

# Practical Assessment Week 6

RMIT University - PCP/APD 2019 Semester 2

Consider the following questions, find and discuss the relevant issues, and write the answers. A “yes” or “no” answer is insufficient for the following questions. You need to show your thought process and use good arguments to justify your position.

*Mark: Each question has ¼ mark*

## ACTIVITY ONE

Consider the first day of your job after getting out of university. You are excited, ambitious and anxious to please your supervisors. However, when you arrive at the office, you realise that the organisation has not planned the details of your work. It is not clear what you will be doing. In the first day, you are placed next to a printer, given a stack of manuals and told to read them. This keeps on going for two months.

1. What would you do?
2. Whom would you speak to?
3. What would you say?
4. Does the ACS Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct and Professional practice support your decisions? How?

## ACTIVITY TWO

You are delegated to work as a maintenance programmer. Soon, you start feeling uncomfortable. Maintenance changes you have been asked to do are not documented. Every guideline you have read about maintenance is being violated; change requests are not documented; they are not evaluated etc.

1. What would you do?
2. Whom would you speak to?
3. What would you say?
4. Does the ACS Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct and Professional practice support your decisions? How?

## ACTIVITY THREE

You are a recent graduate of a well-respected university, but you are having trouble getting a job. You worked with a professional resume service to develop a well-written resume and placed it on several websites; you also sent it directly to contacts at a dozen companies. So far, you have not even had an invitation for an interview. You know that one of the shortcomings is that you have no real job experience to speak of.

One of your close friends, Chris, advises you to beef up your resume by exaggerating the extent of the class project that you worked on for a few weeks during the last semester. Chris further tells you to reword the resume to make it sound as if you were actually employed and that your responsibilities were greater than they actually were.

1. Is it ethical to exaggerate and pad up a resume? Do not just say yes or no - explain your choice.
2. You take Chris's advice and pad up your resume. You eventually find yourself a job. However, the manager finds out about you lying in your resume. He intends to fire you as you are under probation. What will you do? What will you say?

## ACTIVITY FOUR

You have been hired by a telecommunication firm for a graduate position. You have been delegated to develop a component of a system in a language that you have not previously studied; using a development environment that you have never seen before.

Your industry mentor is oblivious to this. She assumes you must have studied this: 'after all, don't they teach you all this stuff at university?' She is obviously very busy, heavily committed to various meetings and you really do not like to bother her.

1. Who would you speak to and why?
2. What will you say?
3. Does the ACS Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct and Professional Practice support your decisions? How?