

BCS Higher Education Qualification

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EXAMINERS' REPORT

Web Application Development

General Comments:

This paper was taken by a small number of candidates, so the statistics are less reliable than normal. 86% of candidates passed with an average of 56% although several questions had average marks which were very low. Marks were consistently lost by candidates giving general answers which did not directly address the issues raised in the questions.

Questions Report:

A1	<p>50% of candidates answered this question with a 71% pass rate and an average of under 11.</p> <p>Marks were lost by candidates describing behaviours and user stories, rather than discussing how they could be used in the scenario in the question. A lot of effort was expended for no credit. Again, marks were lost by describing BDD and TDD, rather than comparing them.</p>
A2	<p>All candidates answered this question with an almost complete set of passing answers.</p> <p>The average mark was 15.</p> <p>Marks were lost by not following the question and adding unnecessary bookwork which did not add any credit.</p>
A3	<p>This question was much better answered with most candidates answering it and almost all passing with an average of 16.</p> <p>Candidates generally kept to the issues addressed in the question and answered fully and succinctly. Marks were generally lost for not following the prompts and reverting to pure bookwork.</p>
B4	<p>Half the candidates answered this question and under two thirds passed with an average mark of just over 10.</p> <p>Instead of giving a brief history of Java, several candidates described the language so received little credit. They also did not follow the prompts in Part b) and gave muddled answers based on general bookwork.</p>

	Very few made a realistic attempt at the example Javascript in Part c).
B5	<p>Only a third of candidates attempted this question with most passing with an average of 13.</p> <p>Key value stores seemed to confuse many candidates, and the answers were very variable. Part c,) asking for code snippets for the four operations one would wish to perform, seemed to stump everyone.</p>
B6	<p>This was answered by two thirds of candidates and most passed with an average of 12.</p> <p>Again, it was often answered with general bookwork answers, rather than the points raised in the question. Answers to Part b) in particular, were quite variable.</p>