



Respecting and Encouraging Diversity in OSS

TOTAL POINTS 5

1. OSS projects should explicitly encourage diversity with respect to (Select all answers that apply):

1 point

- ☒ Sex and gender identity
- ☒ National origin and language
- ☒ Race
- ☐ Weather
- ☐ Height and weight

2. The majority of OSS projects carry out their discussions in English. Therefore (Select all answers that apply):

1 point

- ☒ One should always speak as clearly as possible, and while not being dull, think about the audience and what they will be familiar with
- ☐ It is fine to often use unexplained idioms and cultural references
- ☐ Language misunderstandings are unlikely to occur
- ☐ Misunderstandings will only occur between native and non-native English speakers

3. With respect to criticism, an OSS contributor and reviewer should (Select all answers that apply):

1 point

- ☐ Be very careful to never say someone is wrong, as some cultures find that offensive
- ☐ Demand someone else review your submission and not answer specifics in any detail
- ☒ Not hold back, it is important to have open and forthright discussion
- ☒ Answer thoughtfully and point out where one agrees or disagrees, where changes are accepted or not.

4. Some one on an OSS mailing list introduces a political aside and perhaps a preference during a technical discussion. Appropriate responses include (Select all correct answers):

1 point

- ☒ Ignore the point and just address the technical issues as needed.
- ☐ Make social media posts outside the community to alert them that someone has ignorant views
- ☒ Acknowledge the issue but briefly without putting down anyone with differing opinions. Avoid amplifying
- ☐ Respond immediately with your own view so the issue is not unchallenged if you disagree, or to reinforce the stance if you do

5. You propose a new way of doing something, or adding a new feature. Another contributor points out this idea was reject previously. You should (Select all answers that apply):

1 point

- ☒ Study the previous discussion and see whether it applies, including whether or not differences between your ideas and the old ones were not seen
- ☒ Ask whether or not technical abilities have evolved to the point where something that was not feasible can be done today
- ☐ Forget about it; no one will pay attention to you if you go forward if the other contributor has more history and trust than you do
- ☒ Ask whether the need for this feature has grown; the earlier discussion may have been premature

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