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Continuing Education Course #186  
Intellectual Property and Patent  
For the Professional Engineer

1. In the economic sense a technology can be viewed as a specific cost relationship between material and labor factors in producing an outcome.
  - a. True,
  - b. False.
2. Generally it is innovation and invention that can produce Intellectual Property (IP).
  - a. True,
  - b. False.
3. For PE licensure, recognized areas of competence include:
  - a. nuclear,
  - b. software,
  - c. both of the above,
  - d. neither of the above.
4. In the United States, Intellectual Property (IP) rights include:
  - a. copyrights,
  - b. patents,
  - c. trademarks
  - d. all of the above.
5. In the United States, trade secret law is primarily handled:
  - a. at the state level,
  - b. by the USPTO,
  - c. by International courts,
  - d. none of the above.
6. A practicing Agricultural PE can seek two forms of plant IP:
  - a. True,
  - b. False.
7. The United States Patent and Trademark Office issues and administers patents:
  - a. all 50 states,
  - b. District of Columbia,
  - c. all US Possessions,
  - d. all of the above.
8. Recognized US Patent types include:

- a. Utility Patents,
  - b. Design Patents,
  - c. Plant Patents,
  - d. all of the above.
9. A greater number of Design patents have been issued than Utility patents.
- a. True,
  - b. False.
10. Utility patents expire exactly 17 years after issuance:
- a. True,
  - b. False.
11. Primary requirements of a patent application include:
- a. Disclosure of the preferred embodiment,
  - b. Must be novel,
  - c. Must not be obvious,
  - d. all of the above.
12. The content matter of a patent cannot be already patented, published, or disclosed anywhere in the world.
- a. True,
  - b. False.
13. A patent document structure includes:
- a. specification(s),
  - b. drawing(s),
  - c. claim(s),
  - d. all of the above.
14. A patent's claims define the inventor's rights:
- a. True,
  - b. False.
15. Either Patent Agent or Patent Attorney is required for filing a patent with the USPTO.
- a. True,
  - b. False.
16. Either Patent Agent or Patent Attorney may provide opinions of validity for purposes of litigation as well as infringement opinions related to US Patents.
- a. True,
  - b. False.
17. A provisional patent application is good for 18 months;
- a. True
  - b. False
18. In the US, a provisional patent does not exist:
- a. True,
  - b. False.
19. The new Leahy-Smith "America Invents Act" changes US law to "first-to-invent."

- a. True,
- b. False.

20. In general, microentity filing status may be obtained by either of these groups of applicants; a group where each inventor or applicant has gross income below a specified threshold and a limited number of patent applications OR a group where each inventor or applicant qualifies as a small entity and is employed by an institution of higher education.

- a. True,
- b. False.

21. An organization (such as a corporation) can file as an inventor.

- a. True,
- b. False.

22. Pre-Invention Assignment Agreements are accepted uniformly in every state

- a. True,
- b. False.

23. An employer will own an employee's patent under "shop rights."

- a. True,
- b. False.

24. An individual can obtain a single International Patent that is accepted in the USA, too.

- a. True,
- b. False.

25. The USA permits the filing of a "software patent."

- a. True,
- b. False.

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