

# Software Cost Estimation

## Training MCQ (Solved) – 65 Questions

### Midterm Lectures and Labs

- 1) During estimation we assume resources will be productive for more than 80 percent of their time.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 2) Milestones are points in the schedule to assess progress.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 3) Deliverables are work products delivered to the customer.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 4) One of the scheduling problems is to estimate time and resources for each task in the project.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 5) One of the scheduling activities is to minimize dependencies between tasks in the project.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 6) As the number of rounds in the Wideband Delphi Estimation decreases the range of estimation will be narrower, and Results are converged to an acceptable range.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 7) The moderator generates a detailed WBS (Wideband Delphi Estimation Sheet), estimates each task in the WBS, and documents the assumptions made.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 8) Estimation team members prepare a structured document containing problem specification, high level task list, assumptions, and the units of estimation that are decided.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 9) The algorithmic cost modelling is based on experience of past project and application domain.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 10) The size of the project is affected by the reused components and the programming language.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 11) Doubling the number of staff means that the duration of the project will be halved.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 12) If 4 people can complete a project in 13 month, then 5 people can complete it in 11 month.
  - a) True
  - b) False

**13) Estimation determines how much of the following it will take to build a specific system or product**

- a) Experience
- b) Knowledge
- c) **Resources**
- d) Identified Risks

**14) The four basic steps in Software Project Estimation are**

- a) **Size, effort, schedule, and cost**
- b) Input data, calculations, historical data, and good plan.
- c) Experience, Assumptions, Identified Risks, and Available Documents
- d) Money, time, resources, and effort

**15) Important factors that affect the accuracy of estimates are**

- a) Accuracy of input data, accuracy of calculation, how historical or industry data matches the project, and carefully planned project.
- b) Size, effort, schedule, and cost
- c) Experience, Assumptions, Identified Risks, and Available Documents
- d) Money, time, resources, and effort

**16) One of the following is a pricing strategy**

- a) Contractual terms
- b) Market opportunity
- c) **Under pricing**
- d) Proposal planning

**17) One of the following affects software pricing**

- a) Development plan
- b) Pricing to win
- c) Increased pricing
- d) **Requirements volatility**

**18) One of the planning stages**

- a) Requirement volatility
- b) Contingency planning
- c) Market opportunity
- d) **Proposal planning**

**19) Which of the following sub-models in the COCOMO method is based on the number of application points**

- a) Early design model
- b) Reuse model
- c) Post architectural model
- d) **Application decomposition model**

**20) Which of the following sub-models in the COCOMO method is based on the number of function points**

- a) **Early design model**
- b) Reuse model
- c) Post architectural model
- d) Application decomposition model

**21) Which of the following sub-models in the COCOMO method is based on the number of lines reused or generated**

- a) Early design model
- b) **Reuse model**
- c) Post architectural model
- d) Application decomposition model

**22) Which of the following sub-models in the COCOMO method is based on the number of lines of source code**

- a) Early design model
- b) Reuse model
- c) **Post architectural model**
- d) Application decomposition model

**23) In a use case, transactions are classified as simple if their number is**

- a)  $\leq 3$
- b)  $\geq 3$
- c)  $\leq 7$
- d)  $\geq 7$

**24) In a use case, transactions are classified as complex if their number is**

- a)  $\leq 3$
- b)  $\geq 3$
- c)  $\leq 7$
- d)  $\geq 7$

**25) In a use model, actors are classified as complex if**

- a) There is no interaction with the system
- b) **user interacting through GUI**
- c) user interacting through API
- d) interacting through a protocol

**26) In a use case model, actors are classified as average if**

- a) There is no interaction with the system
- b) User interacting through GUI
- c) User interacting through API
- d) **User interacting through a protocol**

**27) In the Wideband Delphi Estimation, the process is stopped after**

- a) Certain number of rounds and Achievement of consensus
- b) Achievement of consensus and Stability of results
- c) Stability of results, Achievement of consensus, and Certain number of rounds
- d) **Certain number of rounds, achievement of consensus, or stability of results**

**28) The Unadjusted Use-Case Points (UUCP) must be adjusted for**

- a) Estimation sheet, Technical and Environmental Complexity
- b) Environmental Complexity and Estimation sheet
- c) **Technical Complexity, and Environmental Complexity**
- d) Technical Complexity and Estimation sheet

**29) The factors affecting the size of the project are**

- a) Reused components and Programming languages, and application domain
- b) Programming languages and application domain, and Reused components
- c) System distribution, application domain, and Programming languages
- d) **Reused components, Programming languages, and System distribution**

30) In the following project duration equation  $B = 1.17$ ,  $PM = 50$

- a) 13 months
- b) 11 months
- c) **12 months**
- d) 14 months

31) If the scale factors affecting the exponent B in the effort equation are given as precedentedness = 2, development flexibility = 4, risk resolution = 4, team cohesion = 4, process maturity = 3. If B is given by the following equation, its value will be:  $[B = (\text{sum of scale factors}/100) + 1.01]$

- a) **1.18**
- b) 1.17
- c) 0.18
- d) 1.19

32) If the cost drivers affecting the multiplier M in the effort equation are given as reliability = 1.4, complexity = 1.3, memory constraint = 1.2, schedule = 1.3, tool use = 1.2. The value of M will be

- a) 6.4
- b) **3.4**
- c) 3.9
- d) 2.2

33) In the effort equation  $PM = A \times \text{Size}^B \times M$ ,  $A = 2.49$ ,  $\text{Size} = 230000$  LOSC,  $B=1.16$ ,  $M = 3.2$ , the effort estimate without cost drivers will be

- a) **1367**
- b) 4374
- c) 1524
- d) 5182

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35) If the weights of simple, average, and complex use cases are 5, 10, and 15 respectively and number of simple, average, and complex use cases are 8, 12, and 6 respectively, then the unadjusted use case weight will be

- a) 30
- b) 56
- c) 780
- d) **250**

36) If the weights of simple, average, and complex actors are 1, 2, and 3 respectively and number of simple, average, and complex actors are 5, 4, and 6 respectively, then the unadjusted actor weight will be

- a) 21
- b) **31**
- c) 90
- d) 720

37) If the unadjusted use case weight is 280 and the unadjusted actor weight is 40 then the unadjusted use case points will be

- a) 11200
- b) 7
- c) 320
- d) 1120

38) If the technical complexity factor = 0.8, the environmental complexity factor = 0.9, and the unadjusted use case points = 325 then the adjusted use case points will be

- a) 234
- b) 326.7
- c) 191
- d) 552

39) You should count things that have low correlation with the size of the software you're estimating.

- a) True
- b) False

40) The biggest influence on a project estimate is the size of the software.

- a) True
- b) False

41) Expert judgment is the most accurate means of estimation.

- a) True
- b) False

42) It is a good practice to tweak computed estimates to conform to your expert judgment.

- a) True
- b) False

43) Productivity is usually determined at the project-level.

- a) True
- b) False

44) Setting an anchor is the basic issue regarding off-the-cuff estimates.

- a) True
- b) False

45) A task estimate of 30 hours is considered a good estimate.

- a) True
- b) False

46) User stories can be counted ...

- a) Early in the project
- b) In the middle of the project
- c) Late in the project
- d) All of the above

47) You have 100 open defects, and you know that the 50 defects you've fixed so far have averaged 2 hours per defect, the remaining effort is ... hours.

- a) 50
- b) 100
- c) 150
- d) 200

- 48) ... doesn't support the creation of accurate estimates.
- a) Project Data
  - b) Organizational Data
  - c) **Industry-Average Data**
  - d) All of the above
- 49) In medium and large projects, individual capabilities matter ... organizational characteristics.
- a) the same as
  - b) **less than**
  - c) more than
  - d) None of the above
- 50) Given that workday is 8 hours, and employees work 5 days a week, then one calendar-week is equal to ... hours.
- a) 40
  - b) 144
  - c) **168**
  - d) None of the above
- 51) Counting unpaid overtime is an issue of measuring ...
- a) All of the above
  - b) Schedule
  - c) **Effort**
  - d) Size
- 52) If the team velocity is 2 story points per staff-week, then the estimated effort for the next 50 story points will be ... staff-weeks.
- a) 25
  - b) 50
  - c) 75
  - d) 100
- 53) For task-level estimates, the team leads tend to ... the tasks.
- a) **Underestimate**
  - b) Overestimate
  - c) Both
  - d) None of the above
- 54) Single-point estimates tend to be close to the ... estimate.
- a) **Best case**
  - b) Worst case
  - c) Most-likely case
  - d) All of the above
- 55) Summing task durations is ... with cost and schedule overruns.
- a) positively correlated
  - b) **negatively correlated**
  - c) not correlated
  - d) None of the above
- 56) The "Law of Large Numbers" says that if you estimate one big thing, you are going to have some error on that estimate ...
- a) **All on the high OR the low side**
  - b) All on the high side
  - c) All on the low side
  - d) Evenly balanced between the high and low sides

**57) Estimation in the narrow end of the cone of uncertainty means ...**

- a) Early in the project
- b) **Late in the project**
- c) In the middle of the project
- d) Anytime in the project

**58) A project is midway and the team has created 10 database tables. It is a good practice to use that number as a base for estimating the remaining of the project.**

- a) True
- b) **False**

**59) A company staff has to work 8 hours per day for 5 days in the week. This means that a staff week in this company is equal to ... hours**

- a) 40
- b) 120
- c) 144
- d) 168

**60) Tasks should be counted ... in the development cycle**

- a) Early
- b) **Late**
- c) In the middle of
- d) All of the above

**61) The use of ... to create estimates is positively correlated with cost and schedule overruns**

- a) historical data
- b) simple arithmetic formulas
- c) **guessing and intuition**
- d) None of the above

**62) In most organizations, the project manager can decide to use better development methods and newer technologies.**

- a) True
- b) **False**

**63) Story points are measured in ...**

- a) hours
- b) days
- c) weeks
- d) **None of the above**

**64) You should never mix calendar time with ideal time when making project estimates.**

- a) **True**
- b) False

**65) Software development is the process of making increasingly ... decisions**

- a) smaller
- b) bigger
- c) different
- d) difficult