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The Copyright Conundrum: 3D Printing and Licensing

Short Answer Key

1. Answer: The main purpose of copyright is to grant creators exclusive rights to their original works, protecting their ability to reproduce, distribute, and display those works.
2. Answer: 3D printing copyrighted objects without permission can lead to legal issues as it may constitute copyright infringement, where someone replicates and uses copyrighted material without the creator's consent, potentially resulting in legal actions.
3. Answer: The "fair use" doctrine permits limited use of copyrighted material without permission, often for purposes like education, research, or commentary. It's relevant to 3D printing because it raises questions about whether certain uses of copyrighted material in 3D printing qualify as fair use or copyright infringement.
4. Answer: Creative Commons licenses are a set of licenses that creators can apply to their work to specify how others can use it. These licenses include conditions like attribution (credit to the creator), non-commercial use, and whether derivatives can be created from the work.
5. Answer: The "Attribution" (BY) license in Creative Commons allows users to share and adapt the work as long as they give proper credit to the original creator. It promotes openness and encourages sharing while ensuring that creators receive recognition for their work.

