (The thresholds for the other three elements are: assets—10% is $1,500,000, 5% is $1,050,000; liabilities—10% is $458,000, 5% is $294,500; expenditures/expenses—10% is $1,346,000, 5% is $833,250.)

General Fund – the General Fund is always classified as a major fund and it meets the size criteria for all of the elements.
Difficulty: 3 Hard
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-04 Discuss the nature of major fund reporting and the criteria used to determine whether a fund should be reported as a major fund.
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69) List the basic financial statements required by GASB standards and briefly explain their purposes.

Answer: The basic financial statements include two government-wide financial statements, seven fund financial statements, and notes thereto. The government-wide statements are a statement of net position and statement of activities designed to report on the operational accountability of the government as a whole. The fund financial statements that follow are designed to report on the government's fiscal accountability for spending according to legal budgets, laws, and agreements with resource providers. A balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance are required for governmental-type funds, as well as a reconciliation of the change in fund balances to change in net position at the government-wide level. A statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position; and statement of cash flows are required for proprietary-type funds. A statement of net position and statement of changes in net position are required for fiduciary funds.
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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70) "The primary purpose of an accounting system for a state or a local government is to make it possible for financial statements to demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions." Explain why you believe this statement to be correct or incorrect.

Answer: The statement is not correct. The GASB specifies that a governmental accounting system must make it possible both to prepare statements in conformity with GAAP and to prepare legal compliance reports. The former are the basic financial statements on which auditors express an opinion; the latter are special purpose reports that may or may not be accompanied by auditors' reports.
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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71) Explain the difference between measurement focus and basis of accounting. Also, explain the difference between the economic resources measurement focus and the current financial resources measurement focus as well as the difference between the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting. Which funds and government-wide activities use each focus and each basis?

Answer: Measurement focus describes what is measured; that is, the nature of the resources, claims against resources, and flows of resources that are measured and reported by a fund or activity. The basis of accounting describes when things are measured. The economic resources measurement focus reports on the balances and flows of both current and noncurrent assets and liabilities, whereas the current financial resources focus reports only on the balances and flows of current assets and liabilities. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues when earned and expenses when incurred, where the modified accrual basis recognizes revenues when measurable and available for current spending and expenditures when a current liability has been incurred. Governmental funds use the current financial resources measurement focus, and proprietary and fiduciary funds use the economic resources measurement focus. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental and business-type activities at the government-wide level report on net position and activities using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Fund Reporting
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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72) List the seven fund financial statements that are required as part of the basic financial statements by GASB standards. What measurement focus and basis of accounting should be used in preparing each of these statements?

Answer: These seven fund statements are required in the basic financial statements (assuming that an entity has funds in each of the three fund types):

Balance sheet—governmental funds
Statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances—governmental funds
Statement of net position—proprietary funds
Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position—proprietary funds
Statement of cash flows—proprietary funds
Statement of fiduciary net position
Statement of changes in fiduciary net position

In addition, a reconciliation of (1) the total fund balance of governmental funds from the balance sheet—governmental funds to the governmental activities net position from the government-wide statement of net position, and (2) the change in total fund balances of governmental funds from the statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances—governmental funds to the change in governmental activities net position from the government-wide statement of activities, are required on the face of the financial statements or as separate schedules.

The governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting. The proprietary and fiduciary funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting (except for certain liabilities of defined benefit pension plans and related postemployment healthcare plans).
Difficulty: 1 Easy
Topic: Financial Reporting Model
Learning Objective: 02-03 Explain the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) integrated accounting and financial reporting model, including: Government-wide financial statements; Fund financial statements; Definition of fund and principles of fund accounting; Types of funds in each fund category and characteristics of each fund type.
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73) Explain the nature of the three major activity categories of a state or local government: governmental activities, business-type activities, and fiduciary activities. Provide examples of each.

Answer: Governmental activities are those core governmental services, together with general administrative support. Examples include public safety, public works (e.g., road and bridge maintenance), parks and recreation, cultural, and social services. Business-type activities are those that are self-supporting through user charges for services they provide, although operating subsidies from general tax revenues are not uncommon. Typical examples include public utilities, such as water and sewer, transportation systems, golf courses, and swimming pools. Fiduciary activities are those in which the government acts in a fiduciary capacity, either as an agent or trustee, for parties outside the government. Examples include trust funds that benefit individuals and organizations outside of the government.
Difficulty: 2 Medium
Topic: Activities of Government
Learning Objective: 02-02 Explain the nature of the three major activity categories of a state or local government: governmental activities, business-type activities, and fiduciary activities.
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