

Museum Essentials: Working Ethically Quiz Responses

Congratulations on completing the Stewardship of Collections section.

Outlined below are the answers to the questions. If you want more information please visit the [Museums Association website](#).

Q1 How many separate points are there within the Principle 2?

- A) 7
- B) 10
- C) 8
- D) 25

The correct answer is B) 10.

Within the Museum Association's Code of Ethics for Museums there are three principles and 25 specific points.

Within Principle 2 – Stewardship of Collections there are 10 points. They include a focus on acquisition, storage, loans, disposal and repatriation.

Q2 Principle 2.7 - Deal sensitively and promptly with requests for <FILL IN THE MISSING WORD> both within the UK and abroad.

- A) Disposal
- B) Repatriation
- C) Removal from Display
- D) None of the answers

The correct answer is B) Repatriation.

Repatriation is the process by which cultural objects are returned to a nation or state at the request of a government.

This is a dynamic area of work with increasing demands for and responses to requests for repatriation; and its close cousin Restitution, which is the process by which cultural objects are returned to an individual or a community.

The Collections Trust has clear guidance on both processes. [Click here for further information.](#)

Q3 Other than the Museums Association, what other organisations can support your ethical thinking when considering disposals?

- A) Subject Specialist Networks
- B) Collections Trust
- C) UK Registrars Group
- D) All of the answers

The correct answer is D) All of the answers.

There are a number of groups, sector bodies and networks that work within particular fields or disciplines. As such these groups have greater insight and experience working with ethical dilemmas from their particular expertise and point of view.

Q4 What factors should be taken into consideration as part of the acquisitions process?

- A) All acquisitions are in line with the Collections Policy or Strategy
- B) All acquisitions have clear provenance and have been collected lawfully
- C) Acquisitions should only take place where the organisation can provide adequate and long-term care
- D) All of the answers

The correct answer is D) All of the answers.

All museums need to collect ethically. This is more than where the object, artefact or specimen has come from, it is about the extent to which it reflects the aspiration of the museum in terms of the collections policy and strategy, the relationship to place and community and specifically the ability for the organisation to care for the object, artefact or specimen for future generations.

The Collections Trust has clear guidance on all collections processes as outlined in the [Spectrum Standards](#).