

ISTQB® CTAL Test Manager

Tool Metrics



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Managing the Test Activities		
The Test Process	Risk-Based Testing	
Test Planning Activities	Testing as Risk Mitigation Activity	
Test Monitoring & Control Activities	Identification of Quality Risks	
Test Completion Activities	Quality Risks Assessment	
The Context of Testing	Quality Risk Mitigation Through Appropriate Testing	
Test Stakeholders	Techniques for Risk-Based Testing	
Importance of Stakeholders Knowledge in Test Management	Success Metrics & Difficulties Associated with Risk-Based Testing	
Test Management in Hybrid Software Development Model	Project Test Strategy	
Test Management Activities for Various Lifecycle Models	Choosing a Test Approach	
Test Management Activities at Various Test Levels	Analyzing the Organizational Test Strategy, Project Context & Other Aspects	
Test Management Activities for Different Test Types	Definition of Test Objectives	
Test Management Activities to	Improving the Test Process	
Plan, Monitor & Control	The Test Improvement Process (IDEAL)	
Test Tools	Model-Based Test Improvement	
Good Practices for Tool Introduction	Analytical-Based Test Process Improvement Approach	
Technical & Business Aspects for Tool Decisions	Retrospectives	
Selection Process Considerations & Return on Investment Evaluation		
Tool Lifecycle		



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Required to Manage a Test Team



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Managing the Product		
Test Metrics	Defect Management	
Metrics for Test Management Activities	Defect Lifecycle	
Monitoring, Control & Completion	Cross-Functional Defect Management	
Test Reporting	Specifics of Defect Management in Agile Teams	
Test Estimation	Defect Management Challenges	
Estimating What Activities Testing Will Involve	in Hybrid Software Development	
Factors Which May Influence Test Effort	Defect Report Information	
Selection of Test Estimation Techniques	Defining Process Improvement Actions Using Defect Information	
Managing the Test Team		
The Test Team	Stakeholder Relationship	
Typical Skills within Four Areas of Competence	Cost of Quality	
Analyze Required Test-Team Member Skills	Cost-benefit Relationship of Testing	
Assessing Test Team Member Skills		
Developing Test Team Member Skills		
Management Skills		

EXAM STRUCTURE

- * 58 points or more;
- ** Only for participants taking the exam in a language other than their mother tongue;

*** Each correct answer equals 1 point.



2 Hours



66%*

Passing
Score

+ 30**

Minutes

Additional Time

88***
Maximum
Score

BUSINESS OUTCOMES

- Manage testing in various software development projects by applying test management processes established for the project team or test organization;
- Identify test stakeholders and software development lifecycle models that are relevant in a given context;
- Organize risk identification and risk assessment sessions within any software development lifecycle and use the results to guide testing to meet the test objectives;
- Define a project test strategy consistent with the organizational test strategy and project context;
 Continuously monitor and control testing to achieve project goals;
- Assess and report test progress to project stakeholders;
- Identify necessary skills and develop those skills within your team;
- Prepare and present a business case for testing in different contexts that outlines the costs and expected benefits;
- Lead test process improvement activities in projects or software development product streams and contribute to organizational test process improvement initiatives;
- Plan the test activities including the required test infrastructure and estimate the effort required to test;
- Create defect reports and a defect workflow suitable for a software development lifecycle.

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