

Chapter 2: The Art of Innovation

True/False

1. The frameworks in which a sustainable, high-profit company is constructed are called business models.
Ans: True Page: 26
2. Unfortunately, North America has one of the lowest percentages of people with Internet access.
Ans: False Page: 27
3. Geographical location no longer provides any significant advantage for access to major sources of capital.
Ans: True Page: 29
4. A product life cycle is the time that a product is able to command a high profit margin in the market before it becomes obsolete or develops intense competition.
Ans: True Page: 29
5. Product development times have increased from 200 days three years ago to an average of 225 days now.
Ans: False Page: 29
6. Fortunately, it is becoming easier for a company to build around a single product idea without strong patent protection.
Ans: False Page: 30
7. The first step for any entrepreneur is to generate an idea for a new business.
Ans: True Page: 39
8. Asking the right questions and preparing the business plan are components of phase 3 in the five phases to success.
Ans: True Page: 41
9. To eliminate receiving questionable data, you should train and monitor survey recorders and telephone interviews to ensure consistent results.
Ans: True Page: 44
10. The final phase of the five step model of success is “Develop the Plan.”
Ans: False Page: 46

Short Answer / Fill in the Blank

11. Successful _____ is the use of new technological knowledge, and/or new market knowledge, employed within a business model that can deliver a new product and/or service to customers who will purchase at a price that will provide profits.

Ans: innovation

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12. The _____ is often used to illustrate the difference in which the performance achieved by new innovation is plotted against time.

Ans: S-curve

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13. Usually, improvements can be made with _____ innovations, pushing the original curve higher.

Ans: incremental

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14. The term _____ is often used to describe innovations that disrupt the status quo.

Ans: disruptive innovation

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15. _____ are sources of ideas.

Ans: Patents

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16. Many new companies are built around a radical or _____ technology.

Ans: breakthrough

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17. A window of opportunity is a _____ during which opportunities exist before something else happens to eliminate them.

Ans: time horizon

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18. _____ are the value of benefits lost when one decision or idea alternative is selected over another.

Ans: Opportunity costs

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19. A(n) _____ charts the current and future components of the business in about thirty to forty pages.

Ans: business plan

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20. Sufficient _____ is required to sustain the company for a specific length of time, possibly a one- or two-year period.

Ans: capital

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Multiple Choice

21. More than _____ new web pages are being added daily to the Internet.
- a. 18 million
 - b. 500,000
 - c. 50 million
 - d. 7 million

Ans: D

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22. _____ funds are a very small part of total growth capital.
- a. Technology
 - b. Trade
 - c. Venture capital
 - d. International

Ans: C

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23. A product life cycle is continually:
- a. increasing
 - b. declining
 - c. increasing in a step ladder pattern
 - d. fluctuating

Ans: B

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24. Incremental innovation means that:
- a. A start-up company grows slowly.
 - b. Improvements are made on existing products and services.
 - c. Innovation is only applied to the way that things are made.
 - d. It is the safest strategy for a start-up to follow.

Ans: B

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25. Radical innovation means that:
- a. Nothing from the past is retained.
 - b. It applies only to products.
 - c. It changes the rules of competition.
 - d. It is too risky for a start-up to follow.

Ans: C

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26. Which of the following is not on the list of some important innovations by U.S. small firms in the last century:
- a. GPA
 - b. Airplane
 - c. Zipper
 - d. Heat sensor

Ans: A

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27. All of the following are ways to build upon already existing material and still provide a profit-driven concept except:

- a. Market the product at a higher price.
- b. Add value to an existing product or service.
- c. Develop or redesign a new version of an existing product.
- d. Develop ideas as an extension or redesign an existing service.

Ans: A

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28. There are more than _____ patents issued in the United States.

- a. 31 million
- b. 17 million
- c. 8 million
- d. 60 million

Ans: C

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29. Only about _____ percent of existing patents have actually been commercialized.

- a. 20
- b. 10
- c. 2
- d. 32

Ans: B

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30. Of the five phases of success, which one is where the opportunity would be seized:

- a. Phase 1
- b. Phase 2
- c. Phase 3
- d. Phase 4

Ans: A

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31. Which of the following is not a technology factor:

- a. Industry standards
- b. Niche market applications
- c. Infrastructure replacement
- d. Technology generation

Ans: D

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32. Which of the following is not an economic factor?

- a. Better service
- b. Productivity gains
- c. Market changes
- d. Government and privacy issues

Ans: C

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33. Of the five phases of success, which one is Phase 2?
- a. Develop the Plan
 - b. Manage the Business
 - c. Determine the Resources Needed
 - d. Investigate the Need through Market Research

Ans: D

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34. Of the five phases of success, Phase 3 is:
- a. Develop the Plan
 - b. Manage the Business
 - c. Determine the Resources Needed
 - d. Investigate the Need through Market Research

Ans: A

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35. Which of the following area of research help answer the question: "Can the product/service be patented or copyrighted?"
- a. Sales
 - b. Proprietary
 - c. Niche/competition
 - d. Cost and manufacture

Ans: B

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36. To eliminate receiving questionable data, all of these pitfalls must be avoided except:
- a. Train and monitor survey recorders.
 - b. Make certain that the answers are accurate by maintaining an objective method of questioning.
 - c. Ensure that all of the participants are asked the same questions.
 - d. Eliminate telephone interviews.

Ans: D

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37. All of the following are cost-cutting recommendations except:
- a. Use search engines and web pages
 - b. Use social media methods to access potential customers
 - c. Test only one product at a time
 - d. Use the telephone instead of mail survey

Ans: C

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38. _____ is(are) the backbone of the business.
- a. Employees
 - b. Business plan
 - c. Phases of Success
 - d. Data Base

Ans: B

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39. Of the five phases of success, which one is Phase 4?

- a. Determine the Resources Needed
- b. Develop the Plan
- c. Investigate the Need through Market Research
- d. Seize the Opportunity

Ans: A

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40. Of the five phases of success, which one is Phase 5?

- a. Seize the Opportunity
- b. Develop the Plan
- c. Investigate the Need through Market Research
- d. Manage the Business

Ans: D

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41. Which of the following criteria is least important when evaluating an opportunity?

- a. Size of the market
- b. Competitors
- c. Value provided to the targeted customers
- d. Having the resources in place to execute on the plan

Ans: D

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42. Which of the following criteria would most lead you to question the viability of an opportunity?

- a. Gross margin on sales after three years is 25%.
- b. Total available domestic market is \$80MM.
- c. The market is growing at 60% per annum.
- d. You only have two customers willing to buy your product currently.

Ans: A

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43. The evaluation screening for patent protection includes all of the following except:

- a. If the fee for a patent search and application affordable?
- b. Is the service, product, or idea unique to get a head start on the competition?
- c. Is the field changing so slowly that the innovation will be valuable for at least 5 years?
- d. Has an attorney discussed the options and recommended that a patent be pursued?

Ans: C

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