Assessment Questions:

Question 1: Extensibility in Multi-Type Content

Correct Answer: C

The primary issue is that the current implementation uses conditional type checks (if (type == 'text') , else if (type == 'image')) to decide what widget to build. This makes the class not extensible because every time a new content type (e.g., video) is added, we must go back and modify the existing ContentItem class. This violates the Open-Closed Principle (OCP), which says classes should be open for extension but closed for modification.

The fix:

- Define an abstract base class ContentItem with an abstract build() method.
- Create subclasses like TextItem, ImageItem, and later VideoItem that each override build() with their specific logic.
- This way, adding a new content type requires only creating a new subclass, not modifying existing code.

Why not the others?

A - Encapsulation violation

- While it's true that the fields type and data are public, this is not the main issue for extensibility.
- Even if you make them private with getters/setters, you'll still need to edit the if, else logic when adding new types, so the extensibility problem remains.

B - Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

- It's somewhat true: ContentItem mixes data (type, data) and UI rendering (build).
- But the bigger issue in this context is not SRP it's that adding new content types requires modifying the class, which directly violates **OCP**.
- Splitting classes would improve clarity but wouldn't directly solve the extensibility problem.

C - Open-Closed Principle (Correct)

- This is the real issue: using conditionals for type checking makes the code **closed to extension**.
- The proper solution is polymorphism with an abstract class and subclasses, which makes it easy to add VideoItem, AudioItem, etc., without touching existing code.

D - Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)

- LSP means subclasses should behave consistently with the base class.
- In this case, there's no subclassing yet, only conditional checks.
- The problem isn't about substitutability it's about how new types are added. So LSP doesn't apply here

Question 2: User Model with Firestore

Correct Answer: C

The main issues are:

- 1. Encapsulation violation => The fields name, age, email are public and can be directly modified from outside, which risks invalid states (like negative ages, empty emails, etc.).
- 2. Single Responsibility Principle violation => The UserModel class is handling two responsibilities: managing user data and saving it to Firestore.

Fix:

- Make fields private and expose them through validated getters and setters to preserve data integrity.
- Extract persistence logic (saveToFirestore()) into a separate service class (e.g., FirestoreService) so the model only manages data, not database operations.

Why not the others?

A - Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

- It's true that saveToFirestore() tightly couples the class to Firestore, but the root issue here is mixing persistence inside the model itself.
- The correct first step is to extract persistence into a service then if needed, apply DIP by making it interface-driven.

B - Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)

- ISP deals with interfaces that are too broad and force clients to depend on methods they don't need.
- Here, we don't even have an interface, just one class so ISP isn't the real violation.

C - Encapsulation + SRP (Correct)

- Fields are exposed without validation (Encapsulation issue).
- The class mixes model and persistence (SRP issue).
- This is the most direct and accurate answer.

D - Open-Closed Principle (OCP)

- Adding new fields requiring modification of updateUser() is not the central issue here.
- The main architectural flaws are Encapsulation and SRP, not extensibility.

Question 3: Widget Safety in Navigation

Correct Answer: B

The main issue is that SettingsScreen extends Screen but breaks the contract:

- All subclasses of Screen are expected to safely override navigate() in a consistent way.
- However, SettingsScreen.navigate() throws an exception, meaning it cannot be safely substituted for its base type.
- This is a direct violation of the Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP).

Fix:

- Introduce a Navigable interface and implement it only in screens that support navigation.
- Alternatively, create separate hierarchies: one for navigable screens and one for non-navigable screens. This ensures behavioral consistency and prevents runtime errors.

Why not the others?

A — Missing abstraction layer

- The code already has an abstraction (Screen as a base class).
- The real problem is not a missing abstraction but that the subclass (SettingsScreen) violates the expected behavior.

B — LSP violation (Correct)

- This is the correct reasoning: subclasses must be replaceable for their base type without breaking client code.
- SettingsScreen breaks this, so LSP is violated.

C — Polymorphism issue

- While polymorphism is indeed misused, calling this just a "polymorphism issue" is too vague.
- The precise principle being broken here is LSP, not polymorphism in general.

D — Single Responsibility Principle (SRP) violation in NavigationButton

- NavigationButton is not really doing too much; it simply builds a button and triggers navigation.
- The real issue is with the screen hierarchy, not with the button itself.

Question 4: Widget Controller Design

Correct Answer: C

The problem is that WidgetController forces all implementers to handle methods they may not need.

- Example: SimpleButtonController must implement handleAnimation() and handleNetwork(), even though a simple button doesn't need them.
- This leads to unnecessary UnimplementedErrors and bloated, fragile code.

Fix:

- Split WidgetController into smaller, role-specific interfaces:
 - LifecycleController (with initState() and dispose())
 - AnimationController (with handleAnimation())
 - NetworkController (with handleNetwork())
- Then, each controller class can implement only the interfaces it actually needs.

This adheres to the **Interface Segregation Principle**: "Clients should not be forced to depend on methods they do not use."

Why not the others?

A — Open-Closed Principle (OCP)

- OCP is about being open for extension but closed for modification.
- The problem here isn't about extending functionality—it's about being forced to implement irrelevant methods.

B — Encapsulation

- Encapsulation is about hiding internal state/behavior.
- There's no exposure of internal state here, the issue is with oversized interfaces, not data hiding.

C — Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)

Correct. The interface is too broad, violating ISP.

D — Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

- DIP is about high-level modules depending on abstractions instead of low-level details.
- This code doesn't show any dependency injection or direct low-level coupling. So DIP isn't the issue here.

Question 5: Notification Service Design

Correct Answer: C

Problem:

- AppNotifier directly instantiates LocalNotificationService (final LocalNotificationService service = LocalNotificationService();).
- This creates tight coupling between AppNotifier and one specific implementation.
- If later we want to send notifications via Firebase, Email, or Push, we'd have to modify AppNotifier. That breaks flexibility and testability.

Fix:

- Define an abstract interface (e.g., NotificationService with a send(String message) method).
- Let LocalNotificationService, FirebaseNotificationService, etc., implement this interface.
- Inject the dependency into AppNotifier (constructor injection or via DI framework).
- This way, AppNotifier depends on abstractions, not concretes.

Why not the others?

A — Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

- AppNotifier is only handling one responsibility: notifying users.
- Instantiating the service is not considered a second responsibility here—it's more about dependency management.

B — Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)

- LSP issues appear when subclasses can't replace their parent without breaking behavior.
- We don't have inheritance or subclass misuse here, so LSP isn't violated.

C — Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

Correct. The direct dependency on LocalNotificationService breaks DIP.

D — Missing polymorphism

• True, there's no polymorphism, but that's not the core issue. The real architectural smell is tight coupling (DIP violation), not simply lack of inheritance.

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