

Examiner Report	
Qualification Name	Higher Education Qualification
Qualification Level	BCS Level 6 Professional Graduate Diploma in IT
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Module	Software Engineering 2
Question no.	Comments
A1	This question was quite popular with 60% of candidates attempting it with an average of just over 14, which is acceptable. Part a was all about the different types of open-source licenses and the various restrictions they place on users. Candidates lost marks by discussing open-source platforms such as GitHub, rather than the characteristics of the license conditions and how they affect potential users. In Part B it was expected that candidates would choose what they considered to be the most appropriate license and justify their choice in comparison with other options. In both cases bookwork answers that described open-source software were awarded few or no marks.
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A2	This question was answered by just under 60% with an average mark of just under 13, which is acceptable. Marks were lost by giving general descriptions of software maintenance, rather than concentrating on impact analysis. This led to muddled answers to Parts B & C, since they did not clearly state that their answer was about impact analysis. There were however several excellent answers.
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A3	This question was answered by over 80% of candidates with an average mark of nearly 15, which is acceptable. This was the question about different development strategies and when it is most appropriate to use each. There was a lot of confusion about which strategy to use for large projects which led to some very confusing answers. Part C caused particular confusion as candidates seemed to conflate data updates with additional functionality. This led to some very confusing answers.

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B4	This was the least popular question with just under 50% of candidates attempting it with an average mark of over 13. The question was intended to demonstrate the role of software metrics in assisting the company to improve its technical and financial performance. Candidates needed to maintain focus on software metrics and clearly articulate the advantages and disadvantages of the methods that they proposed.
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B5	This question was also less popular with just over 50% of candidates attempting it with an average mark of just over 15, which is acceptable. Most of the characteristics were reasonably well discussed except composable which did cause some problems. Marks were generally lost for weak or incomplete discussion and not clearly relating how the characteristic contributes to developing a single reusable software component.