

**TRUE** = Yes, the Product Owner is responsible for this thing, or it's true of the role.

**FALSE** = No, he/she or it isn't.

**DEPENDS** = It's not really either of the two clearly, depends on situation.







# TRUE

PO is the only person allowed to  
prioritize the Product Backlog.

# TRUE

PO and the Team collaborate to establish best possible plan that accounts for business value, risk, technical challenges, technical opportunities, effort, etc.

# TRUE

PO must be able to clearly define  
the key business criteria for  
selected work.

# TRUE

PO should make sure that they are sufficiently available if the Team has important questions or need for detail during the Sprint.



# TRUE

PO, however, is not the only one considering risks in Scrum; the Team and the ScrumMaster partake in risk identification and elimination.

# TRUE

PO is responsible for the stakeholder interface, but is not the only person interfacing stakeholders.

# TRUE

PO is responsible for balancing the value of the work done against the cost of doing it.

# TRUE

PO is responsible for defining and communicating the product vision and key constraints.

# TRUE

PO has the final say, though wise  
PO's often listen to their Teams  
and stakeholders carefully.

# TRUE

PO is responsible for longer term planning, including what to release and when. This is continuous activity as things do change over time.

## **TRUE**

However, if the work in the Sprint becomes suddenly worthless, the PO can terminate the Sprint and start a new Sprint with new priorities.

# TRUE

The acceptance is formally done in the Sprint Review. It is recommended to inspect the outcomes already during the Sprint, in case small modifications are needed.



**TRUE**

These two meetings are critical  
for the PO.

# DEPENDS

Some Teams and PO's find it useful for the PO to be present.

## DEPENDS

Sometimes short-term interest,  
with interest paid on fixing it later,  
yields higher total business value.

Normally, avoid cutting quality  
like poison.

## DEPENDS

Sometimes there are topics, which require PO to be present. And some teams like to have PO's in all retrospectives, but this isn't standard across all Scrum Teams.

# DEPENDS

While sitting in the same room can be very valuable, often it is necessary for other reasons to sit in different locations. Just make sure that communication works well.

# DEPENDS

This is primarily the ScrumMaster's responsibility, but PO can be an effective protector to support SM.

**FALSE**

The Team manages its own work.

# **FALSE**

Much of PO's time is spent with the various stakeholders (customers, users, management, other PO's, etc.) to understand their needs and priorities.



**FALSE**

Only the Team can provide effort estimates. If the PO doesn't agree or understand, they should ask the team for clarification.

**FALSE**

Usually anyone can submit new backlog items, but they can't prioritize them.

**FALSE**

The ScrumMaster is often the person who facilitates the Scrum meetings, although it could be anyone.

# FALSE

Requirements, especially at implementation detail, often come through direct communication between stakeholders and the Team, but within agreed scope.

# **FALSE**

Scrum is silent on practices like reporting. Scrum talks about the need to communicate with stakeholders, but doesn't specify how (outside Sprint Review).

**FALSE**

The Team should be solely responsible for the “How”, within organizational guidelines and other external constraints.

**FALSE**

The PO only assigns priority of work. The team selects how much can be achieved. Both collaborate to maximize value delivery.

**FALSE**

PO doesn't have to write all requirements; only ensure that they are aligned with the desired business goals.



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