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Questions on the topic 'Fundamentals of Testing"				
Question 1	Keywords	K1	Score	1.0

# Which of the following provides the definition of the term test case? Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Subset of the value domain of a variable within a component or system in which all values are expected to be treated the same based on the specification	
b)	A set of preconditions, inputs, actions, expected results and postconditions, developed based on test conditions	$\boxtimes$
c)	Work products produced during the test process for use in planning, designing, executing, evaluating and reporting on testing	
d)	A source to determine an expected result to compare with the actual result of the system under test	

- a) WRONG Based on definition of equivalence partition
- b) CORRECT Based on definition from Glossary
- c) WRONG on Glossary definition of testware
- d) WRONG Based on definition of test oracle



Question 2 FL-1.1.1	K1	Score 1.0	
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### Which of the following statements is a valid objective for testing? Select exactly ONE option.

a)	The test should start as late as possible so that development has enough time to create a good product	
b)	To validate whether the test object works as expected by the users and other stakeholders	$\boxtimes$
c)	To prove that all possible defects are identified	
d)	To prove that any remaining defects will not cause any failures	

#### FL-1.1.1 (K1) Identify typical objectives of testing

- a) WRONG Contradiction to principle 3: "Early testing saves time and money" (Syllabus, Section 1.3)
- b) CORRECT This is one objective of testing (Syllabus, Section 1.1.1)
- c) WRONG Principle #2 states that exhaustive testing is impossible, so one can never prove that all defects were identified (Syllabus, Section 1.3)
- d) WRONG To make an assessment whether a defect will cause a failure or not, one must detect the defect first. Saying that no remaining defect will cause a failure implicitly means that all defects were found. This again contradicts principle #2 (Syllabus, Section 1.3)



Question 3	FL-1.1.2	K2	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following statements CORRECTLY describes the difference between testing and debugging?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Testing identifies the source of defects; debugging analyzes the defects and proposes prevention activities	
b)	Dynamic testing shows failures caused by defects; debugging eliminates the defects, which are the source of failures	$\boxtimes$
c)	Testing does not remove faults; but debugging removes defects that cause the faults	
d)	Dynamic testing prevents the causes of failures; debugging removes the failures	

#### FL-1.1.2 (K2) Differentiate testing from debugging

- a) WRONG Testing does not identify the source of defects, debugging identifies the defects (Syllabus, Section 1.1.2)
- b) CORRECT Dynamic testing can show failures that are caused by defects in the software. Debugging eliminates the defects, which are the source of failures, not the root cause of the defects (Syllabus, Section 1.1.2)
- c) WRONG Testing does not remove faults, but debugging remove defects that cause the faults (Syllabus, Section 1.1.2)
- d) WRONG Dynamic testing does not directly prevent the causes of failures (defects) but detects the presence of defects (Syllabus, Section 1.1.2 and 1.3)



Question 4 FL-1.2.1 K2	Score	1.0
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## What is an important reason for testing in the software development process?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Through its results, testing can be used as a tool to evaluate the performance of developers.	
b)	Testing can help prevent possible failures of the software during operation.	$\boxtimes$
c)	Testing is always required by law.	
d)	Testing always ensures that all requirements are fully and correctly met.	

#### FL-1.2.1 (K2) Give examples of why testing is necessary

#### Justification

- a) WRONG This is not one of the reasons mentioned in syllabus CTFL chapter 1.2, contrary to the syllabus this is not supposed to take place (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 1.2).
- b) CORRECT A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 1.2 "Rigorous testing of components and systems, and their associated documentation, can help reduce the risk of failures occurring during operation."
- c) WRONG A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 1.2 Why is testing necessary?
   "In addition, software testing may also be required to meet contractual or legal requirements or industry-specific standards." --> it can be, but it is not always.
- d) WRONG A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 1.2.1 Testing's Contributions to Success "Throughout the history of computing, it is quite common for software and systems to be delivered into operation and, due to the presence of defects, to subsequently cause failures or otherwise not meet the stakeholders' needs. However, using appropriate test techniques can reduce the frequency of such problematic deliveries, when those techniques are applied with the appropriate level of test expertise, in the appropriate test levels, and at the appropriate points in the software development lifecycle." Testing reduces the frequency, but it is not possible to cover all problems and risks completely. (See also 1.3 Seven Principles of Testing: Exhaustive testing is impossible).



Question 5 FL-1.2.2 K2 Score 1.
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## Which of the following statements describes the relationship between testing and quality assurance?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

	a)	Testing is part of quality assurance.	$\boxtimes$
Ī	b)	Testing always leads to better product requirements.	
Ī	c)	Testing early in the development process contributes little to quality assurance.	
Ī	d)	The more test cases are executed, the higher the quality of the software.	

FL-1.2.2 (K2) Describe why testing is part of quality assurance and give examples of how testing contributes to higher quality

#### Justification:

- a) CORRECT Since quality assurance is concerned with the proper execution of the entire process, quality assurance supports proper testing. (cf. A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, section 1.2.2)
- b) WRONG For example, thoroughly testing all specified requirements and fixing all defects found could still produce a system that is difficult to use, that does not fulfill the users' needs and expectations, or that is inferior compared to other competing systems. (cf. A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, section 1.3)
- c) WRONG (cf. A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 1.3 Seven Principles of Testing)
  To find defects early, both static and dynamic test activities should be started as early as possible in the software development lifecycle. Early testing is sometimes referred to as shift left. Testing early in the software development lifecycle helps reduce or eliminate costly changes (see section 3.1).
- d) WRONG (cf. A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 1.3 Seven Principles of Testing). Some organizations expect that testers can run all possible tests and find all possible defects, but principles 2 and 1, respectively, tell us that this is impossible. Further, it is a fallacy (i.e., a mistaken belief) to expect that just finding and fixing a large number of defects will ensure the success of a system. For example, thoroughly testing all specified requirements and fixing all defects found could still produce a system that is difficult to use, that does not fulfil the users' needs and expectations, or that is inferior compared to other competing systems.



Question 6	FL-1.2.3	K2	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following is an example of a failure in a car cruise control system?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	The developer of the system forgot to rename variables after a cut-and-paste operation	
b)	Unnecessary code that sounds an alarm when reversing was included in the system	
c)	The system stops maintaining a set speed when the radio volume is increased or decreased	$\boxtimes$
d)	The design specification for the system wrongly states speeds	

FL-1.2.3 (K2) Distinguish between error, defect and failure

- a) WRONG This is an example of a mistake made by the developer
- b) WRONG This is an example of a defect (something wrong in the code that may cause a failure)
- c) CORRECT This is a deviation from the expected functionality a cruise control system should not be affected by the radio
- d) WRONG This is an example of a defect (something wrong in a specification that may cause a failure if subsequently implemented)



Question 7   FL-1.2.4   K2   Score   1.0	K2 Score 1.0	Question 7 FL-1.2.4
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## Which of the following is a defect rather than a root cause in a fitness tracker?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Because the author of the requirements was unfamiliar with the domain of fitness training. The author therefore wrongly assumed that users wanted heartbeat in beats per hour.	
b)	The tester of the smartphone interface had not been trained in state transition testing, so missed a major defect.	
c)	An incorrect configuration variable implemented for the GPS function could cause location problems during daylight saving times.	$\boxtimes$
d)	Due to insufficient of experience with wearable devices, the designer of the user interface did not consider the effects of reflected sunlight.	

FL-1.2.4 (K2) Distinguish between the root cause of a defect and its effects

- a) WRONG The lack of familiarity of the requirements author with the fitness domain is a root cause
- b) WRONG The lack of training of the tester in state transition testing was one of the root causes of the defect (the developer presumably created the defect, as well)
- c) CORRECT The incorrect configuration data represents faulty software in the fitness tracker (a defect), that may cause failures
- d) WRONG The lack of experience in designing user interfaces for wearable devices is a typical example of a root cause of a defect



Question 8	FL-1.3.1	K2	Score 1.0
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Mr. Test has been testing software applications on mobile devices for a period of 5 years. He has a wealth of experience in testing mobile applications and achieves better results in a shorter time than others. Over several months, Mr. Test did not modify the existing automated test cases and did not create any new test cases. This leads to fewer and fewer defects being found by executing the tests. What principle of testing did Mr. Test not observe?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Testing depends on the environment	
b)	Exhaustive testing is not possible	
c)	Repeating of same tests will not find new defects	
d)	Defects cluster together	

FL-1.3.1 (K2) Explain the seven testing principles.

- a) WRONG Testing is context dependent, regardless of it being manual or automated (principle #6), but does not result in detecting a decreasing number of faults as described above
- b) WRONG Exhaustive testing is impossible, regardless of the amount of effort put into testing (principle #2)
- c) CORRECT Principle #5 says "If the same tests are repeated over and over again, eventually these tests no longer find any new defects. To detect new defects, existing tests and test data may need changing, and new tests may need to be written."

  Automated regression testing of the same test cases will not bring new findings
- d) WRONG "Defect cluster together" (principle #4). A small number of modules usually contain most of the defects, but this does not mean that fewer and fewer defects will be found



# Questions on the topic "Testing Throughout the Software Development Lifecycle" Question 9 Keywords Chapter 2 K1 Score 1.0

## Which of the following statements is a correct definition for regression testing?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Testing to see if defects have been introduced into unchanged areas of the software.	
b)	Testing the impact of a changed environment to an operational system.	
c)	Testing the changes to an operational system.	
d)	Testing after fixing a defect to confirm that a failure caused by that defect no longer occurs.	

- a) CORRECT Based on the definition of regression testing in the Glossary.
- b) WRONG This is the definition of maintenance testing according to the Glossary.
- c) WRONG This is the definition of maintenance testing according to the Glossary.
- d) WRONG This is the definition of confirmation testing according to the Glossary.



Question 10	FL-2.3.1	K2	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following terms is a white-box test technique?

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Decision testing	
b)	Performance efficiency testing	
c)	Code review	
d)	Equivalence partitioning	

FL-2.3.1 (K2) Compare functional, non-functional and white-box testing

Justification:

- a) CORRECT Decision testing is a white-box test technique. (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 4.3 White-box Test Techniques).
- b) WRONG Performance testing aims to determine the performance efficiency of a test object (see in the Glossary), hence it is a test type rather than a test technique. (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022 section 2.2.2, second bullet point)
- c) WRONG Code review is a static test type, and thus does not belong to white-box testing. (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022)
- d) WRONG Equivalence partitioning is a black-box test technique (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 4.2 Black-box test techniques).



Question 11	FL-2.3.3	K2	Score 1.0
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## Which of the following statements BEST compares the purposes of confirmation testing and regression testing?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	The purpose of regression testing is to ensure that all previously run tests still work CORRECTLY, while the purpose of confirmation testing is to ensure that any fixes made to one part of the system have not adversely affected other parts	
b)	The purpose of confirmation testing is to check that a previously found defect has been fixed, while the purpose of regression testing is to ensure that no other parts of the system have been adversely affected by the fix	$\boxtimes$
c)	The purpose of regression testing is to ensure that any changes to one part of the system have not caused another part to fail, while the purpose of confirmation testing is to check that all previously run tests still provide the same results as before	
d)	The purpose of confirmation testing is to confirm that changes to the system were made successfully, while the purpose of regression testing is to run tests that previously failed to ensure that they now work CORRECTLY	

FL-2.3.3 (K2) Compare the purposes of confirmation testing and regression testing

- a) WRONG Although the description of regression testing is largely correct, the description of confirmation testing (which should be testing a defect has been fixed) is not correct
- b) CORRECT The descriptions of both confirmation and regression testing match the intent of those in the syllabus, Section 2.2.4
- c) WRONG Although the description of regression testing is largely correct, the description of confirmation testing (re-running all previously run tests to get the same results) is not correct, as the purpose of confirmation testing is to check that tests that previously failed now pass (the fix worked)
- d) WRONG Although the description of confirmation testing is largely correct, the description of regression testing (re-running tests that previously failed) is not correct (this is a more detailed description of confirmation testing)



Question 12	FL-2.4.1	K2	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following should NOT be a trigger for maintenance testing? Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Decision to test the maintainability of the software	
b)	Decision to test the system after migration to a new operating platform	
c)	Decision to test if archived data is possible to be retrieved	
d)	Decision to test after "hot fixes"	

FL-2.4.1 (K2) Summarize triggers for maintenance testing

- a) CORRECT This is maintainability testing, not maintenance testing. (Syllabus A4Q SDET 2021, Section 3.1.3, last paragraph)
- b) WRONG This is a trigger for maintenance testing: Operational tests of the new environment as well as of the changed software, see Syllabus A4Q SDET 2021, Section 2.3.1
- c) WRONG This is the trigger for maintenance testing: testing restore/retrieve procedures after archiving for long retention periods, see Syllabus A4Q SDET 2021, Section 2.3.1
- d) WRONG This is the trigger for maintenance testing: Reactive modification of a delivered software product to correct emergency defects that have caused actual failures, see Syllabus A4Q SDET 2021, Section 2.3.1



Question 13	FL-2.4.2	K2	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following statements CORRECTLY describes a role of impact analysis in maintenance?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Impact analysis is used when deciding if a fix to a maintained system is worthwhile	$\boxtimes$
b)	Impact analysis is used to identify how data should be migrated into the maintained system	
c)	Impact analysis is used to decide which hot fixes are of most value to the user	
d)	Impact analysis is used to determine the effectiveness of new maintenance test cases	

FL-2.4.2 (K2) Describe the role of impact analysis in maintenance testing

- a) CORRECT Impact analysis may be used to identify those areas of the system that will be affected by the fix, and so the extent of the impact (e. g. necessary regression testing) can be used when deciding if the change is worthwhile, see Syllabus A4Q SDET 2021, Section 2.3.2
- b) WRONG Although testing migrated data is part of maintenance testing (see conversion testing), impact analysis does not identify how this is done
- c) WRONG Impact analysis shows which parts of a system are affected by a change, so it can show the difference between different hot fixes in terms of the impact on the system, however it does not give any indication of the value of the changes to the user
- d) WRONG Impact analysis shows which parts of a system are affected by a change; it cannot provide an indication of the effectiveness of test cases



Questions on the topic							
"Static Test	ing"						
Question 14	Keywords	K1	Score 1.0				

## Which of the following statements is a CORRECT definition for the checklist-based review?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	A review technique guided by a list of questions or required attributes.	$\boxtimes$
b)	A type of review that follows a defined process and has a formally documented output.	
c)	A type of static testing in which a work product or process is evaluated by one or more individuals to identify defects or to propose improvements.	
d)	A review technique in which a work product is evaluated from the perspective of different stakeholders.	

- a) CORRECT Based on the definition of a checklist-based review in the Glossary.
- b) WRONG This is the definition of a formal review according to the Glossary.
- c) WRONG This is the definition of a Review in general according to the Glossary.
- d) WRONG This is the definition of a role-based review according to the Glossary.



Question 15	Keywords	K1	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following is a correct definition of cyclomatic complexity? Select exactly ONE option.

a)	The maximum number of linear, independent paths through a program.	
b)	The degree to which a component or system has a design and/or internal structure that is difficult to understand, maintain and verify.	
c)	The coverage of sequences of N+1 transitions.	
d)	The coverage of all outcomes of the atomic conditions that independently affect the overall decision outcome.	

- a) CORRECT Based on the definition of cyclomatic complexity in the Glossary.
- b) WRONG This is the definition of complexity in the Glossary.
- c) WRONG This is the definition of N-Switch Coverage in the Glossary.
- d) WRONG This is the definition of modified condition/decision coverage (MC/DC) in the Glossary.



Question 16	Keywords	K1	Score	1.0
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An agile team determines that any newly developed code is evaluated by one or more people before execution to identify error conditions or make improvements. Which term BEST applies to this approach?

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Review	$\boxtimes$
b)	Static Analysis	
c)	White Box Testing	
d)	Pairwise Testing	

- a) CORRECT A review is defined as a type of static test in which a work product or process is evaluated by one or more people to identify error conditions or make improvements.
- b) WRONG Here, the focus is not on evaluating the code based on its form, structure, content, or documentation, as in static analysis.
- c) WRONG white-box testing is a dynamic test and not a type of static test. But here we are talking about a static test without executing the code.
- d) WRONG Pairwise testing is a dynamic test procedure, but here we are talking about static testing without executing the code.



Question 17	Keywords	K1	Score	1.0
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#### What is a definition-use pair?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	The association of a definition of a variable with the subsequent use of that variable.	$\boxtimes$
b)	The association of an executable statement in the source code with the use of that statement in the execution of the code.	
c)	The association of a comment in the code that describes the meaning of a variable with the subsequent use of that variable in the code.	
d)	The association between the definition of the behaviour of the software in the specification and the code that implements that behaviour.	

- a) CORRECT This is the definition of the definition-use pair from the glossary.
- b) WRONG The "usage" in the name of the term does not refer to the statement but to the variable.
- c) WRONG The "definition" in the name of the term does not refer to the comment but to the code itself.
- d) WRONG The object of the definition-use pair is not the software but a variable.



<b>Question 18</b>	FL-3.2.4	K3	Score 1.0
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You have been asked to take part in a checklist-based review of the following excerpt from the requirements specification for a library system:

#### Librarians can:

- 1. Register new borrowers
- 2. Return books from borrowers
- 3. Accept fines from borrowers
- 4. Add new books to the system with their ISBN, author and title
- 5. Remove books from the system
- 6. Get system responses within 5 seconds

#### Borrowers can:

- 7. Borrow a maximum of 3 books at one time
- 8. View the history of books they have borrowed/reserved
- 9. Be fined for failing to return a book within 3 weeks
- 10. Get system responses within 3 seconds
- 11. Borrow a book at no cost for a maximum of 4 weeks
- 12. Reserve books (if they are on-loan)

#### All users (librarians and borrowers):

- 13. Can search for books by ISBN, author, or title
- 14. Can browse the system catalogue
- 15. The system shall respond to user requests within 3 seconds
- 16. The user interface shall be easy-to-use

You have been assigned the checklist entry that requires you to review the specification for inconsistencies between individual requirements (i. e. conflicts between requirements).

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## Which of the following CORRECTLY identifies inconsistencies between pairs of requirements?

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	6-10, 6-15, 7-12	
b)	6-15, 9-11	$\boxtimes$
c)	6-10, 6-15, 9-11	
d)	6-15, 7-12	

FL-3.2.4 (K3) Apply a review technique to a work product to find defects

Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

Considering the potential inconsistencies:

- 6-10 If librarians should get system responses within 5 seconds, it is NOT inconsistent for borrowers to get system responses within 3 seconds.
- 6-15 If librarians should get system responses within 5 seconds, it is inconsistent for all users to get system responses within 3 seconds.
- 7-12 If borrowers can borrow a maximum of 3 books at one time it is NOT inconsistent for them to also reserve books (if they are on-loan).
- 9-11 If a borrower can be fined for failing to return a book within 3 weeks it is
  inconsistent for them to also be allowed to borrow a book at no cost for a maximum of 4
  weeks as the length of valid loans are different.

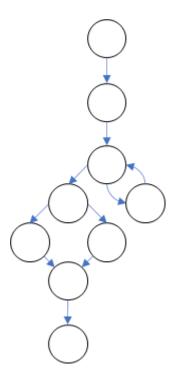
Thus, of the potential inconsistencies, 6-15 and 9-11 are valid inconsistencies, and so option b) IS CORRECT.



Question 19	TTA-3.2.1	K3	Score 1.0
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Below is the pseudo-code and the control-flow-graph for a program, that calculates and prints sales commissions:

```
00 program sales commissions calculation
01 sum, number: integer
02 commissions_max, commissions_min: real
03 begin
04
       read (number)
05
       while number ≠ -1 loop
06
             sum = sum + number
07
             read (number)
80
       endloop
       if sum > 1000 then
09
10
             commissions max = 100 + 0.2 * (sum - 1000)
11
       else
12
             commissions min = 0.15 * sum
13
       endif
14
       write ("The commissions is, as follows:")
15
       write (commissions max)
16 end program sales commissions calculation
```





#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	The control flow graph corresponds to the pseudo code.  The cyclomatic number according to Mc Cabe is 3.	
b)	The control flow graph corresponds to the pseudo code. The Mc Cabe cyclomatic number is 4.	
c)	The control flow graph does not correspond to the pseudo code.  The cyclomatic number according to Mc Cabe is 3.	
d)	The control flow graph corresponds to the pseudo code.  The cyclomatic number according to Mc Cabe is 1.	$\boxtimes$

#### Justification:

- a) CORRECT Possible calculations: Edges - Nodes + 2 → 10 Edges - 9 Nodes + 2 = 3 Loops + decisions + 1 → 1 loop + 1 decision +1 = 3
- b) WRONG
- c) WRONG
- d) WRONG



Question 20	TTA-3.2.2	K2	Score 1.0
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## Below is the pseudo-code for a program that calculates and prints sales commissions:

```
00
   program Calculate Commission
01
    total, number : integer
02
    commission hi, commission lo : real
03
   begin
04
       read ( number )
05
       while number \neq -1 loop
06
            total = total + number
07
            read ( number )
08
       endloop
09
       if total > 1000 then
10
            commission hi = 100 + 0.2 * (total - 1000)
11
       else
12
            commission lo = 0.15 * total
13
       endif
       write ( "This salesman's commission is:")
14
15
       write ( commission hi )
16
    end program Calculate Commission
```

The code contains data flow anomalies on lines 6 and 12 (highlighted text).

## Which examples of data flow anomalies are to be found on these lines? Select exactly ONE option.

a)	line 6: variable "total" is not assigned a value before using it line 12: variable "commission_lo" is defined but subsequently not used	$\boxtimes$
b)	line 6: an invalid value is assigned to variable "total" line 12: variable "commission_lo" is redefined before it is used	
c)	line 6: variable "total" is out of scope line 12: the "hard-coded" value "0.15" should not be used	
d)	line 6: the variable "number" is undefined line 12: the variable "total" is redefined before it is used	



#### Justification:

- a) CORRECT Anomalies:
   total: used at line 6 before it is defined.
   commission lo: defined at line 12 & no subsequent use
- b) WRONG
- c) WRONG
- d) WRONG



Question 21	TTA-3.2.3	<b>K3</b>	Score 1.0	

Below you can see the pseudo-code for a program called TRICKY.

```
00
     programme TRICKY
01
     var1, var2, var3: integer
02
     begin
03
        read(var2)
04
        read( var1 )
05
         while var2 < 10 loop
06
            var3 = var2 + var1
07
            var2 = 4
            var1 = var2 + 1
80
09
            print ( var3 )
10
            if var1 = 5 then
11
               print ( var1 )
12
            else
13
               print ( var1+1 )
14
            endif
15
            var2 = var2 + 1
16
        endloop
17
        write ( "Wow - that was tricky!" )
18
        write ( "But the answer is..." )
19
        write ( var2+var1 )
     end program TRICKY
20
```

How could the use of static analysis best improve the maintainability of the program?

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Restructuring the code	
b)	Reducing coupling between programs	
c)	Increasing the number of comments	$\boxtimes$
d)	Improving the indentation of the code	



TTA-3.2.3 (K3) Propose ways to improve the maintainability of code by applying static analysis

#### Justification:

- a) WRONG The code is well structured with controls (e. g. loop, if-then-else). It is unlikely that static analysis can identify improvements to the control structure.
- b) WRONG No global variables are defined and no other programs are called. Coupling is not an area of improvement.
- c) CORRECT Static analysis is used with tool support to improve code maintainability by verifying compliance to coding standards and guidelines. This includes commenting (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022, Section 3.3.3). Since the program has no comments at all, this would be highlighted as an area to improve the maintainability of the code.
- d) WRONG Static analysis can apply indentation rules, but in the case of the TRICKY program, sufficient indentation is present.



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Question 22	Keywords		K1	Score	1.0

#### What is checklist-based testing?

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	A test technique in which tests are derived based on the tester's knowledge of past faults, or general knowledge of failures	
b)	A test technique based on an analysis of the specification of a component or system	
c)	An experience-based test technique whereby the experienced tester uses a list of items to be noted, checked, or remembered, or a set of rules or criteria against which a product must be verified	$\boxtimes$
d)	An approach to testing where the testers dynamically design and execute tests based on their knowledge, exploration of the test item and the results of previous tests	

- a) WRONG This is error guessing
- b) WRONG This is black-box test technique
- c) CORRECT See reasons from incorrect answers
- d) WRONG This is exploratory testing



Question 23	Keywords	K1	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following provides the BEST description of exploratory testing?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	A testing practice in which an in-depth investigation of the background of the test object is used to identify potential weaknesses that are examined by test cases	
b)	An approach to testing whereby the testers dynamically designs and execute tests based on their knowledge, exploration of the test item and the results of previous tests	$\boxtimes$
c)	An approach to test design in which test activities are planned as uninterrupted sessions of test analysis and design, often used in conjunction with checklist-based testing	
d)	Testing based on the tester's experience, knowledge and intuition	

Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

a) WRONG – Exploratory testing is often carried out when timescales are short, so making in-depth investigations of the background of the test object is unlikely

#### b) CORRECT - Glossary definition

- c) WRONG Based on the Glossary definition of session-based testing, but with test execution replaced by test analysis
- d) WRONG Glossary definition of experience-based testing



Question 24	Keywords	K1	Score	1.0
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## Which of the following statements is a correct definition for modified condition/decision testing?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	A white-box test technique in which test cases are designed to exercise outcomes of atomic conditions that independently affect a decision outcome.	
b)	A white-box test technique in which test cases are designed to exercise outcome combinations of atomic conditions.	
c)	A white-box test technique in which test cases are designed to execute condition outcomes and decision outcomes.	
d)	A white-box test technique in which test cases are designed to execute decision outcomes.	

- a) CORRECT Based on the definition of modified condition/decision testing in the Glossary.
- b) WRONG This is the definition of multiple condition testing in the Glossary.
- c) WRONG This is the definition of condition testing in the Glossary.
- d) WRONG This is the definition of decision testing in the Glossary.



Question 25	FL-4.1.1	K2	Score 1.0
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Which of the following BEST matches the descriptions with the different categories of test techniques?

- 1. Coverage is measured based on a selected structure of the test object
- 2. The processing within the test object is checked
- 3. Tests are based on experience about the likelihood of defects and their distribution
- 4. Deviations from the requirements are checked
- 5. User stories are used as the test basis

Using notation for the following 4 options:

Black - Black-box test techniques
White - White-box test techniques

Experience - Experience-based test techniques

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Black – 4, 5; White – 1, 2; Experience – 3	$\boxtimes$
b)	Black – 3; White – 1, 2; Experience – 4, 5	
c)	Black – 4; White – 1, 2; Experience – 3, 5	
d)	Black – 1, 3, 5; White – 2; Experience – 4	



FL-4.1.1 (K2) Explain the characteristics, commonalities, and differences between black-box test techniques, white-box test techniques and experience-based test techniques

Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

The correct pairing of descriptions with the different categories of test techniques is:

- Black-box test techniques
- Deviations from the requirements are checked (4) User stories are used as the test basis (5)
- White-box test techniques
- Coverage is measured based on a selected structure of the test object (1) The processing within the test object is checked (2)
- Experience-based test techniques

Tests are based on defects' likelihood and their distribution (3)

Thus, option a) IS CORRECT.



Question 26 FL-4.1.1 K2	Score 1.0
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You are adding functionality to a mobile application. When preparing the component integration test, you have discovered that a previously very failure-prone component has been changed by an external manufacturer, but there is no updated specification for it.

Which of the following test techniques is BEST suited to still be able to test the functionality you have implemented in a meaningful way?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	White-box test technique	
b)	Experience-based test technique	
c)	Specification-based test technique	
d)	Black-box test technique	

FL-4.1.1 (K2) Explain the characteristics, commonalities, and differences between black-box test techniques, white-box test techniques, and experience-based test techniques

- a) WRONG Test conditions, test cases, and test data are derived from a test basis that may include code, software architecture, detailed design, or any other source of information regarding the structure of the software (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Chapter 4.1.1 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph)
- b) CORRECT Test conditions, test cases, and test data are derived from a test basis that may include knowledge and experience of testers, developers, users and other stakeholders. (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Chapter 4.1.1 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph) experience with former failures are given.
- c) WRONG Black-box test techniques (also called behavioral or behavior-based techniques) are based on an analysis of the appropriate test basis (e. g., formal requirements documents, specifications, use cases, user stories, or business processes). (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Chapter 4.1.1 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph)
- d) WRONG Test conditions, test cases, and test data are derived from a test basis that may include software requirements, specifications, use cases, and user stories (see A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Chapter 4.1.1 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph)



Question 27	FL-4.2.1	K3	Score	1.0

A daily radiation recorder for plants produces a sunshine score based on a combination of the number of hours a plant is exposed to the sun (below 3 hours, 3 to 6 hours or above 6 hours) and the average intensity of the sunshine (very low, low, medium, high).

#### Given the following test cases:

	Hours	Intensity	Score
T1	1.5	v. low	10
T2	7.0	medium	60
Т3	0.5	v. low	10

What is the minimum number of additional test cases that are needed to ensure full coverage of ALL VALID INPUT equivalence partitions?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	1	
b)	2	$\boxtimes$
c)	3	
d)	4	



FL-4.2.1 (K3) Apply equivalence partitioning to derive test cases from given requirements Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

The following valid input equivalence partitions can be identified:

- Hours
  - 1. below 3 hours
  - 2. 3 to 6 hours
  - 3. above 6 hours
- Intensity
  - 4. very low
  - 5. low
  - 6. medium
  - 7. high

The given test cases cover the following valid input equivalence partitions:

T1	1.5 (1)	Very low (4)
T2	7.0 (3)	Medium (6)
T3	0.5 (1)	Very low (4)

Thus, the missing valid input equivalence partitions are: (2), (5) and (7). These can be covered by two test cases, as (2) can be combined with either (5) or (7).

Thus, option b) IS CORRECT.



Question 28	FL-4.2.2	<b>K3</b>	Score 1.0
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A smart home app measures the average temperature in the house over the previous week and provides feedback to the occupants.

The feedback for different average temperature ranges (to the nearest °C) should be:

Up to 10°C – Icy Cool!

11°C to 15°C - Chilled Out!

16°C to 19°C - Cool Man!

20°C to 22°C - Too Warm!

Above 22°C – Hot & Sweaty!

Using BVA (only Min- and Max values), which of the following sets of test inputs provides the highest level of boundary coverage?

a)	0°С,	11°C,	20°C,	22°C,	23°C		
b)	9°C,	15°C,	19°C,	23°C,	100°C		
c)	10°C,	16°C,	19°C,	22°C,	23°C		$\boxtimes$
d)	14°C,	15°C,	18°C,	19°C,	21°C	22°C	



FL-4.2.2 (K3) Apply boundary value analysis to derive test cases from given requirements Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

For the input equivalence partitions given, the above used boundary value technique yields the following 8 coverage items:

Hence, the options have the following boundary value coverage:

- a) 4 out of 8 (11, 20, 22 and 23).
- b) 3 out of 8 (15, 19 and 23).
- c) 5 out of 8 (10, 16, 19, 22 and 23).
- d) 3 out of 8 (15, 19 and 22)

Thus, option c) IS CORRECT.



Question 29 FL-4.2.3	K		1.0
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A company's employees are paid bonuses if they work more than a year in the company and achieve a target which is individually agreed in advance.

These facts can be shown in a decision table:

Test-ID		T1	T2	Т3	T4
Condition1	Employment for more than 1 year?	YES	NO	NO	YES
Condition2	Agreed target?	NO	NO	YES	YES
Condition3	Achieved target?	NO	NO	YES	YES
Action	Bonus payment	NO	NO	NO	YES

Which of the following test cases represents a situation that can happen in practice, and is missing in the above decision table?

a)	Condition1 = YES, Condition2 = NO, Condition3 = YES, Action= NO	
b)	Condition1 = YES, Condition2 = YES, Condition3 = NO, Action= YES	
c)	Condition1 = NO, Condition2 = NO, Condition3 = YES, Action= NO	
d)	Condition1 = NO, Condition2 = YES, Condition3 = NO, Action= NO	



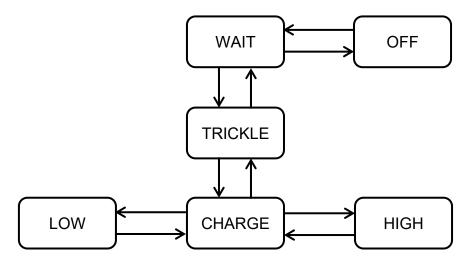
FL-4.2.3(K3) Apply decision table testing to derive test cases from given requirements Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

- a) WRONG If there was no agreement on targets, it is impossible to reach the targets. Since this situation can't occur, this is not a scenario happening in reality
- b) WRONG The test case is objectively wrong, since under these conditions no bonus is paid because the agreed target was not reached
- c) WRONG There was no agreement on targets, it is impossible to reach the targets. Since this situation can't occur, this is not a scenario happening in reality
- d) CORRECT The test case describes the situation that the too short period of employment and the non-fulfilment of the agreed target leads to non-payment of the bonus. This situation can occur in practice but is missing in the decision table



Question 30	FL-4.2.4	K3	Score 1.0
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## Given the following state model of a battery charger software:



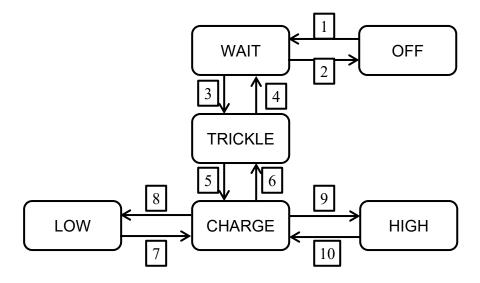
Which of the following sequences of transitions provides the highest level of transition coverage for the model?

a)	$\begin{array}{c} OFF \to WAIT \to OFF \to WAIT \to TRICKLE \to CHARGE \to HIGH \\ \to CHARGE \to LOW \end{array}$	
b)	WAIT $\rightarrow$ TRICKLE $\rightarrow$ WAIT $\rightarrow$ OFF $\rightarrow$ WAIT $\rightarrow$ TRICKLE $\rightarrow$ CHARGE $\rightarrow$ LOW $\rightarrow$ CHARGE	
c)	HIGH → CHARGE → LOW → CHARGE → TRICKLE → WAIT → TRICKLE → WAIT → TRICKLE	
d)	WAIT $\rightarrow$ TRICKLE $\rightarrow$ CHARGE $\rightarrow$ HIGH $\rightarrow$ CHARGE $\rightarrow$ TRICKLE $\rightarrow$ WAIT $\rightarrow$ OFF $\rightarrow$ WAIT	$\boxtimes$



FL-4.2.4 (K3) Apply state transition testing to derive test cases from given requirements Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

Given the annotated state model below:



The options achieve the following transition coverage:

- a) OFF (2) WAIT (1) OFF (2) WAIT (3) TRICKLE (5) CHARGE (9) HIGH (10) CHARGE (7) LOW = 7 transitions (out of 10)
- b) WAIT (3) TRICKLE (4) WAIT (1) OFF (2) WAIT (3) TRICKLE (5) CHARGE (7) LOW (8) CHARGE = 7 transitions (out of 10)
- c) HIGH (10) CHARGE (7) LOW (8) CHARGE (6) TRICKLE (4) WAIT (3) TRICKLE (4) WAIT (3) TRICKLE (5) = 7 transitions (out of 10)
- d) WAIT (3) TRICKLE (5) CHARGE (9) HIGH (10) CHARGE (6) TRICKLE (4) WAIT (1) OFF (2) WAIT = 8 transitions (out of 10)

Thus, option d) IS CORRECT.



Question 31	FL-4.2.5	K2	Score 1.0
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# Which of the following statements BEST describes how test cases are derived from a use case?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Test cases are created to exercise defined basic, exceptional and error behaviors performed by the system under test in collaboration with actors	
b)	Test cases are derived by identifying the components included in the use case and creating integration tests that exercise the interactions of these components	
c)	Test cases are generated by analyzing the interactions of the actors with the system to ensure the user interfaces are easy to use	
d)	Test cases are derived to exercise each of the decision points in the business process flows of the use case, to achieve 100% decision coverage of these flows	

FL-4.2.5 (K2) Explain how to derive tests from a use case

- a) CORRECT Syllabus Section 4.2.5 explains that each use case specifies some behavior that a subject can perform in collaboration with one or more actors. It also (later) explains that tests are designed to exercise the defined behaviors (basic, exceptional and errors)
- b) WRONG Use cases normally specify requirements, and so do not 'include' the components that will implement them
- c) WRONG Tests based on use cases do exercise interactions between the actor and the system, but they are focused on the functionality and do not consider the ease of use of user interfaces
- d) WRONG Tests do cover the use case paths through the use case, but there is no concept of decision coverage of these paths, and certainly not of business process flows



Question 32	FL-4.2.5	K2	Score 1.0
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You are creating an application (automatic parking) for an automotive manufacturer.

The following use cases were created by a colleague:

- UC 1 The sensor system determines the possible parking lot
- UC 2 The vehicle performs the parking procedure independently
- UC 3 The result of the parking process appears on the display

Based on this use case, the following abstract (logical) test cases were created by the colleague. Which of these test cases fits to the use case UC 3?

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	A sufficiently large parking space has been identified by the parking assistant.	
b)	The driver is informed on their display that the vehicle has been successfully parked.	
c)	Parking is not possible because of a sudden obstacle; the parking process is automatically aborted.	
d)	The parking space is not recognized, although the space is sufficient (sensors dirty).	

FL-4.2.5 (K2) Explain how to derive test cases from a use case

- a) WRONG fits to Use-Case 1
- b) CORRECT fits to Use-Case 3, because the result is shown on the display.
- c) WRONG fits to Use-Case 2
- d) WRONG fits to Use-Case 1



Question 33	FL-4.3.1	K2	Score	1.0
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# Which of the following descriptions of statement coverage is CORRECT? Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Statement coverage is a measure of the number of lines of source code exercised by tests	
b)	Statement coverage is a measure of the proportion of executable statements in the source code exercised by tests	
c)	Statement coverage is a measure of the percentage of lines of source code (without comments) exercised by tests	
d)	Statement coverage is a measure of the number of executable statements in the source code exercised by tests	

#### FL-4.3.1 (K2) Explain statement coverage

- a) WRONG Statement coverage is a measure of the proportion of executable statements exercised by tests. The number of executable statements is often close to the number of lines of code minus the comments, but this option only talks about the number of lines of code exercised and not the proportion exercised
- b) CORRECT Statement coverage is a measure of the proportion of executable statements exercised by tests (normally presented as a percentage)
- c) WRONG Statement coverage is a measure of the percentage of executable statements exercised by tests, however many of the lines of source code are not executable (e. g. comments)
- d) WRONG Statement coverage is a measure of the proportion of executable statements exercised by tests. This option only talks about the number of executable statements exercised and not the proportion (or percentage) exercised



Question 34	FL-4.3.1	<b>K2</b>	Score 1.0
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# Which one of the following is the CORRECT description of statement coverage?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	It is a metric, which is the percentage of test cases that have been executed	
b)	It is a metric, which is the percentage of statements in the source code that have been executed	$\boxtimes$
c)	It is a metric, which is the number of statements in the source code that have been executed by test cases that are passed	
d)	It is a metric, that gives a true/false confirmation if all statements are covered or not	

#### FL-4.3.1 (K2) Explain statement coverage

- a) WRONG Statement coverage measures the percentage of statements exercised by test cases
- b) CORRECT Statement testing exercises the executable statements in the code. Statement coverage is measured as the number of statements executed by the tests divided by the total number of executable statements in the test object, normally expressed as a percentage
- c) WRONG The coverage does not measure pass/fail
- d) WRONG It is a metric and does not provide true/false statements



Question 35	FL-4.3.2	K2	Score	1.0
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The following statement refers to decision coverage:

"When the code contains only a single 'if' statement and no loops or CASE statements, and its execution is not nested within the test, any single test case we run will result in 50% decision coverage."

Which of the following statement is CORRECT?

Select exactly ONE option.

a)	The statement is true. Any single test case provides 100% statement coverage and therefore 50% decision coverage	
b)	The statement is true. Any single test case would cause the outcome of the "if" statement to be either true or false	$\boxtimes$
c)	The statement is false. A single test case can only guarantee 25% decision coverage in this case	
d)	The statement is false. The statement is too broad. It may be correct or not, depending on the tested software	

FL-4.3.2 (K2) Explain decision coverage

- a) WRONG While the given statement is true, the explanation is not. The relationship between statement and decision coverage is misrepresented
- b) CORRECT Since any test case will cause the outcome of the "if" statement to be either TRUE or FALSE, by definition we achieved 50% decision coverage
- c) WRONG A single test case can give more than 25% decision coverage, this means according to the statement above always 50 % decision coverage
- d) WRONG The statement is specific and always true, because each test case achieves 50 % decision coverage



Question 36	FL-4.3.2	K2	Score	1.0
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# Which of the following descriptions of decision coverage is CORRECT? Select exactly ONE option.

a)	Decision coverage is a measure of the percentage of possible paths through the source code exercised by tests	
b)	Decision coverage is a measure of the percentage of business flows through the component exercised by tests	
c)	Decision coverage is a measure of the 'if' statements in the code that are exercised with both the true and false outcomes	
d)	Decision coverage is a measure of the proportion of decision outcomes in the source code exercised by tests	$\boxtimes$

#### FL-4.3.2 (K2) Explain decision coverage

- a) WRONG A path through source code is one potential route through the code from the entry point to the exit point that could exercise a range of decision outcomes. Two different paths may exercise all but one of the same decision outcomes, and by just changing a single decision outcome a new path is followed. Test cases that would achieve decision coverage are typically a tiny subset of the test cases that would achieve path coverage. In practice, most nontrivial programs (and all programs with unconstrained loops, such as 'while' loops) have a potentially infinite number of possible paths through them and so measuring the percentage covered is practically infeasible
- b) WRONG Coverage of business flows can be a focus of use case testing, but use cases rarely cover a single component. It may be possible to cover the decisions within business flows, but only if they were specified in enough detail, however this option only suggests coverage of "business flows" as a whole. Even if business flows would cover some decisions, the measure "Decision Coverage" don't measure the percentage of business flows, but the percentage of decision outcomes exercised by the business flows
- c) WRONG Achieving full decision coverage does require all 'if' statements to be exercised with both true and false outcomes, however, there are typically several other decision points in the code (e. g. 'case' statements and the code controlling loops) that also need to be taken into consideration when measuring decision coverage
- d) CORRECT Decision coverage is a measure of the proportion of decision outcomes exercised (normally presented as a percentage)



Question 37	FL-4.3.3	K2	Score	1.0
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# Which statement about the relationship between statement coverage and decision coverage is true?

#### Select exactly ONE option.

a)	100% decision coverage also guarantees 100% statement coverage	
b)	100% statement coverage also guarantees 100% decision coverage	
c)	50% decision coverage also guarantees 50% statement coverage	
d)	Decision coverage can never reach 100%	

FL-4.3.3 (K2) Explain the value of statement and decision coverage

- a) CORRECT The statement is true. Achieving 100% decision coverage guarantees 100% statement coverage
- b) WRONG The statement is false because achieving 100 % statement coverage does not in any case mean that the decision coverage is 100%
- c) WRONG The statement is false, because we can only do statements about 100% values
- d) WRONG The statement is false



#### Below you find the pseudo code for the program EASY:

```
00
     program EASY
01
     var1, var2, var3: integer
02
     easy: boolean
02
     begin
03
           read (var2)
04
           read (var1)
05
           read (easy)
06
           If (easy = true) then
07
                    var3 = var2 + var1
80
                    print (var3)
09
                    if (var1 = 5) then
10
                             print (var1)
11
                    endif
12
                    var2 = var2 + 1
13
           else
14
                    var2 = 0
15
                    write ("Wow - that was tricky!")
16
            endif
17
           write (var2)
18
     end program EASY
```

Which of the following statements about the number of statement and decision coverage test cases is CORRECT?

a)	100% statement coverage requires at least 4 test cases 100% decision coverage requires at least 2 test cases	
b)	100% statement coverage requires at least 2 test cases 100% decision coverage requires at least 4 test cases	
c)	100% statement coverage requires at least 2 test cases 100% decision coverage requires at least 2 test cases	
d)	100% statement coverage requires at least 2 test cases 100% decision coverage requires at least 3 test cases	$\boxtimes$



Justification: (A4Q SDET Syllabus 2022; Glossary)

- a) WRONG
- b) WRONG
- c) WRONG
- d) CORRECT All instructions can be tested with two test cases and all decisions with 3 test cases.

For 100% statement coverage:

Path 1: (easy = false)

Path 2: (easy = true, var1 = 5)

Additionally, for 100% decision coverage:

Path 3: (easy = true, var1 != 5)



#### Consider the simplified logic of a tea-making machine:

```
Switch on machine
IF sufficient water THEN
       Boil water
       Add tea
       Show message "milk?"
       IF milk = yes THEN
              Show message "low fat?"
              IF low fat = yes THEN
                      Add low fat milk
              ELSE
                      Add normal milk
              ENDIF
       ENDIF
       Show message "sugar?"
       IF sugar = yes THEN
              Add sugar
       ENDIF
       Stir
       Wait 3 minutes
       Show message "please take your tea"
ELSE
       Show message "please fill up water"
ENDIF
```

How many test cases would you design to achieve 100% statement coverage for the tea-making machine?

a)	3	
b)	2	
c)	5	
d)	6	



TTA-2.2.1 (K3) Write test cases from a given specification item by applying the Statement testing test technique to achieve a defined level of coverage.

#### Justification:

- a) CORRECT The three test cases are defined by the following inputs:
  - Sufficient water, milk, low fat, sugar
  - Sufficient water, milk, not low fat, sugar or not sugar
  - Insufficient water
- b) WRONG
- c) WRONG
- d) WRONG



Question 40	TTA-2.3.1	<b>K3</b>	Score 1.0	
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## The simplified logic of a program has been specified as follows:

Statem	ent P		
IF A T	HEN		
	IF B T	HEN	
		Statement	Q
	ELSE		
		Statement	R
	ENDIF		
ELSE			
	Statem	ent S	
	IF C T	HEN	
		Statement	T
	ELSE		
		Statement	U
	ENDIF		
ENDIF			
Statem	ent V		

# How many test cases would you design to achieve 100% decision coverage?

a)	2	
b)	3	
c)	4	$\boxtimes$
d)	5	



TTA-2.3.1 (K3) Write test cases from a given specification item by applying the Decision testing test technique to achieve a defined level of coverage.

Justification:

- a) WRONG
- b) WRONG
- c) CORRECT the following conditions ensure that all decision outcomes are tested: 1) A, B 2) A, not B 3) not A, C 4) not A, not C.
- d) WRONG







