

Examiner Report	
Qualification Name	Higher Education Qualification
Qualification Level	Professional Graduate Diploma
Date/ Series	April 2026
Module	Web Engineering
Question no.	comments
A1	Under 20% of candidates answered this question. Candidates commonly failed to cover the opportunities of microservice and monolithic architectures whereas they mostly chose to address the issues of local and cloud hosting. Marks were awarded particularly where candidates suggested the use of external services for example to provide payment or mapping services.
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A2	Just under a third of candidates attempted this question. Most candidates could clearly differentiate between a framework and a library and the advantages of each. The disadvantages were rather less clearly articulated. In Part B quoting general software engineering principles gained no marks. Very few candidates provided their answer in a form of slides and those that did included a title and conclusions slide which wasted two of the available eight. The question was aimed at demonstrating flow control through the paper acceptance process which few candidates addressed successfully. Those that did obtained good marks.
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A3	This question was answered by nearly 90% of candidates who generally answered it reasonably well. In Part A there was an overemphasis on validation methods. Session management and individual access control were mentioned as an afterthought if at all. In Part B repeating what had already been answered in Part A was sometimes a problem as was the need to have a secure independent logging mechanism. This led to an overemphasis on front end controls and insufficient evidence of understanding of server side requirements.

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B4	Question B4 showed a clear split between higher and lower-scoring responses. Candidates who scored lower tended to focus predominantly on the societal issues while overlooking the relevant technological considerations. A more balanced approach that addresses both dimensions would help these candidates achieve stronger marks in future.
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B5	Question B5 was generally answered well, as the question drew on areas of common understanding that candidates could engage with confidently. However, some candidates lost marks by framing their answers around societal issues rather than keeping the focus on web engineering principles.