

## **1. Define Software Engineering. Differentiate with CS & System Eng.**

- **Software Engineering:** Application of a systematic, disciplined, quantifiable approach to development, operation, and maintenance of software  
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- **Computer Science:** Theoretical study of algorithms, data, and computation.
- **System Engineering:** Focuses on overall system (hardware + software + processes).
- **Difference:**
  - CS → theory,
  - SE → disciplined practice for software,
  - SysEng → integrates software + hardware.

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## **2. Steps of Software Process Cycle:**

- a) Communication
- b) Planning
- c) Modelling
- d) Construction
- e) Deployment

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## **3. Define Agility & two disadvantages of Agile.**

- **Agility:** Ability to adapt to changes quickly while maintaining software quality.
- **Disadvantages:**
  1. Needs customer availability & collaboration.
  2. Difficult to use for large, complex projects.

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## **4. Four Advantages of Agile:**

1. Customer satisfaction through rapid delivery.
  2. Flexible to changes.
  3. Encourages teamwork & communication.
  4. Reduces risk with incremental releases.
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## 5. Software Process Assessment & Types:

- **Definition:** Disciplined examination of an organization's software process to identify strengths/weaknesses  
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  - **Types:**
    - **Self-assessment:** By internal team.
    - **Second-party:** Internal but supervised by external team.
    - **Third-party:** Independent external body.
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## 6. Software Engineering as Layered Technology:

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- **Quality Focus** (bedrock).
  - **Process** (framework layer).
  - **Methods** (technical how-to).
  - **Tools** (automated support like CASE).
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## 7. When to use Incremental Model?

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- Requirements well understood.

- Customer demands early delivery.
  - Project can be developed in modules.
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## **8. Necessary Conditions for Evolutionary Models:**

- Requirements not clear in early stage.
  - Frequent change expected.
  - Large projects with high risk.
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## **9. Two Advantages & Disadvantages of Evolutionary Model:**

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- **Advantages:**
    1. Early feedback from customer.
    2. Risk reduction by iterative refinement.
  - **Disadvantages:**
    1. Costly due to repeated iterations.
    2. Not suitable for smaller projects.
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## **10. Aspect Software Development Process (AOP):**

- Aspect-Oriented Programming helps modularize cross-cutting concerns (e.g., logging, security).
  - Provides better separation of concerns.
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## **11. Justify – “Agile yesterday, today, tomorrow”:**

- **Yesterday:** Emerged as response to rigid models (Waterfall).
  - **Today:** Widely adopted in IT industry.
  - **Tomorrow:** Continues to evolve with DevOps, CI/CD, AI-driven agility.
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## 12. When to use Agile Model?

- Requirements change frequently.
  - Customer involved closely.
  - Project requires rapid delivery.
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## 13. Software Process Maturity Model:

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- **CMMI Levels:**

1. Initial (ad hoc).
2. Managed.
3. Defined.
4. Quantitatively Managed.
5. Optimizing.

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## Long Questions (Detailed Answers)

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### 11 (a) Explain Software Process Framework.

A **software process framework** is a structured set of activities, actions, and tasks carried out to build software. It defines *how* software is developed and maintained.

### **Five Framework Activities:**

1. **Communication** – Interaction with stakeholders to gather requirements and understand objectives.  
*Example:* Interviewing a client before developing a fitness tracking app.
2. **Planning** – Estimating resources, defining schedules, and assessing risks.
3. **Modeling** – Creating system architecture, data models, and design workflows (e.g., UML diagrams).
4. **Construction** – Coding and testing the system modules.
5. **Deployment** – Delivering the product (incrementally or fully) to customers for use and feedback.

### **Umbrella Activities:** (support every stage)

- Project tracking & control
- Risk management
- Software Quality Assurance (SQA)
- Configuration management (SCM)
- Technical reviews

 **Significance:** Provides a roadmap that ensures software is built systematically, reduces risk, and maintains quality.

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## **11 (b) Explain Waterfall Process Model.**

The **Waterfall model** is the earliest SDLC model, also known as the **classic life cycle model**. It is a **linear, sequential** approach.

### **Phases:**

1. Requirements analysis
2. Design
3. Implementation (coding)

4. Testing
5. Deployment & Maintenance

**Advantages:**

- Simple and easy to understand.
- Works well when requirements are fixed and clear.
- Each phase has clear deliverables.
- Good for small, low-risk projects.

**Disadvantages:**

- Not flexible (changes are difficult once a phase is complete).
- Risk is high if requirements are unclear.
- Doesn't work well for complex or object-oriented projects.
- Progress is hard to measure within phases.

 **Example:** Good for projects like payroll systems where requirements rarely change.

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## 12 (a) Compare Waterfall & Incremental Models.

Feature	Waterfall Model	Incremental Model
<b>Approach</b>	Linear, sequential	Iterative, modular
<b>Flexibility</b>	Rigid, no changes once phase starts	Flexible, supports changes in increments
<b>Delivery</b>	Entire system at the end	Partial system delivered in increments
<b>Customer Involvement</b>	Only at beginning & end	Continuous involvement
<b>Risk Handling</b>	High risk if requirements change	Lower risk, problems detected early

<b>Best For</b>	Small projects with fixed requirements	Large/modular projects needing early releases
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 **Summary:** Incremental is more adaptive and customer-focused than Waterfall.

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## 12 (b) Compare Prototyping & Spiral Models.

Feature	Prototyping Model	Spiral Model
<b>Goal</b>	Build a quick prototype to clarify requirements	Manage risks in large/complex projects
<b>Approach</b>	Trial-and-error with prototypes	Cyclic iterations (planning, risk analysis, prototyping, development)
<b>Customer Role</b>	Continuous feedback on prototype	Stakeholder involvement at each iteration
<b>Risk Management</b>	Limited	Strong (risk-driven model)
<b>Cost</b>	Cheaper for small/medium projects	Expensive, suited for large projects

 **Summary:** Prototyping is best for unclear requirements; Spiral is best for high-risk, large systems.

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## 13 (a) Explain Evolutionary Process Model.

The **evolutionary model** combines **incremental** and **iterative** development. Software is developed in steps, refined repeatedly until the final product is achieved.

### Types:

1. **Prototyping Model** – Build a working model for requirement validation.
2. **Spiral Model** – Iterative + risk management.
3. **Concurrent Model** – Activities (design, coding, testing) can run in parallel states.

### Advantages:

- Handles changing requirements.

- Customer feedback at every stage.
- Risks identified and reduced early.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Expensive due to multiple iterations.
- Difficult to manage with poor communication.

 **Use Case:** Complex, evolving applications like online banking systems.

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### **13 (b) Explain Incremental Process Model.**

The **incremental model** delivers the system in smaller **modules (increments)**. Each increment adds functionality until the full product is complete.

#### **Process:**

1. Collect initial requirements.
2. Develop the first increment → deliver to customer.
3. Gather feedback → refine & add next increment.
4. Repeat until full system is ready.

#### **Advantages:**

- Early delivery of working product.
- Easier to test/debug smaller modules.
- Cost effective.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Needs good planning and design.
- Interfaces between modules must be well-defined.
- Customer must clearly know requirements.

 **Example:** Building an e-commerce site where the first increment is “product browsing,” second is “shopping cart,” third is “payment gateway.”

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## 14 (a) Explain Generic View of Process.

A **generic process** includes essential activities for any software project:

- **Communication** (requirements with stakeholders)
- **Planning** (tasks, resources, risk estimation)
- **Modeling** (design architecture, data flow)
- **Construction** (coding & testing)
- **Deployment** (delivery & feedback)

**Umbrella activities** (apply across all phases): risk management, configuration management, technical reviews, and quality assurance.

 **Key Idea:** Provides a universal structure that can be adapted by different models like Agile, Waterfall, Incremental.

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## 14 (b) Explain Unified Process Model (UP).

The **Unified Process (UP)** is an object-oriented, iterative, and incremental framework.

### Phases:

1. **Inception** – Define project scope, business goals, high-level requirements.
2. **Elaboration** – Refine use cases, build architectural baseline, plan resources.
3. **Construction** – Actual coding, unit testing, component integration.
4. **Transition** – Deliver system to users, perform beta testing, training, documentation.
5. **Production** – Maintenance, updates, bug fixes.

### Features:

- Use-case driven.

- Architecture-centric.
- Iterative & incremental.
- Supports large, object-oriented projects.

 **Example:** Used in Rational Unified Process (RUP) for enterprise-scale software.

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## 15 (a) Explain Agile Process Model.

The **Agile Model** is an iterative, incremental approach emphasizing adaptability, collaboration, and customer satisfaction.

### Principles:

- Deliver working software frequently.
- Welcome changing requirements.
- Promote collaboration between developers and customers.
- Prioritize simplicity and quick delivery.

### Advantages:

- Highly flexible.
- Continuous feedback.
- Faster time-to-market.

### Disadvantages:

- Needs customer availability.
- Difficult for large teams without discipline.

 **Use Case:** Web apps, mobile apps, or projects where requirements evolve rapidly.

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## 15 (b) Explain RAD (Rapid Application Development).

The **RAD model** emphasizes **fast development** using component reusability, prototyping, and parallel development.

#### **Phases:**

1. **Communication** – Requirement workshops with users.
2. **Planning** – Multiple teams working in parallel.
3. **Modeling** – Business, data, and process modeling.
4. **Construction** – Use of pre-built components, prototyping, and iterative testing.
5. **Deployment** – Quick delivery for feedback.

#### **Advantages:**

- Faster development (2-3 months cycles).
- High user involvement ensures satisfaction.
- Increases reuse of components.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Needs highly skilled developers.
- Requires expensive CASE tools.
- Not suitable for all projects (e.g., complex, large systems).

 **Example:** RAD works best for modular business applications like HR management or sales tracking systems.

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