



Citizen Empowerment Course

Module 4 | Assessment Exercise



Reach each statement carefully and mark the correct answer

1. Citizens are only in a position to influence the decisions of a state through and during elections.

Answer: False

Explanation: Citizens can actively participate in the political affairs of their country and influence decisions and actions by multiple ways e.g. by participating in demonstrations, signing petitions etc.

2. The term 'civic engagement' only involves actions taking place at a national level.

Answer: False

Explanation: Civic participation is any form of active engagement and can take place either at a national level or at a local level – even by being active in the affairs of ones' neighborhood e.g. cleaning the park

3. Civic engagement refers to any action citizens take to voice their opinions and influence change on social and political affairs.

Answer: True

Explanation: Any way an individual becomes active in social and political affairs is considered as a form of civic engagement

4. Citizenship refers to membership of an individual in a group or community that involves only rights.

Answer: False

Explanation: Citizenship refers to membership of an individual in a group or community that involves certain rights and responsibilities.

5. In ancient Athens, citizenship applied to all the citizens.

Answer: False

Explanation: Only free men (property owners) were considered citizens in Athens. Women, children, and slaves were not considered citizens and therefore could not vote.

6. The Council of Europe's Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC), specifies a set of 20 citizenship competences.

Answer: True

Explanation: 20 citizenship competences specified by the RFCDC which fall into four broad categories:

- Values
- Attitudes
- Skills
- knowledge and critical understanding

7. Knowledge and critical understanding of the world is considered an important citizen competence.

Answer: True

Explanation: This includes a large and complex body of knowledge and critical understanding in a variety of areas including politics, law, human rights, culture, cultures, religions, history, media, economies, the environment and sustainability.

8. Active citizenship requires everyone to engage himself or herself and act for the common good (and not only for personal reward).

Answer: True

Explanation: Active citizenship is the capacity of citizens to self-organize autonomously in a variety of ways to defend their rights, exercising powers and responsibilities in public policies for the caring for common goods.

9. A person can become an active citizen from 15 to 45 years old.

Answer: False

Explanation: Citizens can be active during their lifetime for a variety of reasons, values, and circumstances.

10. Although active citizens are permitted to challenge rules and structures, they should generally adhere to democratic processes and refrain from violence.

Answer: True

Explanation: Any form of violent is excluded from active citizenship

Choose the correct answer

1. Which of the following are examples of active citizenship?
 - a. Participation in consultative bodies
 - b. Membership, support or involvement in the work and actions of civil society organisations (e.g. NGOs or Charities) that act as vehicles through which citizens can aggregate and further their interests and voice their preferences
 - c. Membership in political parties
 - d. Enrolment to Trade Unions and Professional Bodies
 - e. All of the above

Answer: e

2. One of the categories of the Council of Europe's Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC), is 'knowledge and critical understanding'. Which of the following competences are included in this category:
- Knowledge and critical understanding of the world
 - Valuing human dignity and human rights
 - Openness to cultural otherness and to other beliefs, world views and practices
 - Autonomous learning skills

Answer: a

3. Citizenship involves which of the following? Select all that apply.
- Citizenship is a legal status which confers civil, political, and social rights.
 - Citizenship is a sense of loyalty and responsibility to one specific nation.
 - Citizenship makes citizens political actors, who participate in a society's political institutions and affect the values of the community.
 - Citizenship is a sense of belonging to a political community that has a distinct identity.

Answer: b

4. Which of the following are the main political rights and freedoms of EU citizens?
- to vote and stand for election at local and EU level in any Member State
 - to move, reside and work freely within the EU territory
 - to participate in the EU legislative process
 - to receive protection from the diplomatic authorities of any Member State when outside the EU
 - All of the above

Answer: e

5. Which of the following constitutes an Active Citizenship?
- Fulfil civic obligations
 - Involvement
 - Participation
 - Influence

Answer: b,c, d



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