

QUIZ 2 SOFTWARE TESTING 1

YOUR NAME: _____

IS THERE A REASON THAT I SHOULD NOT GRADE THIS TEST?

1. Complete statement and branch coverage means
 - A. That you have tested every statement in the program.
 - B. That you have tested every statement and every branch in the program.
 - C. That you have tested every IF statement in the program.
 - D. That you have tested every combination of values of IF statements in the program

I expected B

D is multicondition coverage. D is to branch coverage like path testing is to statement coverage.

2. Which is the best definition of complete testing:
 - A. You have discovered every bug in the program.
 - B. You have tested every statement, branch, and combination of branches in the program.
 - C. You have completed every test in the test plan.
 - D. You have reached the scheduled ship date.

I expected A. How can testing be complete if there are still bugs remaining?

3. A defect arrival rate curve
 - A. Shows the number of newly discovered defects per unit time
 - B. Shows the number of open defects per unit time.
 - C. Shows the cumulative total number of defects found up to this time.
 - D. Any of these, depending on the company.

I expected A

4. We can achieve complete statement coverage but still miss bugs because (choose one or two of the following):

- A. The failure occurs only if you reach a statement taking the TRUE branch of an IF statement, and you got to the statement with a test that passed through the FALSE branch.
- B. The failure depends on the program's inability to handle specific data values, rather than on the program's flow of control.
- C. We are not required to test code that customers are unlikely to execute.
- D. All of the above

I expected (and required) A and B

C cannot be correct, because it leaves some statements untested.

5. Measurement dysfunction is a problem because:
- A. Even though the numbers you look at appear better, to achieve these numbers, people are doing other aspects of their work much less well.
 - B. We don't know how to measure a variable (our measurement is dysfunctional) and so we don't know how to interpret the result.
 - C. You are measuring the wrong thing and thus reaching the wrong conclusions.
 - D. All of the above.

I expected A.

B sounds good, but it has nothing to do with measurement dysfunction.

6. According to the lecture, there are several risks of managing your project's schedule with a statistical reliability model. These include (choose one or two of the following):
- A. Testers spend more energy early in the product trying to find bugs than preparing to do the rest of the project's work more efficiently
 - B. Managers might not realize that the testing effort is ineffective, late in the project, because they expect a low rate of bug finding, so the low rate achieved doesn't alarm them.
 - C. It can increase the end-of-project pressure on testers to not find bugs, or to not report bugs.
 - D. All of the above

I expected D

7. Important consequences of the impossibility of complete testing are (Choose one or two answers):
- A. We can never be certain that the program is bug free.
 - B. We have no definite stopping point for testing, which makes it easier for some managers to argue for very little testing.
 - C. We have no easy answer for what testing tasks should always be required, because every task takes time that could be spent on other high importance tasks.
 - D. All of the above.

I expected D

8. In the MASPAR case study:
- A. Security failures were the result of untested parts of code.
 - B. The development team achieved complete statement and branch coverage but missed a serious bug in the MASPAR operating system.
 - C. An error in the code was so obscure that you had to test the function with almost every input value to find its two special-case failures.
 - D. All of the above.

I accepted C.

A is simply mistaken.