

## CHAPTER ONE Definition of a Project/Some problem and Critical thinking

1. A human resource staff member is trying recruit testing engineer for the Engineering and testing department?
  - a. Is this a project? If so why?
    - i. And what are the four characteristics that define a project?
    - ii. If not then what characteristics of this activity define it as not a project?
2. An Information Systems manager is trying to pick out the most suitable person in her department for the Employee of the Month Award?
  - a. Is this a project? If so why?
3. In general how could each of the following situations influences whether or not you could define it as a project or non-project
  - a. A complex task
  - b. A task with low complexity that is not unique
  - c. A task that is low complexity and is unique in nature
  - d. Task if the complexity is high but very low in uniqueness
  - e. A task that is high in complexity and high in uniqueness
  - f. A very unique task
4. A dock construction project a sub-contractor is completed to be in a month time frame. The lumber is delivered to your house on time t the end of the first work. After two days, you find that some of the lumber does not pass your quality test. It will take you at least 3 days to return and receive the lumber.
  - a. Which of the six factors of project success does this affect the most?
  - b. How this this action affect the overall project success and the rest of the factors?
  - c. Which of the six factors emphasized from the beginning to make this project/process a success?
  - d. Who are the stakeholders and how you going to explain to the impact on the project success.
  - e. What are the project's success factors if completed on time even after this problem and ad what are some of the project management's success factors?
5. Why do some projects have short lifespans while others have long lifespans