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SCENARIOS

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Loyalty and rewards program

Assume that you are working for a start-up company with big ambitions but a limited initial funding.

They are creating a system that will provide customized loyalty and rewards programs for small- and medium-sized businesses selling to customers on the web. These companies enroll themselves on the system's web store. This allows the companies to create customized buttons, to be placed on their websites, that let customers enroll in the companies' loyalty and rewards program. Each subsequent purchase earns points, and both companies and their customers can manage the program; for example, companies can determine the number of points required for customers to receive a free product or service, and customers can monitor their points.

Your employer's marketing staff is heavily promoting the system, offering aggressive discounts on the first year's fees to sign up new companies. The marketing materials state that the service will be highly reliable and extremely fast for companies and their customers.

At this time, the requirements are complete and development of the software has just begun. The current schedule will allow companies and their customers to enroll starting in three months.

Your employer intends to use cloud computing resources to host this service, and to have no hardware resources other than ordinary office computers for its developers, testers, and other engineers and managers. Industry-standard web-based application software components will be used to build the system.

The production environment will be used for testing, and the operations team has already defined and tested the process for configuring this environment as needed.





B Start-up

Assume that you are working for an ambitious start-up. They are creating a system that will provide customized loyalty and rewards programs for small- and medium-sized companies selling to customers on the Web. These companies enroll themselves on the system's web store. This allows the companies to create customized buttons, to be placed on their websites, that let customers enroll in the companies' loyalty and rewards program. Each subsequent purchase earns points, and both companies and their customers can manage the program; for example, to determine the number of points required to receive a free product or service.

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QUESTIONS

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1.	1	Which three of the following are generic risk factors that should be considered by the Technical Test Analyst?
		 a) High change rates of the business use cases b) Potential conflicts between stakeholders c) Technology factors such as complexity and availability of tools d) Budgetary restrictions on the project e) Large number of defects found with the usability of previous versions f) Availability of documentation from legacy systems to be used to verify the accuracy of computations g) Large number of defects found with the reliability of the software
2.	1	With which of the following sets of people is the Technical Test Analyst
		 expected to work closely with in a risk analysis? a) Project sponsors b) Business analysts c) Users d) Developers Please select exactly 1 option
3.	1	Which of the following statements about condition coverage is true?
		 a) It provides more thorough coverage than decision coverage b) It requires evaluating the decision with both true and false outcomes, regardless of the atomic conditions c) It requires setting each atomic condition to true and false, but does not require the resulting decision to be tested with both true and false outcomes d) It requires setting each atomic condition to true and false, and requires the resulting decision to be tested with both true and false outcomes d) It requires setting each atomic condition to true and false, and requires the resulting decision to be tested with both true and false outcomes





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4.	2	You are testing a photo-enforcement system for traffic control in an intersection.
		A photo will be taken if the following two conditions are true: The light is red (RED) and the front wheels of the car are over the line marking the beginning of the intersection (WHEELS).
		Consider these sets of values:
		1. RED + WHEELS
		2. RED + not WHEELS
		3. not RED + WHEELS
		4. not RED + not WHEELS
		Assume the logic in the code is as follows:
		If RED and WHEELS then
		Take the photo
		Else
		Do not take the photo
		Given this information, which sets of values provides the minimum tests to achieve 100% decision/condition coverage?
		a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 b) 2 and 3
		c) 1 and 2 or 1 and 3 d) 1 and 4
		Please select exactly 1 option
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5. 2 You are testing a photo-enforcement system for traffic contr intersection.			
	It has been determined that a photo should be taken if the signal light is red (RED) or the car is speeding (SPEED) and if the front wheels of the car are over the line marking the beginning of the intersection (WHEELS).		
	Consider these sets of test values: 1. RED + SPEED + WHEELS 2. RED + SPEED + not WHEELS 3. RED + not SPEED + WHEELS 4. RED + not SPEED + not WHEELS 5. not RED + SPEED + WHEELS 6. not RED + SPEED + not WHEELS 7. not RED + not SPEED + WHEELS 8. not RED + not SPEED + not WHEELS		
	Assume the logic in the code is as follows: If ((RED or SPEED) and WHEELS) then Take the photo Else Do not take the photo		
	Given this information, which sets of values provides the minimum tests to achieve 100% modified condition/decision coverage?		
	a) 2, 8 b) 3, 4, 5, 7 c) 1, 5, 7, 8 d) 1, 3, 8		
	Please select exactly 1 option		





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		3. RED + not SPEED + WHEELS
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		7. not RED + not SPEED + WHEELS
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		If ((RED or SPEED) and WHEELS) then
		Take the photo
		Else
		Do not take the photo
		Given this information, which sets of values provide the minimum tests to achieve 100% multiple condition coverage?
		a) 1, 3, 8
		b) 3, 4, 5, 7c) All the sets are needed
		d) 1, 5, 7, 8
		Please select exactly 1 option
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		If ((RED or SPEED) and WHEELS) then
		Take the photo
		Do not take the photo
		Given this information, which sets of values provide the minimum tests to achieve 100% path coverage?
		b) 3, 4, 5, 7 c) 1, 3, 8 d) 2, 3
	/	Please select exactly 1 option
8.	1	Which three of the following types of defects are targeted by API testing?
		a) lack of usability
		b) timing problemsc) GUI faults
		d) loss of transactions
		e) installation defectsf) incorrect data handling
		g) non-conformance to coding standards
		Please select exactly 3 options





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control the movement of a roof on a new national sports star 100,000 spectators. A failure analysis has shown that if the software system fails ther roof to break up and fall on the spectators. The government has		A failure analysis has shown that if the software system fails then it may cause the roof to break up and fall on the spectators. The government has requested that the level of testing for this software exceeds that normally required by the <u>relevant</u>
		 Which is the level of test coverage you would expect to be achieved in the testing of the control software for the stadium roof? a) Multiple Condition coverage b) Branch coverage + Modified Condition/Decision coverage c) Branch coverage + Statement coverage
		 c) Branch coverage + Statement coverage d) Modified Condition/Decision coverage Please select exactly 1 option





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10.	2	Below is the pseudo-code for a TRICKY program:					
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		Which of the following statements about the TRICKY program MOST correctly describes any control flow anomalies in it? a) The TRICKY program contains unreachable code					
	/	 b) The TRICKY program contains no control flow anomalies c) The TRICKY program contains unreachable code and an infinite loop d) The TRICKY program contains a loop with multiple entry points 					
		Please select exactly 1 option					





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11.	11.2Below is the pseudo-code for a program that calculates and pri commissions:			
		0 program Calculate Commission		
		1 total, number : integer		
		2 commission_hi, commission_lo : real		
		3 begin		
		4 read (number)		
		5 while number ≠ -1 loop		
		6 total = total + number		
		7 read (number)		
		8 endloop		
		9 if total > 1000 then		
		10 commission_hi = 100 + 0.2 * (total – 1000) 11 else		
		12 commission_lo = $0.15 *$ total		
		13 endif		
		14 write ("This salesman's commission is:")		
		15 write (commission_hi)		
		16 end program Calculate Commission		
		Which of the following correctly lists data flow anomalies that exist in the 'Calculate Commission' program?		
		a) commision_hi: line 10; commission_lo: line 12		
		b) total: line 6; commision_hi: line 10; commission_lo: line 12		
		c) number: line 5; number: line 6		
		d) total: line 6; commission_lo: line 12; commision_hi: line 15		
		Please select exactly 1 option		





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12.	2	² You have been provided with the foll the four systems, W, X, Y and Z.			lowing system-wide average measures for		
		System	W	X	Y	Z	
		Cyclomatic Complexity (CC)	23	8	12	7	
		Cohesion (CH)	High	Medium	Low	High	
		Coupling (CP)	Low	High	Mediu m	Medium	
		Commented Code (CO)	60%	10%	45%	8%	
		Repeated code instances (RE)	9	2	3	12	
		Budget is available to in systems by applying th Which of the following in measures per system of a) W – CC, RE; X – C b) W – CO, RE; X – C c) W – CC, CP; X – C d) W – CH, CO; X – C	e results of is the BES can be resc CP, CO; Y CC, CH; Y CH, CO; Y CC, RE; Y	f static analys T application ourced? – CC, CH; Z – CP, CO; Z – CC, CH; Z	sis to the in of static ar Z – CO, RE Z – CC, RE Z – CO, RE	idividual comp nalysis if only f	onents.
13.	1	Which of the followin testing requirements	?	_	-		egration





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14.	2	 You are the Technical Test Analyst working on a project developing a new Ambulance Dispatch System (ADS). This ADS assists operators in taking calls about incidents, identifying available ambulances and mobilizing ambulances to handle the incidents. You know that the ADS was designed using an object-oriented approach and implemented using a language with automated garbage collection. During system and acceptance testing the system has been perceived to be generally performing correctly, but also rather slowly, and it has also occasionally 'crashed'; the subsequent (brief) investigations were inconclusive. Which of the following statements would BEST justify the use of dynamic analysis in this situation? a) Dynamic analysis could be used to determine if defects introduced by programmers failing to release allocated memory are causing the 'crashes' b) Dynamic analysis could be used to generate call graphs of the system to allow targeted performance enhancement d) Dynamic analysis could identify memory access violations caused by a wild pointer that result in the occasional 'crashes' Please select exactly 1 option
15.	3	 Assume you are working as a technical test analyst on a project where a new banking system is being developed. This system will store customer financial data, including personally identifying information, account numbers and balances, and transaction history. Based on this information, which of the following topics are you most likely to need to contribute to the test plan? a) Testing in production b) Coordination of distributed components c) Test data anonymization d) Testing data encryption





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16.	2	 A system has an editable, free-form input field labeled "File Name to Open". Based on this information only, which of the following security threats should you test? a) Breaking encryption b) Cross-site scripting c) Denial of service d) Buffer overflow Please select exactly 1 option
17.	2	 Refer to scenario "Loyalty and rewards program". Assume that marketing wants the mean time between failure to be three months or longer, with a mean time to repair of ten minutes or less when the system does fail. Which THREE of the options should be addressed as challenges in planning for the reliability testing of this system prior to release? a) Determining the target availability for the system b) Forcing hardware and operating system faults c) Monitoring reliability in production d) Duration of the reliability testing e) Defining the reliability requirement f) Configuring a production-like test environment g) Cost of a reliability test environment Please select exactly 3 options
18.	2	 Refer to scenario "Loyalty and rewards program". Assume that marketing wants to ensure that the system will be very fast. Which TWO of the options should be addressed as challenges in planning for the performance testing of this system prior to release? a) Compatibility of performance test tools b) Cost of performance test tools c) Defining the performance requirements d) Selection of test data e) Configuring a production-like test environment





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19.	1	Which TWO of the following test types will be most important for a software control system that will be integrated into a wider system and is expected to generate several variants and undergo a number of environment changes over a period of 10 years?		
		 a) Maintainability testing b) Adaptability testing c) Replaceability testing d) Security testing e) Recoverability testing 		
		Please select exactly 2 options		
20.	2	Consider the following product risk:		
		Abnormal application termination due to network connection failure		
		Which one of the following is the appropriate test type to address this risk?		
		 a) Operability testing b) Performance testing c) Reliability testing d) Portability testing 		
		Please select exactly 1 option		
21.	2	 Consider the scenario "Start-up". Assume that adequate system response time is considered one of the most important product risks for this system. Which one of the following statements is true? a) Performance testing should happen after functional testing is done b) Dynamic performance testing should happen during code reviews. c) Performance testing should start on initial builds of the system d) Reliability testing should happen after performance testing. 		





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22.	2	Consider the scenario "Start-up". Assume that you are executing security tests against the system Which one of the following types of defects would you expect to find during this testing?
		 a) System clears screen too quickly after login b) System allows unauthorized access to data c) System allows access from unsupported browser. d) System removes user temporary files after logout
		Please select exactly 1 option
23.	1	 A technical test analyst has been invited to the review of an architectural design specification. The review has been called at short notice for the following day and although there is nothing in the analyst's diary for that time, there is no time to prepare. Which one of the following would be the most appropriate response to the invitation? a) I do not have time to prepare but I will attend rather than cause a delay b) I am free at that time and I will be pleased to attend c) I will not have enough time to prepare for a review meeting tomorrow so I must decline unless the review can be postponed d) I cannot attend the review because I am unfamiliar with the specification
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24.	3	You have participated in an architectural review of a new product design. This is an embedded product that has severe memory restrictions. Consider the following lists of programming practices and problems that can result from using those practices.
		Programming Practices:
		1. Connection pooling
		2. Data caching
		3. Lazy instantiation
		4. Transaction concurrency
		 Problems: Performance impact when the instantiation is needed Transaction loss due to processor unavailability Errors in multi-threading logic Stale data Which of the above is a programming practice that can be used to reduce unnecessary memory use in this scenario and what are the possible problems in using this practice? a) Practice 1, Problem 2 b) Practice 3, Problem 1 c) Practice 2, Problem 4 d) Practice 4, Problem 3
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25.	3	You are participating in a code review and have noticed a problem in the following section of pseudo-code (assume *** indicates a comment).
		 *** this code checks for valid card type *** If credit card is type "Discover" then Display error message 437 Else if credit card is type "Visa" or "MasterCard" then Process purchase Else if credit card is type "AmericanExpress" then Display error message 439 Else Display error message 440 End if Which one of the following problems is demonstrated in this section of the code and why should it be corrected a) An external library should be used to validate the credit card, resulting in inefficiency by not re-using existing components b) There is no default clause, resulting in potential cases not being handled c) The most likely case is not tested first, resulting in a potential performance impact d) The comment in the code is incorrect, resulting in a maintainability impact Please select exactly 1 option
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26.	1	 Assume that you are involved in testing a mature application. This application is an online dating service that allows users: to enter a profile of themselves; to meet orientation-appropriate people who would be a good match for them; to arrange social events with those people; and, to block people they don't want to contact them. Defects and test cases are managed in an existing commercial test management tool, which is working well. Source code and other project work products are stored in an open source configuration management system. Your manager directs you to help her select a test execution automation tool to automate most of the regression testing. Which one of the following is an important consideration in relation to the existing tools? a) The cost of the test execution automation tool b) Selecting a test execution automation tool from the test management tool vendor c.) The process for storing and versioning automated tests d) The process of removing duplicate defect reports created by the automated tests Please select exactly 1 option
27.	1	 Which TWO of the following are typical activities performed by a Technical Test Analyst when setting up a test automation project? a) Defining the business process keywords for use in test cases when using keyword-driven testing b) Determining who will be responsible for the test analysis and design of test cases to be automated c) Scheduling the test automation project and allocating time for maintenance with the test manager d) Designing the test data for the automated test cases e) Defining the interface requirements between the project's test management tool and the test automation tool





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28.	1	Which one of the following statements best captures the difference between data-driven and keyword-driven test automation?
		 a) Data-driven test automation is more maintainable than keyword-driven test automation. b) Keyword-driven test automation is easier to develop than data-driven test automation. c) Data-driven test automation extends keyword-driven automation by defining data corresponding to business processes.
		 d) Keyword-driven test automation extends data-driven automation by defining keywords corresponding to business processes.
		Please select exactly 1 option
29.	1	Which one of the following describes a common technical issue that causes automation projects to fail to achieve the planned return on investment?
		 a) Elimination of duplication of information across tools b) Lack of separation between code and changeable data in the testware c) Use of an integrated development environment to simplify integration between tools d) Removal of manual checking of data exchanges between tools
		Please select exactly 1 option





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31.	1	 Which of the following statements about fault seeding tools is NOT correct? a) These tools insert defects into the source code as part of the mutation testing technique b) These tools insert defects into the source code to check the test effectiveness of the test suite c) These tools insert defects into the source code to check the level of fault tolerance of the software d) These tools insert defects into the source code to test the input checking capabilities of the software Please select exactly 1 option





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32.	1	Which one of the following statements about performance testing and monitoring tools is correct?
		 a) These tools generate a load by simulating a large number of virtual users following their designated operational profiles to generate specific volumes of input data b) These tools take a wide range of measurements after test execution to enable the analysis of the most significant performance characteristics of the test object c) These tools capture a script from an individual user interaction and multiple identical copies of the script are then replayed in parallel to represent the full range of possible users d) These tools drive the application at the communications protocol level rather than through its user interface to more accurately measure response times
33.	1	Which TWO of the following BEST describe the purpose of tools supporting web-based testing?
		 a) Scanning through the server checking for orphaned files b) Injecting defects into the test object for test suite quality measurement c) Changing variable values during line by line execution to isolate faults in the user interface d) Executing a model of the execution-time behavior to generate test cases e) Checking for accessibility standards violations
34.	1	Which one of the following BEST describes how tools can support the concept of model-based testing (MBT)?
		 a) MBT tools often provide an engine that enables 'execution' of models but execution threads cannot be saved b) MBT tools significantly increase the number of paths that can be generated in a model c) MBT tools provide an alternative view of the internal structure of the software under test d) MBT tools can be used to generate test cases by saving interesting execution threads Please select exactly 1 option





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35.	1	Which one of the following statements BEST explains the relationship between component testing tools and build automation tools?
		 a) An xUnit framework can be used to automate component testing; build automation tools execute automated component tests b) A Component testing tool can be used against multiple programming languages; build automation tools allow a new build to be triggered when a component changes c) A JUnit framework can simplify automation of component testing in a Java environment; build automation tools automatically trigger the component tests whenever a component changes in a build d) Component testing frameworks can simplify automation of component testing; build automation tools allow a new build to be triggered when a component testing; build automation tools allow a new build to be triggered when a component is changed





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