

UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION

✦ Q. Define Software. Explain its Characteristics and Types in Detail. (13–15 marks)

Definition : Software = Programs + Data + Documentation → set of instructions that tell hardware how to perform tasks → intangible, modifiable, non-wearing.

Characteristics (Detailed):

1. **Intangible** → Cannot be touched or seen physically → exists as logic and code.
2. **Flexible** → Easily modified, updated, or extended without physical replacement.
3. **Non-wearing** → Does not degrade with use → unlike hardware, no physical fatigue.
4. **Complex** → High interdependency between modules → small change can break entire system.
5. **Customizable** → Built for specific user needs → can be tailored per client or industry.
6. **Evolvable** → Can be upgraded over time → new features added without full rebuild.
7. **Reusable** → Components (libraries, APIs) can be reused across projects → saves cost/time.

Types of Software (With Examples):

1. **System Software** → Manages hardware/resources → acts as bridge between user + hardware. - Examples: Windows, Linux, Device Drivers. - Function: Memory management, process scheduling.
2. **Application Software** → Performs user tasks → MS Word, Photoshop, WhatsApp. - Function: Business, education, communication.
3. **Embedded Software** → Controls devices → ATM, Car ECU, Microwave firmware. - Function: Real-time control, sensor processing.

Real-World Analogy: System SW = Government | **App SW** = Businesses | **Embedded SW** = Robots.

Conclusion: Software is the invisible engine of tech — powerful but demands discipline.

UNIT 2: AGILE SCRUM — ✦ Q. Explain Agile Methodology and Scrum Process in Detail. Include Roles, Phases, Advantages, and Disadvantages. (13–15 marks)

Agile Manifesto (Core Values): 1. Individuals > Processes 2. Working Software > Documentation 3. Customer Collaboration > Contracts 4. Responding to Change > Following Plan

Scrum Framework: [Product Backlog] → [Sprint Planning] → [Sprint] → [Daily Standup] → [Review] → [Retrospective] → Repeat

Scrum Roles: 1. Product Owner → Defines features, prioritizes backlog. 2. Scrum Master → Removes blockers, enforces process. 3. Dev Team (5–9) → Self-organizing, delivers product.

Scrum Events:

1. **Sprint Planning** → Set goal, break into tasks.
2. **Daily Standup (15 min)** → Yesterday? Today? Blockers?
3. **Sprint Review** → Demo to stakeholders → collect feedback.
4. **Sprint Retrospective** → What went well? What to improve?

Advantages: - Fast ROI, adaptable, high satisfaction, better morale.

Disadvantages: - Needs experts, scope creep, less docs, not for fixed contracts.

Real-World Use: Startups, Spotify, Amazon.

Conclusion: Scrum turns chaos into controlled iteration — needs discipline and trust.

UNIT 3: REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS — ✦ Q. Explain Requirement Gathering Techniques and SRS Document in Detail. (13–15 marks)

Gathering Techniques: 1. **Interviews** → Deep insights (e.g., bank manager). 2. **Surveys** → Scalable feedback (e.g., Google Forms). 3. **Observation** → Watch users (e.g., cashier at POS).

4. **Prototyping** → Mockup → test → refine (e.g., Figma UI).

SRS Purpose: Contract between client + dev → eliminates ambiguity.

SRS Characteristics: Correct, Complete, Consistent, Verifiable, Traceable, Modifiable, Unambiguous.

SRS Structure: 1. **Introduction** → Purpose, scope. 2. **Overall Description** → User needs, constraints.

3. **Specific Requirements** → Functional + Non-functional.

4. **Appendices** → Glossary, diagrams.

Pitfalls: Vague terms (“fast”), missing edge cases, ignore performance/security.

Conclusion: Perfect SRS = foundation. Without it = building on quicksand.

UNIT 4: SYSTEM DESIGN — EXPANDED FOR 13–15 MARK ANSWERS

✦ Q. Explain UML Diagrams, DFD, and Design Principles with Examples. (13–15 marks)

UML Diagrams: 1. **Class Diagram** → [Student | name,id | enroll()] → structure. 2. **Use Case** → (Student) -- (Register) → functionality.

DFD Levels:

- L0: [System] ↔ [User]
- L1: [Login] → [Check Bal] → [Log]
- L2: [Validate PIN] → [Fetch Bal] → [Display]

Design Principles:

1. **Functional Independence** → High Cohesion + Low Coupling.

- Cohesion: Functional (best), Temporal.
- Coupling: Data (good) → Content (bad).

2. **Modularity** → Independent modules.

3. **Abstraction** → Hide complexity → e.g., Car.start().

Conclusion: Good design = understandable, maintainable, scalable — not fancy diagrams.

UNIT 5: SOFTWARE TESTING — EXPANDED FOR 13–15 MARK ANSWERS

✦ Q. Explain Testing Fundamentals, Types, Levels, and Changeover Strategies. (13–15 marks)

Testing Principles:

1. **Early Testing** → Fix cheap early.

2. **Defect Clustering** → 80% bugs in 20% modules.

3. **Pesticide Paradox** → Update test cases.

4. **Shows Presence of Defects** → Can't prove defect-free.

5. **Absence-of-Errors Fallacy** → Bug-free ≠ useful.

Black Box: - Equivalence Partitioning → Valid/Invalid classes (Age 18–60 → test 25, 17, 61). - Boundary Value → Test edges (17,18,59,60,61).

White Box:

- Path/Branch/Statement Coverage → needs code.

Testing Levels:

1. **Unit** → Individual modules.

2. **Integration** → Module interactions (Top-down/Bottom-up).

3. **System** → Full system (Functional, Performance, Security).

4. **Acceptance** → User validates.

Changeover: 1. **Direct** → Instant, risky. 2. **Parallel** → Old + new, safe, costly. 3. **Pilot** → Small group → then full. 4. **Phased** → Module by module.

Conclusion: Testing = mindset. Goal = confidence, not perfection.

UNIT 6: QUESTION TEMPLATES

● 8–9 MARK TEMPLATE (12–15 lines MAX)

- Definition (1 line)
- Key Features/Types (3–4 bullets)
- Diagram/Example (3–4 lines)
- Advantages/Disadvantages (2 bullets)

● 13–15 MARK TEMPLATE (20–25 lines MAX)

- Definition + Purpose (2 lines)
- Diagram-in-Words (5–6 parts)
- Step-by-Step/Phases (4 bullets)
- Advantages + Disadvantages (3 each) - Real-Use + Conclusion (2 lines)

