C_S4CPR_2508 Interview Preparation: SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition, Sourcing and Procurement

Illustrative case: Elena led a nine-month SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition programme covering 22 purchasing organisations and 6,8(suppliers. She handled 3,900 purchase orders each month. She also resolved fragmented supplier data and manual request-for-quotation (RFx) work.

SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition: foundational questions

Your procurement experience?

Tests: Ownership.

Answer: "I led cleansing, integration, and cutover across 22 units."

Avoid: Answers that only list tools.

Define SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition.

Tests: Scope.

Answer: "I see it as enterprise resource planning (ERP) for SAP S/4HANA procurement, covering purchasing, inventory, suppliers, ar finance."

Avoid: Claims that cover only accounting.

Walk through procure-to-pay.

Tests: Fluency.

Answer: "I run requisition approval, sourcing, purchase order (PO) creation, receipt, three-way matching, and payment."

Avoid: Skipping the PO–receipt–invoice match.

How does sourcing differ?

Tests: Boundaries.

Answer: "I assign RFx, awards, POs, and performance to SAP sourcing and procurement. Payment stays outside that scope."

Avoid: Unclear hand-offs.

What does SAP Ariba add?

Tests: Fit.

Answer: "I use SAP Ariba with SAP procurement software for RFx, onboarding, contracts, and collaboration."

Avoid: Calling Ariba the ERP.

SAP sourcing and procurement: operating model

Trace a requisition to a PO.

Tests: Control.

Answer: "I approve the requisition, assign the source, release the PO, create it, and transmit it."

Avoid: Missing source assignment.

How do you run an RFx?

Tests: Method.

Answer: "I define criteria and invite bids. I evaluate them, make the award, and issue the PO."

Avoid: Decisions based on price alone.

How do you manage suppliers?

Tests: Lifecycle.

Answer: "Through SAP supplier management, I cover onboarding, compliance, performance, development, and risk."

Avoid: Supplier records that remain static.

How do you control master data?

Tests: Governance.

Answer: "I profile, validate, and own supplier data, then migrate it in waves."

Avoid: Cleansing without controls.

How do you integrate SAP Ariba?

Tests: Architecture.

Answer: "I map application programming interfaces (APIs) for requisitions, POs, and confirmations, then test reconciliation."

Avoid: Confusing events with transactions.

Value, migration, and judgement

How do you balance standard and custom?

Tests: Judgement.

Answer: "I test the supported Clean Core baseline. I customise only where exceptions justify the cost."

Avoid: Premature customisation.

How do you plan migration?

Tests: Rigour.

Answer: "I cleanse, simulate loads, and reconcile. I freeze changes and set go/no-go readiness criteria."

Avoid: Confusing an upload with migration.

Which key performance indicators prove value?

Tests: Reasoning.

Answer: "I tie adoption to cycle time, exceptions, uncontracted (maverick) spend, and performance. Baselines matter."

Avoid: Treating correlation as causation.

Case metrics after stabilization:

- PO cycle: **6.4 to 4.3 days**
- Duplicate supplier rate: **6.2% to 1.4%**

Caveat: Results do not prove causation.

How do you drive adoption?

Tests: Leadership.

Answer: "I use superusers and scenarios. I also use dashboards and weekly exception clinics."

Avoid: Relying on training alone.

Respond to supplier risk.

Tests: Judgement.

Answer: "I model an 8% rise and test alternatives. I negotiate compliantly and escalate a dated plan."

Avoid: Keeping risk hidden.

Difficult moments and the close

Questions candidates get wrong

- **"Is SAP Ariba the ERP?"** Distinguish sourcing collaboration from S/4HANA transactions.
- **"What benefit did you deliver?"** State the baseline, period, method, and limits.

When you do not know

"I do not know the setting for this release. I would verify the configuration, test it in a sandbox, and answer by tomorrow. I will not invent a field name."

What to ask and send

Ask: "Which processes are in scope? Where does SAP Ariba hand off to SAP S/4HANA? Which metrics define success? Who owns maste data exceptions?"

Send: Within 24 hours, send a 150-word case note, one process diagram, three metrics with baselines, and a tailored thank-you.

SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition conclusion

Lessons

1. Name the decision, tool, and result.
2. Distinguish outcomes from causation.
3. Use detail you can defend.

FAQ

Certification or experience? Both. Separate exam knowledge from delivery evidence.

Metric count? Use three or four, each with a baseline, period, definition, and caveat.

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Question: 1

Which of the following apps can you use to extend the organizational data of an already existing material/product in SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition? Note: There are 2 correct answers to this question.

A. Manage Product Master Data
B. Change Material
C. Create Material
D. Manage Source Data Products

Answer: A, C

Question: 2

Which tasks are mandatory before you can migrate data for a specific object? Note: There are 2 correct answers to this question.

A. You select the same migration method previously used for other objects
B. Predecessor objects have been migrated
C. Permission to migrate the data has been assigned
D. All previous migration projects are in the "Finished" status

Answer: B, C

Question: 3

Which of the following systems are used to implement SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition for a customer? Note: There are 3 correct answers to this question.

A. Test system
B. Trial system
C. Development system
D. Starter system
E. Sandbox system

Answer: B, C, E

Question: 4

What do you use to collect the values that are entered into the configuration activities in SAP Central Business Configuration?

A. Business Driven Configuration Questionnaire
B. Availability and Dependencies of Solution Processes Excel
C. SAP Cloud ALM Requirements app
D. SAP Cloud ALM Processes app

Answer: A

Question: 5

How can you create an inbound delivery in your S/4HANA Cloud system?Note: There are 3 correct answers to this question.

A. Manually, with reference to the purchase order
B. Automatically, by creating a supplier invoice with a scheduled job
C. Automatically, by receiving an advanced shipping notification from the vendor electronically
D. Automatically, generated based on the purchase order data by a background job
E. Manually, with reference to the post goods receipt

Answer: A, C, E

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