

Grading

Assessment Objective	Pass	Merit	Distinction
AO1 Research and describe the stages of a project	Candidates provide a basic description of the stages of a project; the description will show limited understanding and is supported with few examples.	Candidates provide a detailed description of the stages of a project; the descriptions show some understanding and are supported with appropriate examples.	Candidates provide a comprehensive description of the stages of a project; the descriptions show a thorough understanding and are supported with a variety of well chosen appropriate examples.
AO2 Understand and carry out project planning	Candidates discuss some of the factors which may constrain a project and how the change in one will affect the project success. They show a limited understanding of the interdependency of these factors. Candidates demonstrate a basic application of project planning. They identify some of the aspects of the project. They use project management tools when carrying out an ICT project. The tools are implemented with a limited understanding and sometimes inappropriate circumstances.	Candidates discuss many of the factors which may constrain a project and how the change in one will affect the project success. They show an understanding of the interdependency of these factors. Candidates demonstrate a mostly competent application of project planning. They identify many of the aspects of the project. They use project management tools when carrying out an ICT project. The tools are implemented with a clear understanding and mostly appropriate circumstances.	Candidates discuss all of the factors which may constrain a project and how the change in one will affect the project success. They show a well developed understanding of the interdependency of these factors. Candidates demonstrate a fully competent application of project planning. They identify most of the aspects of the project. They use project management tools when carrying out an ICT project. The tools are implemented with a consistent understanding and always appropriate circumstances.
AO3 Demonstrate the application of project management tools for undertaking an ICT project	Candidates make limited use of the project plan and project management tools, for monitoring and control, during the lifetime of the project. They may respond to problems which arise during the project. Throughout the project there may be little correlation between the project and the project plan.	Candidates make good use of the project plan and project management tools, for monitoring and control, during the lifetime of the project. They respond to problems which arise during the project. Throughout the project there is some correlation between the project and the project plan.	Candidates make good use of the project plan and project management tools, for monitoring and control, during the lifetime of the project. The project plan is modified to make corrective action in order to keep the project on track. Throughout the project there is good correlation between the project and the project plan.
AO4 Provide the project deliverables	Candidates produce a software solution that meets some of the objectives specified in the project definition. The project may not be delivered on time. There are some additional deliverables which are basic.	Candidates produce a software solution that meets most of the objectives specified in the project definition. The project is delivered on time . There are some additional deliverables which clear and easy to understand.	Candidates produce a software solution that meets all of the objectives specified in the project definition. The project is delivered on time . All additional deliverables are provided. They are detailed and easy to understand.
AO5 Review the project	Candidates comment on the effectiveness of their project planning and the project management tools used. They comment on the final product.	Candidates comment on the effectiveness of their project planning and the project management tools used. They identify any lessons that they have learnt during the project. They comment on the final product and its success in relation to the project objectives.	Candidates comment on the effectiveness of their project planning and the project management tools used. They identify any lessons that they have learnt during the project and explain how they would use this information to improve the project if they were to do it again. They comment on the final product and its success in relation to the project objectives. They make recommendations for improvements.