## **Conflict of Interest Questions**

- 1. A competing personal interest could affect, or could appear to affect, an individual's judgment or could cause the individual's impartiality to be questioned.
  - a. Conflict of interest
  - b. Conflict of impartiality
  - c. Conflict of conscience
  - d. Scientific misconduct
- 2. Examples of FCOIs in research may include:
  - a. Owning stock in a pharmaceutical company who manufactures the drug that will be tested in a research project
  - b. Accepting travel or gifts from the manufacturer of a medical device that will be tested in a research project
  - c. Disclosure or use of confidential information or unpublished research results for personal financial gain.
  - d. All of the above.
- 3. In the context of Financial Conflict of Interest, *Investigator* means the project director or principal investigator and any other person, regardless of title or position, who is responsible for the design, conduct or reporting of research or research activities. Who might be considered an investigator?
  - a. Principal Investigator
  - b. Postdoctoral researcher
  - c. Graduate Student or research assistant
  - d. All of the above
- 4. Under NIH Conflict of Interest policy investigator responsibilities include the following:
  - a. Disclosing Significant Financial Conflicts of interest (SFIs)
  - b. Identifying and Managing FCOIs
  - c. Training and annual disclosures
  - d. All of the above

## 5. The term SFI does not include

- a. Salary paid by the employee's institution
- b. Income from mutual funds and retirement accounts, as long as the Investigator does not directly control the investment decisions made in these accounts.
- c. A Petroleum Engineering professor who owns stock in Home Depot valued at \$15,000
- d. All of the above
- 6. Examples of conditions or restrictions that might be imposed to manage, reduce or eliminate an investigator's FCOI include, but are not limited to:
  - a. For research projects involving human subjects, disclosure of the FCOI to the participants;
  - b. Modification of the research plan or research activities
  - c. Requiring a change in personnel and/or responsibilities for all or a portion of the research activities; or reduction or elimination of the financial interest
  - d. All of the above
- 7. Which of the following are potential examples of work that may be considered a conflict of commitment?
  - a. Outside activities that represent time commitments that could interfere with an employee accomplishing his/her institution duties
  - b. Outside activities that represent time commitments that could interfere with an employee accomplishing his/her institution duties
  - c. Outside activities using institution's equipment, personnel, or resources
  - d. All of the above
- 8. An Institutional COI (ICOI) exists where
  - a. the financial interests of the institution, or an official acting within his or her authority on behalf of the institution, might affect, or reasonably appear to affect, institutional processes for the design, conduct, review, reporting or oversight of human subjects research.
  - b. the financial interests of the Principal investigator might affect, or reasonably appear to affect, institutional processes for the design, conduct, review, reporting or oversight of human subjects research.
  - c. Both of the above
  - d. None of the above

## **Answers**

1 a	5 d
2 d	6 d
3 d	7 d
4 d	8 a