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Which of the following is *most likely* permitted under Standard I(C), Misrepresentation?

- A) Citing quotes attributed to "investment experts" without specific reference. 
- B) Including data showing the current government bond yield curve in a report to a client without stating its source. 
- C) Using excerpts from reports prepared by others without acknowledgement. 

Explanation

The government bond yield curve is factual information that is available from many recognized financial or statistical reporting services.

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A money manager works for a full-service brokerage firm. After meeting with a new client and gathering all relevant information, the money manager says that she thinks her firm can perform all the financial services the new client needs. With respect to the Standard on misrepresentation, this statement:

- A) is not a violation if it is based on the factual information gathered. 
- B) is a violation. 
- C) would only be a violation if it is made in writing. 

Explanation

There is no violation if the opinion is based upon the factual information gathered and the firm's actual capabilities. This is true whether or not the representation was written, oral, or electronic.

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An analyst belongs to a nationally recognized charitable organization, which requires dues for membership. The analyst has worked out a deal under which he provides money management advice in lieu of paying dues. While performing services for the organization, the analyst discovers some useful computer programs that his predecessor developed and left as the property of the organization. The analyst decides to use the computer programs in his consulting business. This action is:

- A)** a violation of Standard I(D) concerning misconduct. 
- B)** a violation of Standard III(B) concerning fair dealing. 
- C)** appropriate since the analyst is technically an employee of the organization. 

Explanation

Since the programs are the property of the organization, the analyst can only use them for the organization. It does not matter whether the analyst is an employee or not. Personal use of the programs without permission from the charitable organization is dishonest and prohibited.

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Jerry Brock, CFA, is a partner in a small investment advisory firm that caters to high net worth individuals. He has experienced a number of financial setbacks in his personal life over the past two years and has filed for bankruptcy protection. Brock does not inform his clients of this. Has Brock violated CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct?

- A)** Yes, because a member must conduct both personal and professional business in a manner that protects their reputation and integrity. 
- B)** Yes, because he must disclose the bankruptcy filing to his clients. 
- C)** No. 

Explanation

Declaring personal bankruptcy does not, by itself, reflect adversely on a member or candidate's integrity or trustworthiness. Only if the circumstances of the bankruptcy included fraud or dishonesty on the part of the member would it violate Standard I(D) Misconduct. Standard VI(A) Disclosure of Conflicts does not require members and candidates to disclose personal matters unless they create the appearance of a conflict of interest.

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All of the following are violations of Standard I(D), Misconduct, *EXCEPT*:

- A) conviction of a misdemeanor involving civil disobedience in support of one's personal beliefs. 
- B) any conduct that undermines confidence that the CFA charter represents a level of achievement based on merit and ethical conduct. 
- C) conviction of a crime involving fraud. 

Explanation

The Code and Standards do not focus on personal conduct as long as the conduct does not reflect poorly on one's professional reputation, integrity, or competence.

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Which of the following actions *most likely* violates Standard I(D) Misconduct?

- A) A Level I candidate submits a request to her employer for auto travel reimbursement using inflated mileage totals. 
- B) A member pursues an employment opportunity with a competing firm, primarily as a means of securing a salary increase from her current employer. 
- C) An analyst is arrested for trespassing while participating in an anti-abortion protest. 

Explanation

Any activity that reflects adversely on a member's professional reputation, integrity, or competence is a violation of Standard I(D) Misconduct. Standard I(D) is generally not intended to extend to legal transgressions resulting from acts of civil disobedience in support of personal beliefs. A member can pursue an employment opportunity with a competitor as long as the member abides by the Standards related to Duties to Employers.

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Sandra Bulow, CFA, is responsible for updating her employing firm's website to include changes in analysis techniques and trading procedures. She is often very delinquent in making these changes, despite working extensive hours. She is aware clients are using the website to make investment decisions, and has received complaints from the sales department as the information on the website is often different from what is presented in sales meetings. Bulow is *most likely*:

- A) in violation of Standard I(C) "Misrepresentation." 
- B) in violation of Standard III(B) "Fair Dealing." 
- C) not in violation of any Standard. 

Explanation

Bulow is most likely in violation of Standard I(C) "Misrepresentation." The web site information is erroneous, and needs to be updated to match the firm's current practices.

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Marc Randall, CFA, is an investment analyst. During a meeting with a potential client, Randall's boss states that, "You can be sure our investments will always outperform Treasury Bonds because of our fine research staff members, like Marc." Randall knows that this statement is:

- A) a violation of fiduciary duties owed to clients under the Standards. 
- B) a violation of the Standard concerning prohibition against misrepresentation. 
- C) not in violation of the Code and Standards. 

Explanation

Under Standard I(C), members are forbidden from guaranteeing a specific rate of return on volatile investments. Therefore, the statement is in violation of the Standard.

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Timothy Hooper, CFA, is a security analyst at an investment firm. In his spare time, Hooper serves as a volunteer for City Pride, which collects clothes for the homeless. Hooper has occasionally given some of the clothes to his friends or sold the clothes instead of returning all of the clothing to City Pride. City Pride discovers what he has been doing and dismisses him. Later, City Pride learns that other volunteer organizations have dismissed Hooper for similar actions. Has Hooper violated Standard I(D) on professional misconduct in the CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct?

- A) No, because Hooper volunteers his services to City Pride. 
- B) No, because Hooper's conduct is unrelated to his professional activities as a security analyst. 
- C) Yes. 

Explanation

Hooper violated Standard I(D) because he repeatedly engaged in conduct that involves dishonest conduct. This violation occurred despite the fact that his offenses do not relate directly to his professional activities. However, Hooper's conduct reflects poorly on his professional reputation and integrity.

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A CFA charterholder in a managerial position is in the process of hiring new analysts. If the charterholder conducts background checks on the job applicants with respect to their character, the charterholder has:

- A) complied with Standard I(D) concerning professional misconduct. 
- B) complied with Standard VII(A) concerning conduct of members and candidates in the CFA Program. 
- C) violated the Code of Ethics by invading the applicants' privacy. 

Explanation

To avoid potential problems and comply with Standard I(D), employers are encouraged to conduct background checks on potential employees.

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Which of the following *least likely* violates the Standard concerning misconduct? Roland Lawson, a financial analyst:

- A) drinks excessively during business meetings with clients and returns to work under the influence of alcohol. 
- B) is arrested for participating in a nonviolent protest. 
- C) committed perjury in connection with a lawsuit against his firm. 

Explanation

Guidance for Standard I(D) Misconduct recognizes civil disobedience as an activity that is not a violation. The focus of the Standard is on professional conduct, not personal conduct, unless the personal conduct involves dishonesty, fraud, or deceit.

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Based on CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct, which of the following statements is a violation of Standard I(C), Misrepresentation?

- A) A broker says XYZ stock is very likely to double in value over the next six months. 
- B) A young trainee bond trader tells a prospective client that she can assist the client in all the client's investment needs: equity, fixed income, and derivatives and based on her years of experience as an analyst in the business that an investment looks like it has lots of potential. 
- C) An investment manager recommends to a prospective client an investment in GNMA bonds because they are guaranteed by the federal government. 

Explanation

CFA Institute members, CFA charterholders, and CFA candidates are prohibited from misrepresenting their services or qualifications and inappropriate assurances about any investment or its return.

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A CFA charterholder takes a trip for which his firm will pay the expenses. Upon his return, he alters some of the numbers on restaurant receipts to inflate the expenses by about one half of a percent. Is this a violation of the Code and Standards?

- A) This is a violation only if the amount in question is material. 
- B) Yes, because the charterholder should have paid his own expenses. 
- C) Yes, because it reflects dishonesty. 

Explanation

Any action by a member or candidate involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit is a violation of Standard I(D) Misconduct.

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An analyst preparing a report needs to cite which of the following?

- A) A recent quote from the Federal Reserve Chairman. 
- B) Estimates of betas provided by Standard & Poor's. 
- C) The individual who developed a chart from the same firm. 

Explanation

Statistics provided by a recognized agency, such as Standard and Poor's, do not need to be cited. Charts, quotes, and algorithms developed by the firm would need to be cited when they are used but the individual(s) who developed the materials within the firm do not need to be cited.

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The following information involves two research analysts at a brokerage firm.

- Erik Bagenot, CFA, is preparing a research report on Global Enterprises, Inc. In preparing the report, he uses materials from many sources. For example, he uses factual information published by Standard & Poor's Corporation without acknowledging the source. He also uses excerpts from a research report prepared by another analyst. Bagenot makes only a slight change in wording for these excerpts, but acknowledges the source.
- Sally Wain, who is currently enrolled in the CFA program, is preparing a research report on Manson Telecommunications. She attends a conference in which several investment experts provide their views about the future prospects of this company. Wain cites several quotations from these investment experts in her report without specific reference.

According to CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct involving prohibition against plagiarism, which of the following statements is *CORRECT*?

- A)** Wain violated the Standards, but Bagenot did not. 
- B)** Both Bagenot and Wain violated the Standards. 
- C)** Bagenot violated the Standards, but Wain did not. 

Explanation

Bagenot complied with Standard I(C), which permits publishing factual information from Standard & Poor's without acknowledgment and using excerpts with acknowledgment. Wain committed plagiarism because she failed to give specific references for the quotations that she used.

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Which of the following are recommended procedures of compliance according to Standard I(D), Misconduct?

- A)** Conduct background checks on potential employees to ensure that they are of good character. 
- B)** Enroll employees in a continuing education program that would provide updates on required ethical behavior. 
- C)** Refer to the Professional Conduct Program for arbitration of disputes with other members or candidates. 

Explanation

According to Standard I(D) Misconduct - Procedures for Compliance: Members should encourage their employers to conduct background checks on potential employees to ensure that they are of good character and eligible to work in the investment industry.

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Which of the following *would be permissible* under Standard I(C), Misrepresentation?

- Including a graph showing the central bank's discount rates over the previous

A) 12 months in a report that goes to clients, without citing the source from which the data were gathered. 
- B)** Reporting statistics prepared by an outside firm, identifying the source but omitting caveats and qualifying statements. 
- C)** Using excerpts from a report prepared by a well known outside research firm without acknowledgement. 

Explanation

The only permissible action in the above list is including a graph of the Fed's discount rates over the last 12 months because it is factual information published by a recognizable financial and statistical reporting service.

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According to CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct, which of the following is least likely a form of misrepresentation?

- A)** Using factual information published by recognized financial and statistical reporting services or similar sources without acknowledgment. 
- B)** Attributing specific quotations to "leading analysts" and "investment experts" without specific reference. 

Presenting statistical estimates of forecasts prepared by others with the source
C) identified, but without qualifying statements or caveats that may have been used.



Explanation

Standard I(C) provides that "factual information published by recognized financial and statistical reporting services or similar sources" may be used without an acknowledgment.

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Hillary Jones, CFA, sometimes promises clients that she will allocate more shares from oversubscribed initial public offerings (IPOs) than she knows she will actually be able to deliver. Her employer has reprimanded her in the past for similar behavior. Which of the following statements is *least* accurate regarding Jones' behavior?

- A) Her actions are a violation of the standard concerning professional misconduct because she deceived her clients. 
- B) Her actions are a violation of the standard concerning misrepresentation, because she promised something she knew the firm could not deliver. 
- C) Her actions are a violation of the Standards only if prosecution results in a felony conviction. 

Explanation

Jones violated Standard I(C) Misrepresentation by promising clients she would allocate more shares than she could deliver. Her actions also violated Standard I(D) Misconduct pertaining to acts of **dishonesty**, fraud, or **deceit** which reflects adversely on a member's professional reputation, integrity, or competence. She also violated the Code of Ethics which states that members and candidates must act with **integrity**, competence, diligence, respect, and in an **ethical manner** with the public, clients, and prospective clients. The specific punishment for the actions is not relevant.

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According to CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct, which of the following statements about the prohibition against plagiarism is *most accurate*? The prohibition against plagiarism applies to written materials:

A) oral communications, and telecommunications. 

B) only. 

C) and oral communications only. 

Explanation

The prohibition against plagiarism applies to all three areas.

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A CFA charterholder is caught shoplifting and is sentenced to nine months in prison. Is this a violation of Standard I(D) Misconduct?

A) No, because the crime does not relate to the investment profession. 

B) Yes, because the crime involved stealing. 

C) Yes, because the prison sentence is more than six months. 

Explanation

Any act involving lying, cheating, stealing, or other dishonest conduct that reflects adversely on the charterholder's professional activities is a violation of Standard I(D). Although the crime did not relate to the investment profession, it certainly reflected adversely on the charterholder professionally.

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Paul Thomas, CFA, is designing a new layout for research reports his firm writes and issues on individual stocks. In his design, Thomas includes a stock chart on the first page of each report. He does not reference that the charts are copied from the Standard & Poor's website. Thomas has:

A) violated CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct because he did not state the source of the charts. 

B) violated CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct because he did not make sure that the information in these charts is accurate. 

- C) not violated CFA Institute Standards of Professional Conduct because these charts are widely available over the internet. 

Explanation

Standard I(C) Misrepresentation. Members should not copy or use material prepared by others without acknowledging and identifying the source of such material. Using charts and graphs without stating their source is a violation of the Standard. Data from recognized statistical reporting services may be used without attribution, but charts, analysis, and other such creative content may not.

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A CFA charterholder who comes to work intoxicated is:

- A) not in violation of the standards. 
- B) in violation of Standard I(D) concerning professional misconduct. 
- C) in violation of Standard IV(A) concerning duties to employer. 

Explanation

Being intoxicated at work is poor personal behavior. It is a violation of Standard I(D), which covers professional competence and integrity.

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All of the following violate Standard I(C), Misrepresentation, *EXCEPT*:

- A) citing quotes attributable to "investment experts" without specific references. 
- B) presenting factual information published by recognized statistical reporting services without acknowledgment. 
- C) copying a proprietary computerized spreadsheet without seeking authorization from the creators. 

Explanation

Standard I(C), Misrepresentation, permits using factual information from recognized financial and statistical reporting services without acknowledgment.

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Wes Smith, CFA, has been working toward the completion of a Master of Science in Finance. He has passed all the necessary courses and written the necessary thesis. He still must defend the thesis in one month. Smith's thesis advisor assures him that he will pass the thesis defense. Smith has new business cards printed with "M.S. in Finance" after his name. This is a violation of:

- A)** none of the Standards if Smith does not make the cards public until after he defends his thesis and receives his degree. 
- B)** Standard I(C), Misrepresentation. 
- C)** Standard VII(B), Reference to CFA Institute, the CFA Designation, and the CFA Program. 

Explanation

If the cards were distributed today he would be in violation of Standard I(C), Misrepresentation. However, if Smith does not make the cards public until after he receives the degree, there is no violation.

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