



AgilePM®
Agile Project Management
Foundation Candidate Guidance



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the examination is to enable a candidate to demonstrate an understanding of Agile Project Management philosophy, principles, processes, people, products, techniques and guidance. The Foundation exam uses objective test questions, which require a candidate to choose a response to a question from a set of choices, only one of which is correct.
- 1.2 The following paragraphs explain the format of the question papers, and the different styles of question asked. There are also some suggestions on how to approach answering the various styles of question.

2 STRUCTURE OF THE PAPER

The examination paper consists of:

- 2.1 A Question Booklet, which contains 50 exam questions covering different syllabus topics. Each of the 50 questions is worth 1 mark. The pass mark is 25. You are expected to answer all questions.
- 2.2 The Answer Sheet on which your answers must be given. There will only ever be **one correct answer** to each question. If more than one answer is given in the answer sheet, the response line will be void and will attract no marks. Marks are not subtracted for incorrect answers.

3 AGILE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYLLABUS AREAS ADDRESSED

The exam consists of 50 questions in total, which cover all areas of the AGILE PROJECT MANAGEMENT Foundation syllabus. The full AGILE PROJECT MANAGEMENT syllabus is available from the APM Group, or from your Accredited Training Organisation.

4 STYLES OF QUESTION

A number of different test styles may be used within the paper. All test styles are based on the selection of the correct answer from a choice of 5 options.

The test styles are:

- 4.1 Standard
- What DSDM role ensures that the Solution Development Team functions as a whole and meets its objectives?
- a) Business Analyst
 - b) Project Manager
 - c) Team Leader
 - d) Solution Tester

4.2 Negative

Which characteristic does **NOT** relate to the Solution Development Team?

- a) Each role empowered to make decisions
- b) Flexibility to swap team members in and out of the team
- c) Desire and authority to make day-to-day decisions
- d) Business knowledge and technical expertise

4.3 Missing Word

Identify the missing words in the following sentence.

An organization amenable to incremental delivery of solutions [?] will benefit from early return on investment.

- a) at lowest possible cost
- b) into live use
- c) for testing in deployment
- d) with minimum effort

4.4 List

Which of the following elements make up common sense?

- 1. Sound judgment
- 2. Practical judgment
- 3. Normal native intelligence
- 4. Specialized knowledge

- a) 1,2,3
- b) 2,3,4
- c) 1,2,4
- d) 1,3,4

4.5 Evaluate

Which of the following statements about the Solution Architecture Definition is true?

- 1. The Solution Architecture Definition contains the strategy for testing and review of the solution.
- 2. The Solution Architecture Definition contains both business and technical aspects of the solution.

- a) Only 1 is true
- b) Only 2 is true
- c) Both 1 and 2 are true
- d) Neither 1 or 2 is true

5 EDITORIAL NOTES

- 5.1 Throughout the exam, title case has been used for all references to Agile Project Management philosophy, principles, processes, people, products, techniques, guidance and proper nouns.

6 TIME MANAGEMENT

The exam is 40 minutes in duration. Candidates must manage their time in order to complete all questions. All 50 questions should be attempted. If candidates wish to write their answers on the question paper first, they must be aware of the additional time needed to complete the answer sheet. Only answers submitted on the answer sheet provided will contribute to the result.

No support material is permitted. This is a closed book exam.

7 USING THE ANSWER BOOKLET

The Answer Booklet will be read electronically and the results generated by computer. It is therefore essential that candidates follow the instructions given and mark their answers accordingly. Failure to do so may lead to delay and, in some cases, answers being void.

All answers are given by the candidate filling in 'ovals' that relate to their chosen response, e.g.

	A	B	C	D
1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The oval must be filled in **IN PENCIL, NOT PEN**. If a pen is used, the answers will not be marked.

Acceptable ways to complete the answer sheets are either:

 completely filling in the oval or  drawing a line through the centre of the oval.

Any other method, including ticks or crosses, is not acceptable and may not be marked.

If a candidate wishes to change their answer during the exam, the incorrect answer should be erased completely and the correct answer indicated. If more than one answer is given by the candidate, the question will score zero.

8 USING THE SAMPLE EXAM PAPER

The APM Group has developed a Sample Exam Paper to aid candidates in preparing for the examination. With the Sample Exam Paper, there is an accompanying section reference from the Agile Project Management manual showing where the learning outcome is supported.