

**2020 Examination Package -
Trial Examination 1 of 7**

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SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Units 3 & 4 – Written examination

(TSSM's 2013 trial exam updated for the current study design)

Reading time: 15 minutes

Writing time: 2 hours

QUESTION & ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	20	20	20
B	4	4	20
C	14	14	60
			Total 100

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Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 25 pages with detachable insert containing a case study for Section C.

Instructions

- Print your name in the space provided on the top of this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

Instructions for Section A

Answer **all** questions in pencil on the answer sheet provided for multiple choice questions.

Choose the response that is **correct** or that **best answers** the question.

A correct answer scores 1, an incorrect answer scores 0.

Marks will **not** be deducted for incorrect answers.

No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

Question 1

The stages of the problem-solving methodology are:

- A. Investigation, Design, Development, Evaluation
- B. Analysis, Design, Implementation, Evaluation
- C. Analysis, Design, Manipulation, Evaluation
- D. Analysis, Design, Development, Evaluation

Question 2

When programming, if you need to store thousands of values, all of the same data type, you would use:

- A. a listbox.
- B. a record.
- C. an array.
- D. variables.

Question 3

In a use case diagram (UCD), a stick figure represents:

- A. a person.
- B. a role.
- C. a process.
- D. data transmission.

Question 4

Which of the following is not a factor that influences the design of solutions?

- A. Useability
- B. Affordability
- C. Authenticity
- D. Marketability

SECTION A - continued

Question 5

Evaluation criteria are created at which stage of the problem solving methodology?

- A. Analysis
- B. Design
- C. Testing
- D. Evaluation

Refer to the following algorithm when answering questions 6 and 7

```
1.      FOR i ← 1 TO n-1 DO:
2.          subList ← i
3.          FOR j = i + 1 TO n-1 DO:
4.              IF A[j] < A[subList] THEN
5.                  subList = j
6.              END IF
7.          NEXT j
8.          temp ← A[i]
9.          A[i] ← A[subList]
10.         A[subList] ← temp
11.     NEXT i
```

Question 6

What is the purpose of the algorithm?

- A. Selection sort
- B. Quick sort
- C. Linear search
- D. Binary search

Question 7

Which control structure does lines 3-7 of the algorithm represent?

- A. Iteration
- B. Recursion
- C. Selection
- D. Sequence

SECTION A - continued
TURN OVER

Question 8

Middleborough High School in Victoria has recently started an iPad programme, and the powers that have decided that students aren't allowed to use hard copy textbooks anymore. Your friend Macy had a great money saving idea – After she purchased the e-book for Software Development she handed it out to all of her friends to use on their iPads so they won't have to pay for it.

Which law is Macy in breach of?

- A. Information Privacy Act 2000.
- B. Privacy Act 1988
- C. Copyright Act 1968
- D. Health Records Act 2001

Question 9

Which searching technique would work best on an *unsorted* list?

- A. Bubble search
- B. Quick search
- C. Binary search
- D. Linear search

Question 10

In a restaurant, when a customer places an order for a main meal about half of them also order dessert. The Use Case Diagram that best describes this scenario is

- A. Order main meal $\leftarrow$ <<include>> -- Order dessert
- B. Order main meal $\leftarrow$ <<extend>> -- Order dessert
- C. Order main meal -- <<include>> $\rightarrow$ Order dessert
- D. Order main meal -- <<extend>> $\rightarrow$ Order dessert

SECTION A - continued

The following algorithm applies to questions 11 and 12

```
1  BEGIN
2      READ  grade
3      IF grade > 80 THEN
4          result ← 'distinction'
5      ELSE
6          IF grade > 65 THEN
7              result ← 'credit'
8          ELSE
9              IF grade > 50 THEN
10                 result ← 'pass'
11             ELSE
12                 result ← 'fail'
13             END IF
14         END IF
15     END IF
16 END
```

Question 11

When the above algorithm was tested the user input grade as 50. They expected this to result in the output of 'pass', however this was not the case.

This was caused by a:

- A. syntax error.
- B. logic error.
- C. run time error.
- D. compiler error.

Question 12

Test the above algorithm with the value grade=65.

The variable `result` will contain:

- A. 'distinction'
- B. 'credit'
- C. 'pass'
- D. 'fail'

SECTION A - continued
TURN OVER

Question 13

Evaluation of an information system is conducted:

- A. during the design phase.
- B. immediately following the development phase.
- C. after the system has been implemented and has been running for a period of time.
- D. at the same time as it is being tested.

Question 14

Which one of the following is not an operation of a Stack or a Queue:

- A. Push
- B. Tail
- C. Dequeue
- D. Pop

Question 15

Which one of the following is **not** one of activities of 'recording the progress of a project'

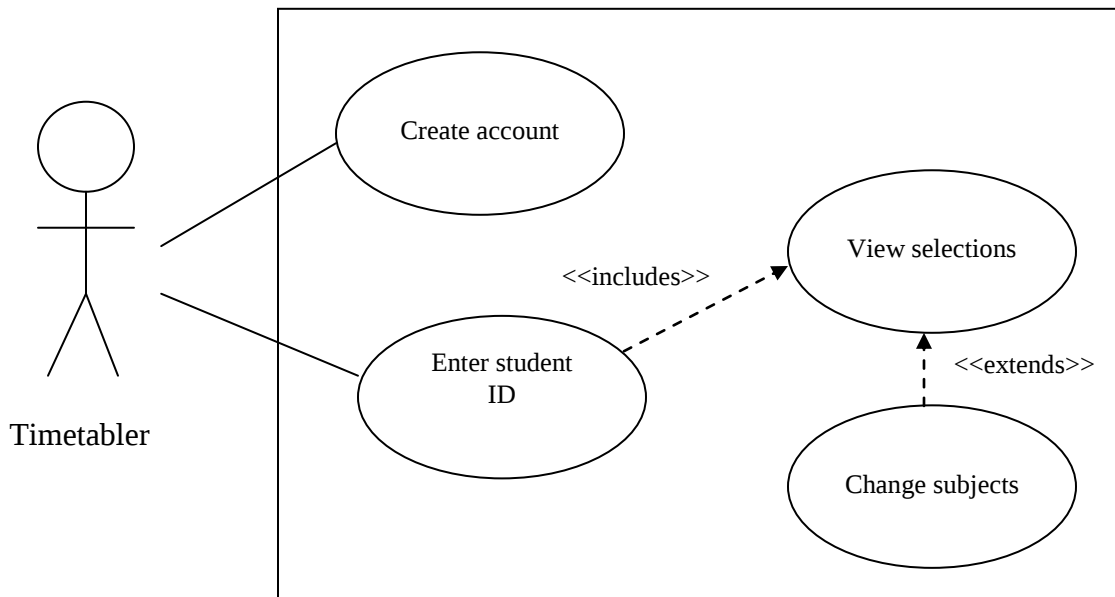
- A. Assigning tasks to resources
- B. Adjustments to tasks and time frames
- C. Keeping Logs
- D. Annotations

SECTION A - continued

The following Use Case Diagram applies to questions 16 and 17

It's subject selection time and the timetabler (Mr. Phillips) is currently very busy! He has many students requesting to not only input their subject selections, but also view them to make sure that they chose the correct subjects and change them if necessary.

Mr. Phillips uniquely identifies each student through their student ID when viewing and changing all of these details, and the student ID is created during the student's first visit.



Question 16

What are the lines connecting the use cases known as?

- A. Associations
- B. Data flows
- C. System boundaries
- D. Actors

Question 17

What is the difference between the <<includes>> and the <<extends>> lines?

- A. The associated use cases are of less importance to the system as a whole
- B. The <<extends>> require an external system for the use case to be implemented
- C. The <<includes>> will always occur with the main process, the <<extends>> is conditional.
- D. There is no difference.

SECTION A - continued
TURN OVER

Question 18

Spyware is an example of what type of threat to the security and integrity of data?

- A. Disappointing
- B. Deliberate
- C. Events-based
- D. Accidental

Question 19

Your friend has recently downloaded what he thought was a great new music track from an internet peer-to-peer application. After he double clicked on it to play it, his computer immediately opened up pop-up advertisements, and it has been happening ever since.

What has he downloaded?

- A. A virus
- B. Spyware
- C. A worm
- D. A Trojan

Question 20

Which one of the following best suits the definition of Archiving?

- A. Long – term storage of data in a physical drive and on the cloud.
- B. Short – term storage of data on disk drives in compressed form.
- C. Long – term storage of data in an external location, usually compressed
- D. Short – term storage of data on the cloud, in compressed form.

END OF SECTION A

SECTION B - Short-answer questions

Instructions for Section B

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided

Question 1 (6 marks)

Jimmy, a newly hired programmer at your company has been asked to design and create a software solution for roll marking that will be implemented in a secondary school. One of the first things he has been asked to do is list the functional and the non-functional requirements.

- a.** Jimmy has asked you to define for him what exactly the difference between a functional and a non-functional requirement is, and give him one example of each for the school's software solution.

4 marks

SECTION B – Question 1 - continued
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- b.** As a part of the design phase, Jimmy is required to write criteria that will be used to evaluate the solution even though he is not conducting the evaluation. Why is this the case?

2 marks
Total 6 marks

Question 2 (3 marks)

Anthony, who is a novice programmer, needs to create a module to store the surnames of the members of his yacht club to make it easy to search for a required member.

- a.** Which data structure should be used for this purpose?

1 mark

- b.** In order for a search to be made for a particular surname, the data needs to be sorted. List and explain what technique you would use to sort the data, and why you would use it.

2 marks
Total 3 marks

SECTION B - continued

Question 3 (5 marks)

Monique runs a very successful law firm in Toorak. She has 3 employees and many rich and famous clients. Now that all of her employees seem to have mobile devices that they use for checking email and other online activities, she has set up a wireless network. She trusts all of her employees (as they are all very honest), so she hasn't set a password for the wifi.

- a.** Name one law that Monique may be in breach of, and state why.

2 marks

- b.** Now that Monique knows about the implications of not securing her clients' details, she is worried about the data sent between mobile devices and her network and would like to ensure that it is secure. Outline one technique for securing data during transmission.

3 marks

Total 5 marks

SECTION B - continued
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Question 4 (6 marks)

A software solution for managing client orders has recently been installed on a network that at any time can have up to 80 computers accessing it concurrently. As it has been in operation for a few months, it is time to evaluate it.

- a. List one criteria that could be used to measure the effectiveness of the new solution.

1 mark

- b. List one criteria that could be used to measure the efficiency of the new solution.

1 mark

- c. Explain two methods of data collection that could be used for the evaluation, and why they would be used.

4 marks

Total 6 marks

END OF SECTION B

SECTION C – Case study**Instructions for Section C**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. Remove the case study insert and read **all** the information provided before you answer these questions. Answers must apply to the case study.

Question 1 (6 marks)

Now that the recommendations have been made and accepted, Andrew has given Mack an algorithm of how it will calculate the cost of a trip. He has said that this will be far quicker and accurate than the current method, which will save *Captain Mack's tackle and charters* money and increase the number of bookings. He has also requested a 10% discount for clients who book for five or more days.

Upon initiation, all of the guides are set to available unless the program modifies them to be booked on particular dates.

```
1      BEGIN
2          INPUT start_date
3          INPUT end_date
4
5          total_days = end_date - start_date
6
7          cost ← operator_cost * total_days
8
9          IF total_days >= 5 THEN
10             cost ← cost * 0.1
11          END IF
12
13          DISPLAY cost
14      END
```

Unfortunately, when implementing the code, there were numerous errors found. Although the program worked, it continually misquoted clients. Complete the testing table on the following page to assist with finding out the problem.

SECTION C – Question 1 - continued
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- a. Select logical test data for total_days to fully test the boundaries of the algorithm. You may assume that operator_cost is 200.

Variable	Test data	Expected value	Actual value
total_days			
total_days			
total_days			

3 marks

- b. Describe an error in the algorithm.

1 mark

- c. Suggest a way in which the algorithm could be altered to fix the error you found in part b.

2 marks

Total 6 marks

SECTION C - continued

Question 2 (12 marks)

As you can see, Captain Mack has decided to save costs rather than having their database hosted online by their ISP. They can store it on the computer at the tackle shop and set it up to act as a web server. The two employees will be given mobile devices with 3G capabilities so that they can access it wherever they are to obtain quotes and create bookings. Captain Mack has decided that it isn't worth the cost to implement encryption on the web server.

- a.** Explain to Captain Mack what you think about his idea of not including encryption, weighing up the positives and negatives of having it as opposed to not having it.

4 marks

- b.** Identify a law that Captain Mack may be breaking by not including encryption. Be specific.

2 marks

SECTION C – Question 2 - continued

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- c. Why wouldn't Andrew recommend that the booking details just be stored on each device so that the employees can make quotes and take bookings then update the central database at the end of each day? Give two reasons.

i. Reason 1: _____

Explanation: _____

ii. Reason 2: _____

iii. Explanation: _____

6 marks

Total 12 marks

Question 3(2 marks)

As part of the design of the new system, Andrew has set some evaluation criteria. Fill in the table below, explaining a technique for testing each criteria.

Criteria	Technique
Is the solution easy to use?	
Are accurate results produced when data is entered?	

2 marks

SECTION C – continued

Question 4 (4 marks)

In order for the *total_days* of a charter to be calculated, there needs to be two inputs: *start_date* and *end_date*. Explain 3 validation techniques that need to be performed on these inputs, and in which order they should occur.

4 marks

Question 5(2 marks)

Andrew explains that when creating the solution, he will ensure that about 50% of the code is internal documentation. Captain Mack says that this isn't required, as it doesn't help the functionality of the program. What is internal documentation, and why has Andrew suggested that they write in so much?

2 marks

SECTION C - continued
TURN OVER

Question 6(6 marks)

List two **non-functional requirements** and explain how they would apply specifically to the solution *BookFish*.

Non-functional requirement: _____

Explanation: _____

Non-functional requirement: _____

Explanation: _____

6 marks

Question 7(2 marks)

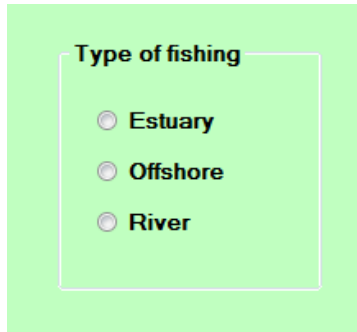
Captain Mack is worried about the costs involved with all of these extra devices that are being bought and asks why they can't just have a computer. List four components that make up an information system.

2 marks

SECTION C – continued

Question 8(2 marks)

Below is a small part of the interface used for bookings:



Why has Andrew made use of radio buttons instead of checkboxes?

2 marks

Question 9 (2 marks)

List and explain two constraints for using the mobile devices to access *BookFish*.

2 marks

SECTION C - continued

TURN OVER

Question 10(4 marks)

Captain Mack has been told that they will need to ensure that the solution has been thoroughly tested. What would be included within a testing table, and how can it assist with ensuring output is accurate?

4 marks

SECTION C – continued

Question 11(6 marks)

Captain Mack has now decided that he would like to have the names in the list sorted by surname. *Logical IT Solutions* have come up with the following algorithm for sorting the data:

```

1.      FOR i ← 1 TO n-1 DO:
2.          subList ← i
3.          FOR j = i + 1 TO n-1 DO:
4.              IF A[j] < A[subList] THEN
5.                  subList = j
6.              END IF
7.          NEXT j
8.          temp ← A[I]
9.          A[I] ← temp
10.         A[subList] ← temp
11.     NEXT i

```

a. What type of sorting algorithm have *Logical IT Solutions* used?

1 mark

b. What data structure has been made use of for A[]?

1 mark

c. Describe the error in the algorithm

2 marks

SECTION C – Question 11 - continued

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- d. Suggest one way that you could fix the algorithm. Include what you would change and/or what you would add to it.

2 marks

Question 12(7 marks)

Andrew had created a Gantt chart at the beginning of the project. Being a novice programmer Andrew would like to understand the steps of evaluating a project plan. Could you help Andrew?

Total 7 marks

SECTION C - continued
TURN OVER

Question 13(6 marks)

- a. Captain Mack also wants to protect his bookings data. To do this, he would like to start backing up his data in the event that his computer or an employee deletes the data accidentally. Recommend and justify a suitable backup medium that Captain Mack can use to store his data.

- b. Captain Mack would also use backup strategies, could you suggest how he could use incremental and back up strategies to achieve the same.

6 marks

END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

CASE STUDY INSERT FOR SECTION C

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Case Study

Captain Mack's tackle and charters

Captain Mack owns a small fishing business that sells fishing gear and organises charters with local operators (for a standard 15% “finder’s fee” of course). Located in East Gippsland, he advertises through “The Star” (a local newspaper) and a very basic website. He also owns a shop where customers can come and stock up on tackle.

When a potential client first contacts Captain Mack, he writes down the information about what they would like to do, such as the type of fishing (estuary, offshore or river – they can only select one), which operator can be used and which location they would like to fish (East Gippsland is full of fishy locations). Captain Mack then prepares a quote and he calls them back with the details and they can accept or decline.

Captain Mack knows all of his local operators and what their numbers are, what type of fishing they cover etc., so he has never bothered to keep very good records apart from writing down their numbers on a piece of paper that he has stuck on the wall next to his phone.

The problem

After the floods of the last couple of years, the waterways of East Gippsland have thrived, which has led to an increase in the number of fishermen in the area. Captain Mack is always finding it too busy working in his tackle shop to keep up with demand. He has hired another two employees to assist him with running the tackle shop and organising charters. In an attempt to be more efficient, Captain Mack has put the three mobile phone numbers up on the website so that they can be contacted to book charters anytime, anywhere.

Although there is a record number of bookings, this has led to some problems:

1. A few times both employees have put in bookings for the same charter operator at the same time, as the spreadsheet of bookings is saved back at the shop.
2. Even though Captain Mack knows all about the charter operators and what specialty each one has, the employees do not, so sometimes they struggle to answer questions from prospective clients when the Captain Mack is away from the shop, which has led to missed bookings.

Proposed system

Although an “old man of the sea”, Captain Mack has asked his son Andrew (who has just completed a Software Engineering degree) to analyse the problems he is facing and make some recommendations on what he should do.

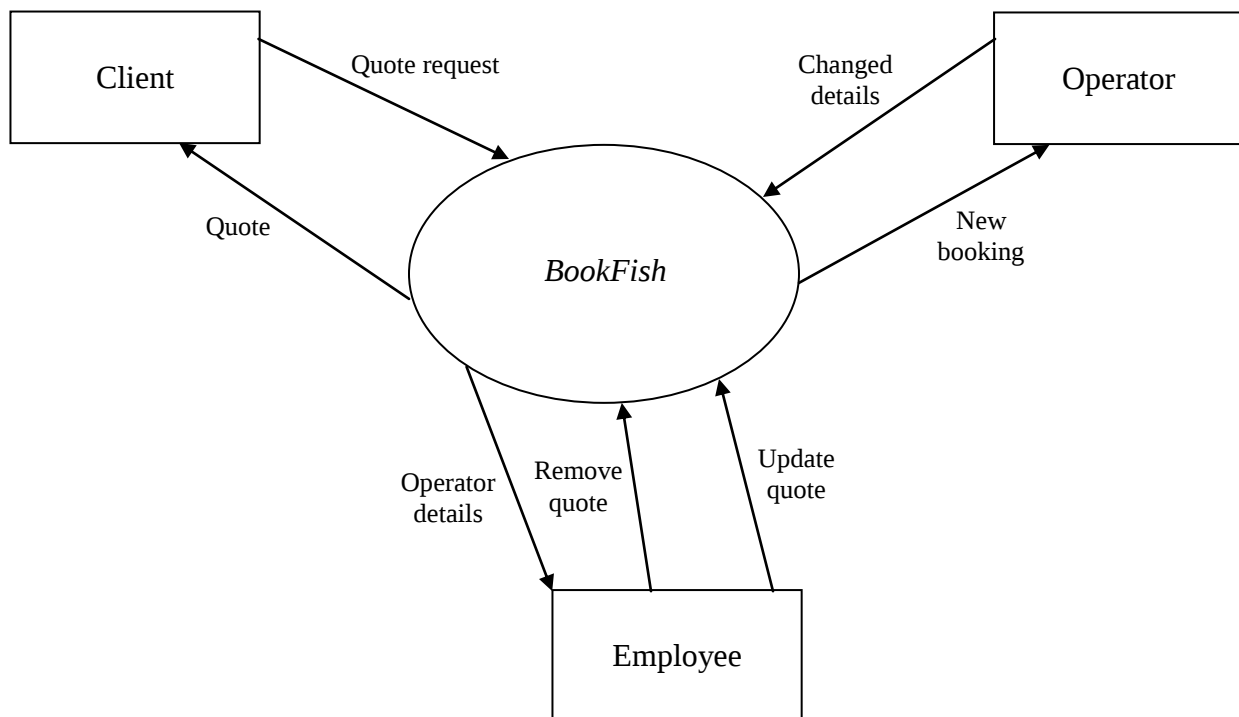
Andrew has given him the following recommendations:

1. Set up a central database that includes all details about charter operators, including their number, what type of fishing they specialise in, which location(s) they fish and their

available dates. This can be updated as they add or remove operators (which they do often, as it can be very seasonal).

2. Set up the database on a computer at the tackle shop to act as a webserver so it can be accessed remotely.
3. Purchase mobile computing devices to be used by Captain Mack and his 2 employees.
4. Create a new software solution, *BookFish* to:
 - View operator details
 - Create quotes for potential clients
 - Send quote electronically to a client's email address
 - Update and remove quotes
 - Upload confirmed bookings to the central database
 - Send confirmed bookings to the local operator
5. Allow operators to access it to change their details

Context diagram



END OF CASE STUDY INSERT FOR SECTION C