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***IT4303 : Rapid Application Development  
PART 2 - Structured Question Paper***

**7<sup>th</sup> September, 2008  
(ONE HOUR)**

**To be completed by the candidate**

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**Important Instructions:**

- The duration of the paper is **1 (one) hour**.
- The medium of instruction and questions is English.
- This paper has **04 questions** and 08 **pages**.
- **Answer all questions**
- **Write your answers** in English using the space provided **in this question paper**.
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- Note that questions appear on both sides of the paper.  
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**Questions Answered**

Indicate by a cross (x), (e.g.  ) the numbers of the questions answered.

To be completed by the candidate by marking a cross (x).	Question numbers			
	1	2	3	4
To be completed by the examiners:				

1)

a) State three (3) general characteristics of the Rapid Application Development (RAD) approach.

[06 Marks]

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b) Name two (2) disadvantages of using the Rapid Application Development (RAD) approach.

[04 Marks]

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c) State three (3) process related classic mistakes committed during software development.

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- d) Name three (3) characteristics which one needs to consider in selecting a Rapid Application Development (RAD) tool for software development.

[04 Marks]

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2)

- a) Compute the adjusted total number of function points for a payroll program that reads a file of employees and a file of information for the current month and print cheques for all the employees. The program is capable of handling an interactive command to print an individually requested cheque immediately.

*Function point multipliers:-*

Program characteristic	Function points		
	Simple	Average	Complex
Inputs	3	4	6
Outputs	4	5	7
Logical internal files	7	10	15
Inquiries	3	4	6
External interface files	5	7	10

Consider *Influence multiplier* as 1.15. State your assumptions if there's any.

[10 Marks]

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b) Give a strength and a weakness of the function-point metric.

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Strength:
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Weakness:
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c) Overly optimistic scheduling leads to excessive schedule pressure on developers. Give three (3) negative effects of excessive schedule pressure on software development.

[06 Marks]

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3)

a) State three (3) principles behind agile software development.

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b) Give an overview of the SCRUM software development process using a diagram.

[10 Marks]

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c) What is time boxing in relation to software development projects? How does it affect the software development process?

[04 Marks]

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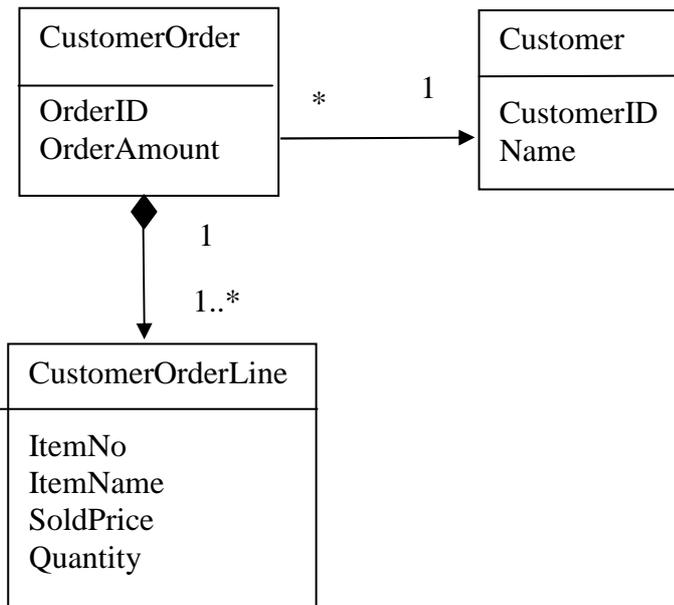
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4) Consider the following UML diagram for an Order entry system.



Questions 4.a) to 4.c) are based on the above UML diagram..

a) Suppose the above order entry system is developed using NetBeans which generates Java coding. Write the java code so generated for the CustomerOrder class. (Implementation of methods is not required)

[20 Marks]

**ANSWER IN THIS BOX**

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