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1. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (B). 35 U.S.C. § 103; *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966); MPEP § 2141. Resolving any issue of indefiniteness in favor of clarity is not among the factual inquiries enunciated in *Graham*. The four factual inquiries are set forth in answers (A), (C), (D), and (E).

2. ANSWER: (B) is the most correct answer. The application number of each U.S. patent is not required to be listed by 37 CFR 1.98(b)(1), which provides “(b)(1) Each U.S. patent listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by inventor, patent number, and issue date.” The elements of (A) are found in 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(3)(ii). The elements of (C) are found in 37 CFR 1.98 (b)(5). The elements of (D) are found in 37 CFR 1.98(c). The elements of (E) are found in 37 CFR 1.98(d).

3. ANSWER: (D) is the most correct answer. The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. § 119(b) or PCT Rule 17 must, in any event, be filed before the patent is granted, not before the examiner allows the claims, as is required by 37 CFR 1.55 (Claim for foreign priority), subparagraph (a)(2), which states “(2) The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. 119(b) or PCT Rule 17 must, in any event, be filed before the patent is granted...” As to (B), (B) contains the elements of 37 CFR 1.55 (a)(2), which states “...If the claim for priority or the certified copy of the foreign application is filed after the date the issue fee is paid, it must be accompanied by the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i), but the patent will not include the priority claim unless corrected by a certificate of correction under 35 U.S.C. 255 and § 1.323.” As to (C), (C) contains the elements of 37 CFR 1.55 (a)(1)(ii), which provides “(ii) In an application that entered the national stage from an international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371, the claim for priority must be made during the pendency of the application and within the time limit set forth in the PCT and the Regulations under the PCT.” As to (A), (A) contains the elements of 37 CFR 1.14(c)(1)(i), which states “[i]f a U.S. patent application publication or patent incorporates by reference, or includes a specific reference under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120 to, a pending or abandoned application, a copy of that application-as-filed may be provided to any person upon written request including the fee set forth in § 1.19(b)(1).” As to (E), (E) contains all of the elements of 37 CFR 1.14(c)(1)(ii), which states “If an international application, which designates the U.S. and which has been published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2), incorporates by reference or claims priority under PCT Article 8 to a pending or abandoned U.S. application, a copy of that application-as-filed may be provided to any person upon written request including a showing that the publication of the application in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) has occurred and that the U.S. was designated, and upon payment of the appropriate fee set forth in § 1.19(b)(1).”

4. All answers accepted.

5. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (B). 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2), MPEP § 608.02; Notice (Interim Waiver of Parts of 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.165, and Delay in the Enforcement of the Change in 37 CFR 1.84(e) to No Longer Permit Mounting of Photographs) in Official Gazette May 22, 2001, 1246 OG 106 (“In summary, the USPTO has *sua sponte* waived 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iii) and 1.165(b) and is no longer requiring a black and white photocopy of any color drawing or photograph”). (A) is wrong because a petition under 37 CFR 1.84 is required to avoid an objection to the color photographs. Also, since small entity status was properly established at the time of filing, the inventor is entitled to maintain small entity status until any issue fee is due. 37 CFR 1.27(g)(1). (C) – (E) are also wrong because they do not provide for the required petition under 37 CFR 1.84. In (D), the change in small entity status after the application was filed does not require the inventor to retroactively pay a large entity filing fee. Additionally, (E) is wrong because the inventor would be required to file a large entity filing fee and a continuation application therefore does not achieve the stated goal of avoiding unnecessary government fees.

6. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (A). As stated in MPEP § 2107.01 (IV). A deficiency under 35 U.S.C. § 101 also creates a deficiency under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. See *In re Brana*, 51 F.3d 1560, 34 USPQ2d 1436 (Fed. Cir. 1995); *In re Jolles*, 628 F.2d 1322, 1326 n.10, 206 USPQ 885, 889 n.11 (CCPA 1980); *In re Fouche*, 439 F.2d 1237, 1243, 169 USPQ 429, 434 (CCPA 1971) (“If such compositions are in fact useless, appellant’s specification cannot have taught how to use them.”). (B) is not correct. MPEP § 2107 (II), and see *Brooktree Corp. v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.*, 977 F.2d 1555, 1571, 24 USPQ2d 1401, 1412 (Fed. Cir. 1992); and *E.I. du Pont De Nemours and Co. v. Berkley and Co.*, 620 F.2d 1247, 1260 n.17, 205 USPQ 1, 10 n.17 (8th Cir. 1980). (C), (D) and (E) are not correct. MPEP § 2107 (II), and see *E.I. du Pont De Nemours and Co. v. Berkley and Co.*, 620 F.2d 1247, 1260 n.17, 205 USPQ 1, 10 n.17 (8th Cir. 1980).

7. ANSWER: (B). The opposite is true in that 37 CFR 1.165 (Plant Drawings) expressly provides that “[v]iew numbers and reference characters need not be employed unless required by the examiner.” The elements of (A) are all present in 37 CFR 1.163. The elements of (C) are all present in 37 CFR 1.163(b). The elements of (D) are all present in 37 CFR 1.163(c). The elements of (E) are all present in 37 CFR 1.163(d).

8. ANSWER: Statement (E) is false and is not a correct statement. Since a redacted copy of the application was used for publication purposes, 37 CFR 1.14 (c)(2) provides that “(2) If a redacted copy of the application was used for the patent application publication, the copy of the specification, drawings, and papers may be limited to a redacted copy.” For (A) and (B), see 37 CFR 1.14(b)(2). For (C) see 37 CFR 1.14(b)(2) and (c)(1)(i). As to (D), a coinventor is entitled to access to the application independent of whether or not he or she signed the declaration. Note that as stated in 37 CFR 1.41(a)(2), if a declaration or oath is not filed, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers.

9. ANSWER: (B) is the most correct answer, and (A) and (C) are wrong. MPEP § 715.05 (“If the patent is claiming the same invention as the application and its issue date is one year or more prior to the presentation of claims to that invention in the application, a rejection of the claims of the application under 35 U.S.C. § 135(b) should be made. See *In re McGrew*, 120 F.3d 1236,

1238, 43 USPQ2d 1632, 1635 (Fed.Cir. 1997) (holding that application of 35 U.S.C. § 135(b) is not limited to *inter partes* interference proceedings, but may be used as a basis for ex parte rejections.”). (D) is wrong. See MPEP § 2307 (“The fact that the application claim may be broad enough to cover the patent claim is not sufficient. *In re Frey*, 182 F.2d 184, 86 USPQ 99 (CCPA 1950)”). (E) is also wrong. See MPEP § 2307 (“If the claim presented or identified as corresponding to the proposed count was added to the application by an amendment filed more than one year after issuance of the patent...then under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 135(b), an interference will not be declared unless at least one of the claims which were in the application...prior to expiration of the one-year period was for ‘substantially the same subject matter’ as at least one of the claims of the patent.”).

10. ANSWER: (B) is the most correct answer. 37 CFR 1.192(a); MPEP § 1206, “Time For Filing Appeal Brief.” (A) is incorrect. 37 CFR 1.192(a); MPEP § 1206, “Time For Filing Appeal Brief.” (C) is incorrect. MPEP §§ 1206 and 1215.04. Although failure to file the brief within the permissible time will result in dismissal of the appeal, if any claims stand allowed, the application does not become abandoned by the dismissal, but is returned to the examiner for action on the allowed claims. (D) is incorrect. 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), MPEP § 1206, “Time For Filing Appeal Brief.” A proper brief must be filed before the petition to revive the application and reinstate the appeal will be considered on its merits. Alternatively, a continuing application or an RCE may be filed. 37 CFR 1.137(c). (E) is incorrect. MPEP § 1206, “Time For Filing Appeal Brief.” The time extended is added to the calendar day of the original period, as opposed to being added to the day it would have been due when said last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday.

11. ANSWER: (C) is the correct answer. MPEP § 706.07(b). (A) is incorrect because a final rejection is not proper on a second action if it includes a rejection on newly cited art other than information submitted in an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c). MPEP § 706.07(a). (B) is incorrect because it is improper to make final a first Office action in a continuation-in-part application where any claim includes subject matter not present in the parent application. MPEP § 706.07(b). (D) is incorrect because it is improper to make final a first Office action in a substitute application where that application contains material, which was presented in the earlier application after final rejection, or closing of prosecution but was denied entry because the issue of new matter was raised. MPEP § 706.07(b). (E) is incorrect because (C) is correct.

12. ANSWER: (C). This is not true since 37 CFR 1.76(d)(4) provides, in part, “(4)...Captured bibliographic information derived from an application data sheet containing errors may be recaptured by a request therefore and the submission of a supplemental application data sheet, an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 or § 1.67, or a letter pursuant to 37 CFR 1.33(b).” (A) is in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(a). (B) is in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(b). (D) is in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(c). (E) is in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76 (d)(4).

13. ANSWER: (D) is the most correct answer. 37 CFR 1.114(d), last sentence. (A), (B), (C), and (E) are not the most correct answers. Each is recognized as being a “submission” within the scope of 37 CFR 1.114(c).

14. ANSWER: (C), not being in accord with proper USPTO practice and procedure, is the most correct answer. As stated in “Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 1, ‘Written Description’ Requirement,” 66 F.R. 1099, 1107 (Jan. 5, 2001), middle column, “A general allegation of ‘unpredictability in the art’ is not a sufficient reason to support a rejection for lack of adequate written description”; MPEP § 2163, paragraph III. A. (pg. 2100-166) (8th Ed.). (A), being in accord with proper USPTO practice and procedure, is not correct. As stated in “Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 1, ‘Written Description’ Requirement,” 66 F.R. 1099, 1107 (Jan. 5, 2001), left column, “A description as filed is presumed to be adequate...” MPEP § 2163, paragraph III. A. (pg. 2100-166) (8th Ed.). (B), being in accord with proper USPTO practice and procedure, is not correct. As stated in “Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 1, ‘Written Description’ Requirement,” 66 F.R. 1099, 1107 (Jan. 5, 2001), “A description as filed is presumed to be adequate, unless or until sufficient evidence or reasoning to the contrary has been presented by the examiner to rebut the presumption.⁶⁵ ...The examiner has the initial burden of presenting by a preponderance of evidence why a person skilled in the art would not recognize in an applicant’s disclosure a description of the invention defined by the claims.⁶⁶” (footnotes not reproduced); MPEP § 2163, paragraph III. A. (pg. 2100-166) (8th Ed.). (D), being in accord with proper USPTO practice and procedure, is not correct. As stated in “Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 1, ‘Written Description’ Requirement,” 66 F.R. 1099, 1107 (Jan. 5, 2001), left column, “[W]hen filing an amendment, applicant should show support in the original disclosure for new or amended claims.⁵⁹” Footnote 59 states, “See MPEP §§ 714.02 and 2163.06 (‘Applicant should...specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure.’)”; MPEP § 2163, paragraph III. A. 3. (b) (pg. 2100-165) (8th Ed.). (E), being in accord with proper USPTO practice and procedure, is not correct. As stated in “Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 1, ‘Written Description’ Requirement,” 66 F.R. 1099, 1106 (Jan. 5, 2001), right column, “[W]hen there is substantial variation within a genus, an applicant must describe a sufficient variety of species to reflect the variation within the genus”; MPEP § 2163, paragraph III. A. 3. (a)(ii) (pg. 2100-164) (8th Ed.).

15. ANSWER: (C). Not all fees are subject to the small entity reduction. See, for example, 37 CFR 1.17(p). As to (A), a small business concern for the purposes of claiming small entity status for fee reduction purposes is any business concern that: (i) has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person, concern, or organization which would not qualify for small entity status as a person, small business concern, or nonprofit organization. and (ii) meets the standards set forth in the appropriate section of the code of federal regulations to be eligible for reduced patent fees. *Sam’s Labs* meets all of the elements required by 37 CFR 1.27 (a)(2). Statement (B) contains all of the elements required by 37 CFR 1.27 (a)(4). Statement (D) contains all of the elements required by 37 CFR 1.27 (c)(1). Statement (E) contains all of the elements required by 37 CFR 1.27 (c)(1)(iii).

16. ANSWER: (C) is the correct answer. Claim 3 in answer (C) employs improper multiple dependent claim wording. MPEP § 608.01(n)(I)(B). (A), (B), (D), and (E) are incorrect as each uses acceptable multiple dependent claim wording. MPEP § 608.01(n)(I)(A).

17. ANSWER: (C) is the correct answer. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). MPEP § 2111.02 provides that the preamble generally is not accorded patentable weight where it merely recites the intended use of a structure. (A) is incorrect because it does not disclose an oxygen sensor. (B) is incorrect because the patent is not more than one year prior to the date of the Ted's application. (D) is incorrect because the Japanese patent application issued after the date of Ted's application. 35 U.S.C. § 102(d). (E) is incorrect because (C) is correct.

18. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (B). MPEP § 2106 (IV)(B)(2)(b)(ii) (Computer Related Process ...), "If the 'acts' of a claimed process manipulate only numbers, abstract concepts or ideas, or signals representing any of the foregoing, the acts are not being applied to appropriate subject matter. Thus, a claim to a process consisting solely of mathematical operations, i.e., converting one set of numbers into another set of numbers, does not manipulate appropriate subject matter and thus cannot constitute a statutory process." (A) is not correct. MPEP § 2106 (V)(B)(1), and see *In re Barker*, 559 F.2d 588, 591, 194 USPQ 470, 472 (CCPA 1977), cert. denied, *Barker v. Parker*, 434 U.S. 1064 (1978) (a specification may be sufficient to enable one skilled in the art to make and use the invention, but still fail to comply with the written description requirement). See also *In re DiLeone*, 436 F.2d 1404, 1405, 168 USPQ 592, 593 (CCPA 1971). Also, the written description requirement is in the first paragraph, not the second paragraph, of 35 U.S.C. § 112. (C) is not correct. MPEP § 2106 (IV)(B)(2)(a) (Statutory Product Claims). (D) is not correct. MPEP § 2106 (IV)(B)(1)(c) (Natural Phenomena Such As Electricity or Magnetism), and see *O'Reilly v. Morse*, 56 U.S. (15 How.) at 112 - 114. (E) is incorrect. MPEP § 2106 (IV)(B)(2) (Statutory Subject Matter), and see *Diamond v. Chakrabarty*, 447 U.S. 303, 308, 206 USPQ 193, 197 (1980); and *Shell Development Co. v. Watson*, 149 F. Supp. 279, 280, 113 USPQ 265, 266 (D.D.C. 1957), *aff'd per curiam*, 252 F.2d 861, 116 USPQ 428 (D.C. Cir. 1958).

19. ANSWER: The correct response is (E). Adams is not entitled to a patent because he did not himself invent the subject matter sought to be patented. 35 U.S.C. § 102(f). Therefore, statement (C) cannot be correct. Statement (A) is incorrect because, although the machine was known by others, it was not known by others in this country as required under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). It does not matter that Mexico is a NAFTA country. Similarly, statements (B) and (D) are incorrect because, even if there was a sale or public use more than a year before Adams' filing date, it was not "in this country" as required by 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Again, it does not matter that Mexico is a NAFTA country.

20. ANSWER: (C) is the most correct answer. See 37 CFR 1.196(b); MPEP § 1214.01. As to (A) see MPEP § 1206, p.1200-8, "(6) Issues." As to (B), the recapture doctrine prevents claims from being recaptured. See MPEP § 1412.02. As to (D) see 37 CFR 1.196(d) and MPEP § 1212 where it states that failure to respond in time will result in dismissal of the appeal. As to (E), third party may not appeal 37 CFR 1.310 and 1.303(a). *Syntex (U.S.A.) Inc. v. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*, 11 USPQ2d 1866, 1869 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (a reexamination under 35 U.S.C. § 302 is conducted ex parte after it is instituted); *In re Opprecht*, 10 USPQ2d 1718 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (third parties do not participate in ex parte reexamination before the USPTO).

21. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (C). MPEP § 2144.04(VII), citing *In re Bergstrom*, 427 F.2d 1394, 166 USPQ 256 (CCPA 1970). (A) is not correct. MPEP § 2144.04(IV)(A),

citing *Gardner v. TEC Systems, Inc.*, 725 F.2d 1338, 220 USPQ 777 (Fed. Cir. 1984), *cert. denied*, 469 U.S. 830, 225 USPQ 232 (1984). (B) is not correct. MPEP § 2144.04(IV)(B) citing *In re Dailey*, 357 F.2d 669, 149 USPQ 47 (CCPA 1966). (D) is not correct. MPEP § 2144.04(VI)(A), citing *In re Gazda*, 219 F.2d 449, 104 USPQ 400 (CCPA 1955). (E) is not correct. MPEP § 2144.04(II)(A), citing *In re Larson*, 340 F.2d 965, 144 USPQ 347 (CCPA 1965); *In re Kuhle*, 526 F.2d 553, 188 USPQ 7 (CCPA 1975); and *Ex parte Wu*, 10 USPQ 2031 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1989).

22. ANSWER: (D). 37 CFR 1.97 (g) specifically states that “[a]n information disclosure statement filed in accordance with section shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.” The elements of (A) are supported by 37 CFR 1.97 (c). The elements of (B) are supported by 37 CFR 1.97(d). The elements of (C) are supported by 37 CFR 1.97(f). The elements of (E) are supported by 37 CFR 1.97(h).

23. ANSWER: (A) is the correct answer. 35 U.S.C. § 102 (d), and MPEP § 706.02(c). (A) is correct because the foreign patent establishes a bar under 35 U.S.C. §102 (d). MPEP § 706.02 (e). (B) is incorrect because the invention is not described in a printed publication more than one year prior to the date of the U.S. application. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). (C) is incorrect because the invention is not in public use more than one year prior to the date of the U.S. application. MPEP § 2133. (D) is incorrect because the sale is not in the United States. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b); MPEP §§ 706.02(c) and 2133.03(d). (E) is incorrect because (A) is correct.

24. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (D). 35 U.S.C. § 116, first paragraph; MPEP § 2137.01, “Inventorship,” and see *Kimberly-Clark Corp. v. Procter & Gamble Distributing*, 23 USPQ2d 1921, 1925 - 26 (Fed. Cir. 1992); and *Moler v. Purdy*, 131 USPQ 276, 279 (Bd. Pat. Inter. 1960). (A) is not correct. MPEP § 2137.01 (Requirements for Joint Inventorship) and see *Kimberly-Clark Corp. v. Procter & Gamble Distributing*, 23 USPQ2d 1921, 1925 - 26 (Fed. Cir. 1992); and *Moler v. Purdy*, 131 USPQ 276, 279 (Bd. Pat. Inter. 1960). (B) is not correct. 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 115; MPEP § 2137.01. (C) is not correct. MPEP § 2137.01. The inventor of an element, per se, and the inventor of a combination using that element may differ. See *In re DeBaun*, 214 USPQ 933, 936 (CCPA 1982); and *In re Facius*, 161 USPQ 294, 301 (CCPA 1969). (E) is not correct. There is no provision in the Patent Statute requiring the invention to be reduced to practice in order to file a patent application claiming the invention. Further, see MPEP § 2137.01; and see *In re DeBaun*, 214 USPQ 933, 936 (CCPA 1982).

25. ANSWER: (C). Ada may file an affidavit or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131. As to (A), *In Evans Cooling Systems, Inc. v. General Motors Corp.*, 125 F.3d 1448, 44 USPQ 2d 1037 (Fed. Cir. 1997), the Federal Circuit held that even though an invention is misappropriated by a third party, the public sale bar applies (35 U.S.C. § 102(b)). However, the sale occurs in China and not in the United States as is required by 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). As to (B), the sale in China is not a bar. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) requires the sales to be in the United States. As to (D), reexaminations are based solely upon patents and printed publications. (E) is incorrect since disclosure of another’s idea does not render a patent invalid and breach of the confidentiality agreement does not render the patent invalid.

26. All answers accepted.

27. ANSWER: (C) is the correct answer. 37 CFR 1.144; MPEP §§ 818.03(a)-(c). (A), (B), and (D) are each incorrect because no supposed errors in the restriction requirement are distinctly and specifically pointed out. (A) and (D) are further incorrect because no election is made. (E) is incorrect because (C) is correct.

28. ANSWER: (D). See 37 CFR 1.196(b); MPEP § 1214.01. As to (A) see MPEP § 1204 under Special Case. As to (B), the recapture doctrine prevents claims from being recaptured. See MPEP § 1412.02. As to (C) see 37 CFR 1.196(d) and MPEP § 1212 where it states that failure to respond in time will result in dismissal of the appeal. As to (E), third party may not appeal. 35 U.S.C. § 306; MPEP § 2273; *Syntex (U.S.A.) Inc. v. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*, 11 USPQ2d 1866, 1869 (Fed. Cir. 1989)(a reexamination is conducted *ex parte* after it is instituted); *In re Opprecht*, 10 USPQ2d 1718 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (third parties do not participate before the USPTO). See also MPEP § 2279.

29. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (C). Regardless of whether the customized PDA or the golf magazine article qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and/or § 102(b), and despite the belief that the claims are patentably distinct, Kat's derivation of the idea for the golfer's aid from those sources raises a possible obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103/102(f). See 37 CFR 1.56. Moreover, the golf magazine article published more than a year before Kat's filing date and is therefore available as prior art under at least 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

30. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (C). The level of ordinary skill in the art is one of the factors that must be considered in any obviousness determination. *Graham v. John Deere*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966). (A) is not the best answer because 35 U.S.C. § 103 specifically states that patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made. (B) is not the best answer because economic unfeasibility is not a basis for a determination of nonobviousness. See MPEP § 2145 VII. (D) is directed to the issue of enablement, not obviousness. (E) is wrong because the commercial success of the prior art distance finder is not relevant (although commercial success of Kat's invention would be relevant).

31. ANSWER: The best answer is (E). The effective prior art date of Nichols' U.S. patent under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) and 102(b) is September 18, 2001. Therefore, answers (A), (B) and (C) are incorrect. The provisions of § 102(d) do not apply to Kat's application at least because Nichols' German application was not filed by Kat. (D) is therefore incorrect.

32. ANSWER: The best answer is (D). Answers (A), (B) and (C) do not provide antecedent basis for "said receiver" in part v of claim 8. Answer (E) does not provide antecedent basis for "said plurality of remote devices" in claims 9 and 10.

33. ANSWER: (E) is correct because 37 CFR 1.321(a) states, in pertinent part, that "any patentee may disclaim or dedicate to the public...any terminal part of the term, of the patent granted." 35 U.S.C. § 173 states, "Patents for designs shall be granted for the term of fourteen years from the date of grant." (A) is wrong because such action would not permit Igor to financially exploit any portion of the term of his patent, since 37 CFR 3.56 indicates that the

result is a conditional assignment, which is regarded as an absolute assignment for Office purposes. (B) is wrong because 37 CFR 1.321(a) provides for dedication to the public of “the entire term, or any terminal part of the term” only. “[T]he first five years of the patent term” does not qualify as a terminal part of the term. (C) is wrong because Igor would not achieve his objective of dedicating at least a portion of his patent term to the public, since the term of the design patent would expire on January 23, 2015. 35 U.S.C. § 173. (D) is wrong because 37 CFR 1.321(a) restricts a disclaimer to “any complete claim or claims” or “the entire term, or any terminal part of the term” of a patent. “Royalties received from licensing” are not addressed by 37 CFR 1.321(a).

34. ANSWER: (D) is the correct answer. The phrase “consisting of” excludes any step not specified in the claim. MPEP § 2111.03. Thus, a claim that depends from a claim which “consists of” the recited steps cannot add a step. *Id.* Here, the dependent claim adds the step of cooling. Answer (A) is incorrect because the transitional term “comprising” is inclusive or open-ended and does not exclude additional, unrecited steps. MPEP § 2111.03. Answers (B) and (C) are incorrect because the terms “including” and “characterized by” are synonymous with the term “comprising.” MPEP § 2111.03. Answer (E) is incorrect because Answer (B) and Answer (C) are incorrect.

35. ANSWER: (D) is correct because 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) indicates that such action may avoid abandonment of the application. (A) is wrong because the action is being taken more than 45 days after filing of the corresponding application in the French Patent Office and thus will not avoid abandonment of the application. 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). (B) is wrong because 37 CFR 1.213(a)(4) requires that the request be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b)(4), which requires that all applicants sign. (C) is wrong because such action will not avoid abandonment of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). (E) is wrong because Amy’s application has not issued as a patent, and reissue relates only to applications that have issued as patents.

36. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (C). The one-month extension of time filed February 23, 2001 properly extended the deadline for reply to Friday, March 23, 2001. When a timely reply is ultimately not filed, the application is regarded as abandoned after midnight of the date the period for reply expired, *i.e.*, the application was abandoned at 12:01 AM on Saturday, March 24, 2001. The fact that March 24 was a Saturday does not change the abandonment day because the reply was due on March 23, a business day. MPEP § 710.01(a).

37. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (B). MPEP § 2163.01. (A) is incorrect because the claims as filed in the original application are part of the disclosure, MPEP §§ 2163.03 and 2163.06(III), and claim 2 is enabled by the original disclosure. (C) is incorrect. The original disclosure enables claim 2. (D) is incorrect because although the specification should be objected to, the original disclosure enables each of the claims. MPEP § 2163.06(I). (E) is incorrect because (B) is correct.

38. ANSWER: (A) is the correct answer. 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4) and (c), effective date November 7, 2000; *see*, “Changes To Implement the Patent Business Goals; Final Rule,” 65 FR 54604, 54630 (September 8, 2000); and 37 CFR 1.114, effective date August 16, 2000, “Request for

Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice; Final Rule,” 65 FR 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); MPEP § 609, paragraph III.B(1)(b) (pg. 600-125) (8th Ed.). (A) is correct since November 15, 2000, is “before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114” (37 CFR 1.97(b)(4)). As stated in 65 FR 54630, column 2, “As the filing of a RCE under § 1.114 is not the filing of an application, but merely continuation of the prosecution in the current application, § 1.97(b)(4) does not provide a three-month window for submitting an IDS after the filing of a request for continued examination”; MPEP § 609, paragraph III.B (1)(b) (pg. 600-125) (8th Ed.). Thus, choices (B) and (C) are each incorrect as they are subject to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(c). (E) is incorrect since (A) is correct.

39. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (C). The petition for extension of time filed June 18, 2001 provided applicant with a one-month extension of time from the original due date, June 16, 2001 (not from the date the petition was filed). See MPEP § 710.01(a). Thus, the extended due date was Monday, July 16. Since an additional extension of time is needed, (B) is incorrect. Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), applicant’s statement is treated as a constructive petition for extension of time. MPEP § 710.02(e). (A) is incorrect because applicant’s statement in the Remarks portion of the Amendment acted as a constructive petition for extension of time and, therefore, the Amendment is timely. There is no need for the petition to appear in a separate paper, so (D) is not correct. (E) is incorrect because (A) and (D) are both incorrect.

40. ANSWER: (A) is true since only the inventor may file for a patent. 35 U.S.C. § 101. As to answers (C) and (E), since Alice is not a joint inventor and she does not have sufficient proprietary interest in the invention, she may not file a patent application on Mike’s behalf. 35 U.S.C. § 116; 37 CFR 1.47(b). As to (B), you ordinarily may not accept payment from someone other than your client. 37 CFR 10.68(a)(1). As to (D), inventorship cannot be changed when there is deceptive intent.

41. ANSWER: (E) is the correct answer. 37 CFR 1.114 (effective August 16, 2000); “Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice; Final Rule,” 65 FR 50092, 50097 (August 16, 2000); MPEP § 706.07(h), paragraph I (pg. 700-69) (8th Ed.). (A) is a final action (37 CFR 1.113). 65 FR 50097, column 1, states in pertinent part, “...an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 1935 Comm’r Dec. 11 (1935)).” Thus (A), (B), (C) and (D) are individually correct, and (E), being the most inclusive, is the most correct answer.

42. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (E). A dependent claim must further limit the claim from which it depends. 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶4; 37 CFR 1.75(c). Dependent claim 6 (Answer E) improperly seeks to broaden Claim 1 by omitting an element set forth in the parent claim.

43. ANSWER: (E) is the correct answer. (A) is incorrect because it is permitted experimental testing. MPEP §§ 2133.03(e)(3) and (6). (B) and (D) are each incorrect because the sales occurred outside of the United States. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b); MPEP §§ 706.02(c) and 2133.03(d). (C) is incorrect as it provides the basis for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, but not 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

44. ANSWER: (A) is the correct answer. 37 CFR 1.114, effective date August 16, 2000, "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice; Final Rule," 65 FR 50092, 50097; MPEP § 609, paragraph III. B (1)(b) (pg. 600-125) and MPEP 706.07(h), paragraph II (pg. 700-69) (8th Ed.). In (A), the information disclosure statement, is a submission under 37 CFR 1.114(c), and the RCE was filed before the payment of the issue fee. 37 CFR 1.114(a)(1). (B) is incorrect because the request for continued examination was filed after payment of the issue fee, and is filed without a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 being granted. Therefore (B) does not satisfy the provision of 37 CFR 1.114(a)(1). (C) is incorrect because the application becomes abandoned on February 14, 2001 for failure to pay the issue fee. Therefore the request for continued examination does not satisfy the provision of 37 CFR 1.114(a)(2). (D) is incorrect because a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 will not be effective to withdraw the application from issue unless it is actually received and granted by the appropriate officials before the date of issue. 37 CFR 1.313(d). Thus, the request for continued examination in (D) does not satisfy the provision of 37 CFR 1.114(a)(1). (E) is incorrect because (A) is correct.

45. ANSWER: (B) is correct because 37 CFR 1.217(a) permits such action within 16 months after the filing date for which a benefit is sought under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a), and 12 months is within 16 months. (A) and (C) are wrong because provisional and reissue applications are excepted from the publication provisions of 37 CFR 1.211(a) by 37 CFR 1.211(b). (D) is wrong because the provisions for publication of a redacted application do not apply when the foreign application is more extensive than the US application. (E) is wrong because 37 CFR 1.221(b) limits the period for filing a request for re-publication under such circumstances to 2 months from the date of the patent application publication.

46. ANSWER: (C) is the most correct answer. In *Evans Cooling Systems, Inc. v. General Motors Corp.*, 125 F.3d 1448, 44 USPQ 2d 1037 (Fed. Cir. 1997) the Federal Circuit held that even though an invention is misappropriated by a third party, the public sale bar applies (35 U.S.C. § 102(b)). Accordingly, (C) is true and (B) is not. (A) is incorrect since the people at MC were not the true inventors, and therefore, the misappropriation is within the jurisdiction of the USPTO. 35 U.S.C. § 102(f). (D) is incorrect inasmuch as (C) is incorrect. (E) is incorrect inasmuch as (C) is correct.

47. ANSWER: (A) is the correct answer. 37 CFR 1.105(a)(3). 37 CFR 1.105, effective date November 7, 2000, "Changes To Implement the Patent Business Goals; Final Rule," September 8, 2000, 65 FR 54604, 54634; MPEP § 704.12(b) (pg. 700-10) (8th Ed.). (B) is incorrect because the requirement for information may be included in an Office action, or sent separately. 37 CFR 1.105(b). (C) is incorrect because 37 CFR 1.56(c) includes each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application. 37 CFR 1.56(c)(2). (D) is incorrect because information used to draft a patent application may be required and there is no support for (D) in 37 CFR 1.105. (E) is incorrect because (A) is correct.

48. ANSWER: The most correct answer is (D). MPEP § 710.02(e) at p. 700-77. (A) and (B) are not true because the amendment is treated as timely. (C) is incorrect because there is no authority for giving 30 days from the notification mailing date to request an extension time. 37 CFR 1.136; MPEP § 710.02(a). (E) is untrue because (D) is true.

49. ANSWER: (D) is correct and (A), (B), (C), and (E) are wrong. 37 CFR 1.215 (“(c) At applicant’s option, the patent application publication will be based upon the copy of the application...as amended during examination, provided that applicant supplies such a copy in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements within one month of the actual filing date of the application. ... (d)...If...the Office has not started the publication process, the Office may use an untimely filed copy of the application supplied by the applicant under paragraph (c) of this section in creating the patent application publication.”). The Office in a notice (“Assignment of Confirmation Number and Time Period for Filing a Copy of an Application by EFS for Eighteen-Month Publication Purposes”) in the Official Gazette on December 26, 2000, (1241 O.G. 97) advised that an electronic filing system (EFS) copy of an application will be used in creating the patent application publication even if it is submitted outside the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.215(c), provided that it is submitted within one month of the mailing date of the first Filing Receipt including a confirmation number for the application. This procedure does not obtain in the circumstance described in (B) inasmuch as the EFS copy of the application was not filed within one month of the mailing date of the first Filing Receipt including a confirmation number for the application.

50. ANSWER: (B) is the most correct answer. Admissions by applicant constitute prior art. 37 CFR 1.104(a)(3). As explained in *Tyler Refrigeration v. Kysor Industrial Corp.*, 777 F.2d 687, 227 USPQ 845 (Fed. Cir. 1985), the Fed. Circuit found that

the district court decided on two separate and independent grounds that the Aokage patent was such prior art. One basis was Tyler’s admission of the Aokage reference as prior art before the PTO during the prosecution of the ’922 Subera patent. The court found that, in a wrap-up amendment, the Tyler attorney admitted in his discussion as to “all the claims” of the three Subera applications, that “the most pertinent available prior art known to the Applicants and their representatives is the Aokage U.S. Patent 4,026,121 cited by the Examiner” (emphasis added). In view of this explicit admission, the district court’s decision was proper and was sufficiently based on clear and convincing evidence. The controlling case law in this court recognizes this principle. See *Aktiebolaget Karlstads Mekaniska Werkstad v. ITC*, 705 F.2d 1565, 1574, 217 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 865, 871 (Fed. Cir. 1983); *In re Fout*, 675 F.2d 297, 300, 213 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 532, 536 (CCPA 1982), and *In re Nomiya*, 509 F.2d 566, 571, 184 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 607, 612 (CCPA 1975). Thus, we must affirm the court’s decision that the Aokage patent was prior art and as such binding on Tyler. (Here again, we do not pass on the other grounds on which the court concluded that the Aokage was prior art within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102.)

Since (B) is true, (D) is not true. Answers (A), (C) and (D) also are not true since the Acme patent can not be sworn behind or otherwise removed as a result of the admission. (E) is not true because (A) and (D) are not true.