

BCS Higher Education Qualification

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EXAMINERS' REPORT

Management information Systems

Questions Report:

A1	
	<p>a) Generally answered well, most described the activities.</p> <p>b) Some responses were off-topic and not related to the question.</p> <p>c) Generally, SWOT was well-identified. More effective answers used them in context.</p> <p>d) Similar to above, the more effective answers provided an example and context.</p> <p>e) A large disparity between those that were able to identify three main elements verses those that were unable to provide any.</p> <p>f) Generally well answered.</p>
A2	
	<p>a) Most responses provided descriptions of the advantages.</p> <p>b) Most were able to explain the main differences. More effective answers provided context.</p> <p>c) Many of the answers listed the same system, just using a different vendor (leading to low marks).</p> <p>d) This was generally answered well with many candidates providing effective examples.</p> <p>e) Definitions of Data Mining were covered well.</p> <p>f) This was generally answered well with suitable examples of security issues around internet systems being provided.</p>
A3	
	<p>a) Most candidates were able to provide a high-level overview. However, there were limitations when it came to linking planning and requirements.</p> <p>b) Generally well answered.</p> <p>c) Generally answered well. Several instances of candidates not answering this question. Those who did answer, did well by explaining them with use cases.</p> <p>d) Generally well answered with some instances of weaker responses.</p> <p>e) Generally well answered.</p>

B4	
	<p>Just over a third of the candidates attempted this question with an average mark of around 50%. Around 72% passed this question.</p> <p>a) Mostly answered with reference to project methodologies rather than project management style. Marks were awarded for reference to Agile, RAD etc but there were very few responses that mentioned PRINCE2, PERT, CPA etc.</p> <p>b) The “best applied” was ignored by most, marks were awarded for stating what SQIRO is.</p> <p>c) Some reasonable answers explaining the drawbacks of CASE were provided.</p> <p>d) Responses to this part were generally less effective. The customisable elements were sometimes not mentioned. Candidate responses focussed on what packages are without explaining what needs to be considered.</p>
B5	
	<p>63% of candidates attempted this question with a less than 50% average mark.</p> <p>a) A large proportion of responses did not address the specific timeframe “the past decade” and broadly commented on computing getting faster and smaller. Many responses mentioned cloud computing as being in the last 10 years. In total, very few responses effectively answered the question.</p> <p>b) Many responses did not refer to the flexible and virtual aspects. Some responses did comment on how COVID has assisted in this business move.</p> <p>c) Responses generally focussed on mobile phones and what functionality that gives a person rather than what functionality mobile computing gives to a business.</p> <p>d) Responses to this question described what Management of Systems (MIS) without commenting on how MIS assisted businesses to grow.</p>