Chapter 8 Review Question Answers

- 1. a) Flash is the technology used to create a movie file for a Web site.
 - b) A Flash movie file can be an animated button, animated text, or an entire Web application.
- 2. a) Dreamweaver is used to create Flash buttons and Flash text.
 - b) Flash MX is used to create a Flash Web application.
- To add a Flash button to a saved Web page document:
 - 1. Place the insertion point where the button is to appear.
 - 2. Above the Document window, in the Insert bar, click the Media tab.
 - 3. On the Media tab, click the Flash button.
 - 4. Set and select the button options in the Insert Flash Button dialog box.
 - 5. Click OK.
- 4. Flash buttons in a Web page document should use a nested table sized in pixels with cell widths also is pixels because this will prevent the buttons from wrapping in a browser when the browser window is resized.
- 5. a) To display a list of the Flash movies available in a Web site:
 - 1. Click the Flash icon in the Assets panel.
 - b) To update the list of Flash movies in the Assets panel:
 - 1. Select the Refresh Site List command in the Files panel group.
- 6. a) One advantage of using Flash text is that fonts in Dreamweaver can be used without worrying about whether the user's computer has the font installed.
 - b) To add Flash text to a saved Web page document:
 - 1. Place the insertion point where the text is to appear.
 - 2. On the Media tab in the Insert bar, click the Flash Text button.
 - 3. Set and select the text options in the Insert Flash Text dialog box.
 - 4. Click OK.
 - c) The rollover color is the color the text changes to when the user points to the text in a browser.

- 7. Animation is the result of many images shown quickly one after the other to create the effect of movement.
- 8. a) A Timeline correlates images to a particular moment in the movie.
 - b) A frame shows an image.
 - c) Layering is used because from frame to frame there may be different animation techniques applied. For example, an animation of a skateboarder going down a hill requires only the position of the skateboarder to change. The hill remains unchanged from frame to frame. The hill can be on one layer and the skateboarder on another.
- 9. a) The Stage is the area used to create a Flash movie.
 - b) The workspace is the gray area around the Stage, which can be used as a temporary storage area while working.
- 10. a) A Flash document should be saved to a location outside of the site folder.
 - b) A Flash document is saved in FLA format.
 - c) A Flash document must be exported to SWF format in order to be used in a Web page document.
- 11. The five steps involved in the process of creating a Flash movie are:
 - 1. Setting Flash document properties.
 - 2. Creating images.
 - 3. Using the Timeline to lay out the sequence of the images.
 - 4. Previewing the animation.
 - 5. Exporting the document.
- 12. The frame rate is the number of animation frames to be displayed every second.
- 13. The tools in the Tools panel are used to create images.
- 14. Two features that can help with the precise placement of objects are rulers and a grid.
- 15. a) The file size of a vector-based graphic is much smaller than a bitmap graphic.
 - b) A vector graphic is a graphic composed of lines connected by points, which allows the image to be resized smoothly.

- 16. a) The Timeline is used to lay out the sequence of images.
 - b) A keyframe contains an image different from the image in the previous frame.
 - c) A static frame contains the same image as the previous frame.
 - d) The elapsed time is the total length of the animation.
- 17. Previewing an image shows if an animation is moving too slowly or too quickly and demonstrates the smoothness of transition from one keyframe image to another.
- 18. a) Frame-by-frame animation is a movie created from a set of specified images.
 - b) The image for the first frame of a frame-byframe animation can be created by drawing an image with the tools in the Tools panel.
- 19. a) To add a keyframe:
 - 1. Click the frame on the Timeline.
 - 2. Select Insert → Keyframe.
 - b) Static frames are needed to control the rate of animation.
- 20. If an animation is moving too slowly, static frames should be removed.
- 21. Onion skinning is a technique used to help position and edit images.
- 22. Three common ways to modify an image are scaling, rotating, and skewing.
- 23. To export a Flash document so that it can be used in Dreamweaver:
 - 1. Select File → Export Movie.
 - Select the Web site's media folder in the Save in list.
 - 3. Type a descriptive file name for the movie in the File name box.
 - 4. Select Save.
 - 5. Select OK.
- 24. Flash movies created in Flash MX for a Web site should be stored together in a media folder that is created in the Web site root folder.
- 25. A placeholder is displayed when a movie created in Flash is added to a Web page document.

- 26. a) Flash generates the shapes in the frames between the first keyframe and the last in a tweened animation.
 - b) One type of tweened animation is shape tweening.
 - c) Morphing is a technique that turns one shape into another.
- 27. Shape tweening can only be applied to images composed of simple lines and fills.
- 28. Flash movie files should be a small file size to keep Web page load times as short as possible.
- 29. a) Symbols are stored in a Flash Library.
 - b) An instance is a reference to a symbol, rather than a copy of an image.
- 30. To convert a selected object to a symbol:
 - 1. Select Insert → Convert to Symbol.
 - 2. In the Name box, type a descriptive name for the symbol.
 - 3. Select Graphic.
 - 4. Select OK.
- 31. a) Motion tweening is when a single symbol is tweened to move from a start location to an end location.
 - b) Motion tweening can only be applied to symbols.
- 32. To create a motion tweened animation:
 - 1. Create an image.
 - 2. Convert the image to a graphic symbol.
 - 3. Create a start keyframe with an instance at the starting position.
 - 4. Create an end keyframe with an instance at the ending position.
 - 5. Select a frame between the keyframes.
 - 6. Set Tween to Motion in the Property inspector.
 - 7. Preview the animation.
 - 8. Export the document.
- 33. Motion tweening uses the shortest, most direct path from the start position to the end position.
- 34. a) Layers can be compared to images drawn on transparent sheets of paper placed one on top of the other.
 - b) Working in layers allows the image on one layer to be modified without changing the image on a different layer.

- 35. Images on layer 1 appear on top of any images in the layers below.
- 36. To hide a layer:
 - 1. Click to the right of the layer name in the Eye column.
- 37. To animate text so that individual letters of a word move onto the Stage from different directions:
 - 1. In the Tools panel, click the Text tool.
 - 2. Click the Stage to create a text block.
 - 3. Change the font, size, and color properties in the Property inspector.
 - 4. Type a word or phrase.
 - 5. Select Modify → Break Apart.
 - 6. Select Modify → Distribute to Layers.
 - 7. Delete Layer 1.
 - 8. For each layer, insert a keyframe.
 - 9. In the Timeline, drag the Playhead back to the first frame.
 - 10. Drag each of the letters to a starting position off the Stage.
 - 11. For each layer, click a frame between the keyframes and then set Tween to Motion in the Property inspector.
- 38. Sound files are imported to the document's Library to allow the sound file to be used repeatedly without increasing the Flash movie file size.
- 39. To add sound to an animation:
 - 1. Select File → Import to Library.
 - 2. Navigate to the file and select it.
 - 3. Select OK.
 - 4. Select Window → Library.
 - Select a layer and then select Insert → Layer.
 - 6. In the Layers list, double-click the new layer and rename it.
 - 7. In the Timeline, click the first frame in the music layer.
 - 8. From the Library, drag the sound file onto the Stage.
 - 9. In the music layer, click a frame to be the end keyframe and select Insert → Keyframe.
- 40. *Answers will vary*. Three video file formats supported by Flash are AVI, DV, and MPG.
- 41. To test a movie that contains video:
 - 1. Select Control → Test Movie.