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Que	estion 1	FL-1.1.1	K1	Score	1.0	
	objective	f the following statements does NOT ? ? NE option! (1 out of 4)	describe	a typical	test	
a)	Detect de	fects and triggering failures				
b)	Create co	nfidence in the quality level of the test objec	rt .			
c)	Reduce th	ne risk of an inadequate testing environmen	t			
d)	Meet conf	ractual, legal or regulatory requirements				
Que	causing I of an inpu input fiel Which of	ringing in a neighboring cubicle distraction in to improperly code the logic that che ut variable. Later, during system testing, and accepts invalid input values.	cks the up a tester no	per boun tices that	dary this	
	Select Ol	the upper boundary in this scenario?			oded	
a)	Select Ol	NE option! (1 out of 4)			oded	
a) b)		NE option! (1 out of 4)			oded	
,	root cause	NE option! (1 out of 4)			oded	



Question 3		FL-1.4.1		K2	Score	1.0	
Which of the following takes place during the "Test analysis" activity of the test process?							
Select ONE option! (1 out of 4)							
a)	Identify the required infrastructure and tools						
b)	Creating test suites based on the test script						
c)	Analyze the "lessons learned" for process improvement						
d)	Evaluate t	he test basis in terms of testabil	ity				
Que	estion 4	FL-1.3.1		K2	Score	1.0	
In general according to the Pareto principle, an above-average number of defects are often found in a few areas of a system. The corresponding failures often result in the system being unusable. Which of the following principles of testing does this describe? Select ONE option! (1 out of 4)							
a)	Testing is	context dependent.					
b)	Defects cl	uster together.					
c)	Tests wea	ar out.					
d)	Absence	of defects fallacy.					



Question 5	FL-1.5.1	K2	Score	1.0
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Which of the following general competencies is particularly important for passing on discovered failures to the affected developers?

a)	Test knowledge	
b)	Critical thinking	
c)	Care	
d)	Communication skills	



Match the correct description from A to D:

- A. A set of test cases or test scripts to be executed in a particular test cycle.
- B. A sequence of instructions for the execution of a test.
- C. Contains the expected results.
- D. The documentation of a goal and the agenda of a test session.

to its corresponding test resource (test work results) 1 to 4:

- 1. test suite.
- 2. test case.
- 3. test script.
- 4. test charter.

a)	1A, 2C, 3B, 4D	
b)	1D, 2B, 3A, 4C	
c)	1A, 2C, 3D, 4B	
d)	1D, 2C, 3B, 4A	



Que	estion 7	stion 7 FL-1.4.4 K2 Score 1.0					
	test bas	of the following is the BES sis, test assets, test results ONE option! (1 out of 4)	•		•	veen	
a)	Conducting an impact analysis provides information about the quality of the system under test.						
b)	The analysis of traceability between test cases and test results provides information about the completeness of test cases.						
c)	The analysis of traceability by conducting an impact analysis helps in selecting appropriate test cases for regression testing.						
d)	Analyzing the traceability between the requirements and the test cases helps in analyzing the residual risks.						
Que	estion 8	FL-1.5.2		K1	Score	1.0	
	approac	of the following statement ch? ONE option! (1 out of 4)	ts is an advant	age of t	the whole-f	team	
a)	Each tea	am member can take on any	task they wish.				
b)	Every te	am member is responsible fo	or quality.				_

c)

d)

Each team member works separately on their own task.

Each team member has a fixed role and a defined responsibility.



Que	estion 9	FL-2.1.1		K2	Score	1.0		
	develop	working as a testement lifecycle (SDIes the choice of thies with the choice of the option! (1 out o	LC = Software	Development Life	cycle).			
-1	_	. ,						
a)	SDLC	tests (unit tests) ca	nnot be carried	out in the early ph	ases of the			
b)	Static tes	ting cannot be perfo	ormed early ph	nases in this SDLC		[
c)	Test plan	nning cannot be perf	formed early p	hases in this SDLC		[
d)	Acceptar	nce testing can be p	erformed early	phases in this SDL	С	[
Que	estion 10	FL-2.1.2		K1	Score	1.0		
	software	of the following is e development life on the option! (1 out on	cycles (SDLC)?				
a)		nust accompany de for which there are	•	•	evelopment			
b)			-	es for each test leve	el to custon	Testers should define different test objectives for each test level to customize the scope and depth of testing.		
c)	Testers s					ı		
	requirem	should only start the ents and specification	•	and test design once etely implemented.	e the	[



Que	estion 11	FL-2.1.3	K1	Score	1.0	
	to expres	the following test-first appross the desired response of ar NE option! (1 out of 4)		ven/if/then fo	rmat	
a)	Test-drive	en application (TDD)				
b)	Acceptan	ce test-driven development (AT	DD)			
c)	Behavior-	driven development (BDD)				
d)	Continuo	us Integration / Continuous Del	ivery (CI/CD)			
Que	estion 12	FL-2.1.4	K2	Score	1.0	
	Which of	the following are benefits of	DevOps?			
	Select O	NE option! (1 out of 4)				
a)	Faster pro	oduct release and faster time to	market			
b)	Fast feed	back by focusing exclusively or	n functional testing			
c)	Shift-Left	can minimize the number of re	gression tests			

d)

Cost-effective implementation of the test automation framework.



Question 13	FL-2.2.2	K2	Score 1.0
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You work as a tester on a project on a mobile application for ordering food. A high priority client requirement states:

"The order must be processed in less than 10 seconds 95% of the time."

You created a set of test cases in which a number of random orders were made, the processing time measured, and the test results were checked against the requirements.

What test type did you perform?

a)	Functional, because the test cases cover the user's business requirements for the system.	
b)	Non-functional, because the test cases measure the system's performance.	
c)	Exploratory because the exact processing time has not been defined	
d)	Structural, because we need to know the internal structure of the program to measure the order processing time.	



Question 14	FL-2.2.3	K2	Score 1.0
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Which of the following statements related to confirmation and regression test is CORRECT?

Select one Option! (1 out of 4)

a)	Regression tests increase in number as the project progresses, whereas the number of confirmation tests decreases as the project progresses.	
b)	Regression tests are created and run when the test object is fixed, whereas confirmation tests are run whenever the test object is enhanced.	
c)	Regression testing is concerned with checking that the operational environment remains unchanged, whereas confirmation testing is concerned with testing changes to the test object.	
d)	Regression testing is concerned with possible adverse effects in unchanged code, whereas confirmation testing is concerned with the positive effects of corrective changes.	



Qu	estion 15	FL-3.1.1		K1	Score	1.0	
	static te	f the following list of work sting technique? NE option! (1 out of 4)	oroducts can N	OT be ch	ecked w	ith a	
a)	Test cas	es and executable test scripts					
b)	Requirer	nents specification and accep	ance criteria				
c)	Proprieta	ry third-party executable code					
d)	Project d	ocumentation and models					
Qu	estion 16	FL-3.1.3		K2	C		
		of the following statements		-	Score ces betw	1.0 veen	
	static ar	of the following statements ad dynamic testing? NE option! (1 out of 4)		-			
a)	static ar Select C	d dynamic testing?		-			
a) b)	Select C	d dynamic testing? NE option! (1 out of 4)	applies to the	differen			
,	Select Control During static test	nd dynamic testing? NE option! (1 out of 4) Eatic testing, failures are found	applies to the	differen	ces betw	veen	



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Que	estion 17	FL-3.2.2		K2	Score	1.0
	Which o	f the following statement ?	s about formal re	views (e.	g. inspectio	ons)
	Select C	NE option! (1 out of 4)				
a)	The tech	nical review is led by the a	uthor			
b)	The review process consists of several activities, such as planning, communication and analysis, troubleshooting and reporting.					
c)	Work products to be reviewed are distributed during the review meeting					
d)	Defects found during the review are not reported since they are found during dynamic testing anyway			ng [
Que	estion 18	FL-3.2.3		K1	Score	1.0
	inspecti	nsk may management toon)? ONE option! (1 out of 4)	take on during	a forma	l review	(e.g.
a)	Doing th	e post-review rework for a	review object, if ne	ecessary		
b)		what is to be reviewed				
c)	Ensuring	the effective running of re	view meetings, an	d mediatii	ng, if neces	sary

d)

Recording review information such as review decisions



Question 19	FL-4.1.1	K1	Score 1.0	
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Which of the following statements describes an advantage of black box testing over white box testing?

a)	Black box test techniques can check the internal structure and processing of the test object.	
b)	Black box test techniques can be created regardless of the implementation of the software.	
c)	Black box test techniques better utilize the knowledge and experience of the testers.	
d)	Black box testing techniques can be performed without adjustment even though the required behavior of the test object has changed.	



Question 20 FL-4.2.1	К3	Score 1.0
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A fitness app measures the number of steps taken daily and provides feedback to motivate the user to stay fit.

The feedback for different step counts should be as follows:

- Up to and including 1000: Couch Potato!
- Over 1000, up to and including 2000: Get moving!
- Over 2000, up to and including 4000: On the right track!
- Over 4000, up to and including 6000: Well done!
- Over 6000: Super!

Which of the following groups of test input values would provide the HIGHEST coverage of equivalence classes?

a)	0,	1000,	2000,	3000,	4000	
b)	1000,	2001,	4000,	4001,	6000	
c)	123,	2345,	3456,	4567,	5678	
d)	666,	999,	2222,	5555,	6666	



Question 21 FL-4.2.2	K3 Score 1	.0
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You are testing a system that calculates the final grade for course participants.

The final grade is determined based on the total number of points between 0 and 100, according to the following rules:

• 0 - 50 points: failed

• 51 - 70 points: sufficient

• 71 - 90 points: good

• 91 - 100 points: very good

You have prepared the following set of test cases:

	Total points	Final grade
TF1	91	very good
TF2	50	failed
TF3	70	sufficient
TF4	100	very good
TF5	90	good
TF6	0	failed

Given these test cases, what percentage coverage is achieved when using 2-value boundary analysis?

a)	60%	
b)	75%	
c)	33,3%	
d)	100%	



Question 22 FL-4.2.3 K3 Sc	Score '	1.0
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You are testing a new customer relationship management system for a daily bike rental company. The system requirements are as follows:

- Anyone can rent a bike, but only members receive a 20% discount.
- However, if the return deadline is missed, the discount can no longer be claimed.
- After 15 rentals, members receive a T-shirt as a gift.

A tester designs the following decision table to test the requirements: (T=true, F=false, X=execute action):

Conditions	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
is a member	Т	Т	Т	Т	F	F	F	F
Missed deadline	T	F	Т	F	Т	F	F	Т
15. rental	F	F	Т	Т	F	F	Т	Т
Actions								
20% discount		Х		Х				
Gift T-shirt			Х	Х				Х

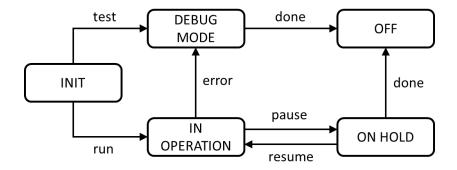
Which rule (combination of conditions and actions) does not meet the above requirements?

а) R	R4	
b) R	₹2	
С) R	R6	
d) R	R8	



Question 23	FL-4.2.4	K3	Score 1.0
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You are testing a system whose life cycle is modeled by the state transition diagram shown below. The system starts in the INIT state and ends its operation in the OFF state.



What is the MINIMUM number of test cases to achieve 100% coverage of valid transitions (0-switch coverage)?

a)	2	
b)	3	
c)	4	
d)	7	



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Que	stion 24	FL-4.3.1		K2	Score	1.0	
		suite achieves 100% NE option! (1 out of 4)	•	e. What d	oes it mea	n?	
a)	Any selec	ted instruction in the co	ode has been execute	ed at least	once.		
b)	Any test suite that contains more test cases than your test suite also achieves 100% statement coverage.						
c)	Each branch in the code has been executed at least once.						
d)	Every cor	nbination of input value	s in the code was tes	sted.			
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Que	stion 25	FL-4.3.2		K2	Score	1.0	
	Select Ol	the following stateme		_		?	
a)	If a program contains only unconditional control transitions, 100% branch coverage can be achieved without having to execute a single test case.						
b)	When a b	ranch with a test case i	s executed, all defec	ts in it are	revealed.		
c)	If 100% s achieved.	tatement coverage is a	chieved, then 100% k	oranch co	verage is a	lso	

d)

If 100% branch coverage is achieved, then all decision results of each

conditional control transition of the code are executed.



Que	stion 26	FL-4.4.2	K2	Score	1.0	
	What is testing?	the purpose of a test charter in sess	sion-based	explora	itory	
	Select Of	NE option! (1 out of 4)				
a)	The test of	charter specifies the test objectives for the test	st session.			
b)	The test charter documents the steps taken and the findings made.					
c)	The test charter is often formulated in the form of questions.					
d)	The test of	harter evaluates the test results after the tes	st session.			
Que	stion 27	FL-4.4.3	K2	Score	1.0	
Que	Which of checklist Select Of	f the following statements is MOST LIM -based testing? NE option! (1 out of 4)				
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a)	Which of checklist Select Of It enables It provides cases.	f the following statements is MOST LIM-based testing? NE option! (1 out of 4) high repeatability of the tests.	KELY an a	dvantag		
a) b)	Which of checklist Select Of It enables It provides cases. It covers a	f the following statements is MOST LIM-based testing? NE option! (1 out of 4) high repeatability of the tests. s a structured approach to testing without recommends.	KELY an a	dvantag		



Question 28	FL-4.5.1	K2	Score 1.0
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Which of the following statements does NOT describe the collaborative approach to writing user stories?

a)	User stories include technicality, development and testing aspects.	
b)	User stories are created by business representatives, developers, and testers together.	
c)	Acceptance criteria for user stories must be created specifically by testers to ensure independence of testing.	
d)	User stories are created in a sprint or interation in such a way that they are independent, negotiable, valuable, estimable, small, and testable.	



Que	stion 29	FL-4.5.3	K3	Score	1.0		
	You are using acceptance test-driven development and designing test cases based on the following user story:						
		ular or Special user, I want to be able to u ccess specific floors.	ise my elec	tronic fl	oor		
	Acceptar	ice Criteria:					
	AC1: Reg	ular users have access to floors 1 to 3					
	AC2: Floo	or 4 is only accessible to Special users					
	AC3: Spe	cial users have all the access rights of Re	egular usei	rs			
	Which te	st case is the MOST reasonable one to tes	st AC3?				
	Select Of	NE option! (1 out of 4)					
a)	Check tha	t a Regular user can access floors 1 and 3					
b)	Check that	t a Regular user cannot access floor 4					
c)	Check tha	t a Special user can access floor 5					
d)	Check tha	t a Special user can access floors 1, 2 and 3	3				



Question 30 FL-5.1.1	K2	Score	1.0
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Consider the following statement from a test plan.

The correct functioning of components is verified using component tests and component integration tests. Evidence must be provided that 100% branch coverage is achieved for each component classified as critical.

Which part of the test plan does this definition belongs to?

a)	Test environment	
b)	Risk register	
c)	Context of testing	
d)	Test approach	



Question 31	FL-5.1.4	K3	Score	1.0
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Given the following user story:

"As the chairman, none of the data that I upload should be viewable by any other user of the system, so that no confidential information can be viewed."

During the first poker planning session, the following effort estimations were given based on risk, effort and proper extent of testing:

Customers: 5

Developers: 5

Testers: 20

What is the BEST outcome following this planning session?

a)	Since the customers' and developers' estimates agree, the team can assume that they are good. The planning poker for this user story ends.	
b)	The team discusses together why consensus on the estimates has not been reached. Another round of planning poker follows.	
c)	Since the customer ultimately receives the system, his estimate is crucial in such conflicts. The planning poker ends.	
d)	The planning poker continues until all estimates from the stakeholders involved have exactly the same value.	



Question 32	FL-5.1.6	K1	Score 1.0
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Which of the following is true regarding the test pyramid?

a)	The testing pyramid focuses on a small number of tests at the lower test levels.	
b)	The closer you get to the top of the pyramid, the less granular the testing should be.	
c)	The test pyramid has exactly 3 test layers and always includes unit tests, integration tests and end-to-end tests.	
d)	High-level end-to-end tests are user-friendly and therefore usually faster than tests at the lower levels.	



Question 33 FL-5.1.5	K3	Score 1.0
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The following priorities and dependencies of test cases are given:

Test case-ID	Priority	Technical dependency on:	Logical dependency on:
TC1	High	TC4	
TC2	Low		
TC3	High		TC4
TC4	Medium		
TC5	Low		TC2
TC6	Medium	TC5	

Which of the following test execution plans BEST addresses the priorities, technical and logical dependencies?

a)	TC1 – TC3 – TC4 – TC6 – TC2 – TC5	
b)	TC4 - TC3 - TC1 - TC2 - TC5 - TC6	
c)	TC4 - TC1 - TC3 - TC5 - TC6 - TC2	
d)	TC4 - TC2 - TC5 - TC1 - TC3 - TC6	



Question 34		FL-5.1.7	K2	Score	1.0	
Which of the following test types belongs to quadrant Q2 – "Business-oriented, support for the team" in the test quadrant model? Select ONE option! (1 out of 4)						
a)	Component integration tests					
b)	User story	y-based tests				
c)	Nonfunction	onal tests				
d)	Explorator	ry tests				
Que	stion 35	FL-5.2.2	K2	Score	1.0	
	Which of the following statements represents a project risk? Select ONE option! (1 out of 4)					
a)	a) Management transfers two experienced testers to another project					
b)	The system does not comply with functional safety standards					
c)	System re	esponse time exceeds user requirements				
d)	Disabled _I	persons have difficulties using the system				



Question 36 FL	L-5.4.1	K2	Punkte	1.0
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You are working as a project manager on an internal bank software project. To avoid rework and excessive "find/fix/retest" cycles, the following process has been introduced to fix a bug as soon as it is found in the test lab:

- a. The assigned developer finds and fixes the bug and then creates an experimental build
- b. A peer developer reviews, tests and confirms the bug fix
- c. A tester usually the one who found the bug confirms the fix by testing it in the development environment
- d. Once a day, a new release with all confirmed bug fixes is installed in the test environment
- e. The same tester from step c tests the bug fix in the test environment

Nevertheless, a large number of defects that the testers have confirmed as fixed in the development environment (in step c) somehow fail the post-deployment tests in the test environment, causing additional rework and impact on cycle times. You have the utmost confidence in your testers and have eliminated errors or omissions in step c.

Which of the following is the most likely the part of the process that should be checked next?

a)	The activity of developers that who may not have sufficiently tested the fix in step b.	
b)	The activity of testers who may be unclear about what to test in step e.	
c)	Configuration management, which may not maintain the integrity of the product in step d.	
d)	The activity of developers who may not correctly fix the errors in step a.	



Question 37	FL-5.3.2	K2	Score 1.0
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Which of the following statements from a weekly test progress report is NOT relevant for the stakeholders in regards to test monitoring and test control?

a)	The downtime of the test environment during the reporting period has increased by 20% to 25 hours.	
b)	The time for providing statistics on the coverage metrics was reduced by 35% to 72 minutes during the reporting period.	
c)	The execution of the test cases is currently 6 days behind schedule, as many failures are being found and there are problems with the test environment.	
d)	New product risks were derived from the results of the test execution, which still need to be assessed.	



Question 38	FL-5.5.1	K3	Punkte 1.0
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After running a set of test cases, a colleague has created the following bug report and asked you for a review.

Defect report:

- ID: br00_23_12
- Title: Error message on login with empty name not correct
- Author: Lisa van der Vaart (Test Engineer)
- Test object: build v00812
- Test environment: cfg_full_02
- Revealing test case: sys_128
- Description: After a login attempt with an empty name, the system returns the error message "wrong password". Instead, "Name must not be empty" should have appeared.
- Severity of the error effect: low
- Priority for correction: medium
- Defect status: new

Which of the following suggestions for improvement would you MOST like to give to your colleague?

a)	The title does not describe the content correctly.	
b)	Severity and priority should be the same, as the first determines the second.	
c)	You have not yet observed this defect. Therefore, the status is not "new".	
d)	The following entry is missing: Date of the defect report: 19.12.2023	



Que	stion 39	FL-6.1.1	K2	Score	1.0	
	number o	the following testing tools is most us of defects in the test object? NE option! (1 out of 4)	seful for	reporting	the	
a)	Managem	ent tool				
b)	Static test	tool				
c)	Test cove	rage tool				
d)	Tool to su	pport scalability				
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Que	stion 40	FL-6.2.1	K1	Score	1.0	
	automation	NE option! (1 out of 4)			test	
a)	Test automation enables more objective evaluation and delivery of measurements that are too complicated for humans to derive.					
b)	For test automation, you can estimate very precisely the effort required for introduction, maintenance and training.					
	introduction		he effort r	equired for		
c)	Test auto			·		



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