

AGILE PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION EXAM CANDIDATE GUIDANCE

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 60 exam covering different syllabus topics. Each of the 60 questions is worth 1 mark. The pass mark is 30. 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 60 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, and from the DSDM Consortium (www.dsdm.org) 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 4 options.

The test styles are:

4.1 Standard

Which individual role is responsible for all aspects of the delivery of the solution?

- a) Team Leader
- b) Project Manager
- c) Solution Developer
- d) Business Visionary

4.2 Negative

Which is **NOT** one of Atern's lifecycle phases?

- a) Pre-project
- b) Project start up
- c) Foundations
- d) Deployment

4.3 Missing Word

Identify the missing words in the following sentence.

The collective value of Atern's principles enables organisations to deliver best value business solutions [?]

- a) quickly
- b) flexibly
- c) collaboratively
- d) constantly

4.4 List

Which of these Products does an Agile Project manager create?

1. Delivery Plan
2. Timebox Plan
3. Outline Plan
4. Deployment Plan

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

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 60 minutes in duration. Candidates must manage their time in order to complete all questions. All 60 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.