

Exam PA April 2024 Project Statement

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General Information for Candidates

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The responses to each specific subtask should be written after the subtask and the answer label, which is typically ANSWER, in this Word document. Each subtask will be graded individually, so be sure any work that addresses a given subtask is done in the space provided for that subtask. Some subtasks have multiple labels for answers where multiple items are asked for—each answer label should have an answer after it.

Each task will be graded on the quality of your thought process (as documented in your submission), conclusions, and quality of the presentation. The answer should be confined to the question as set. No response to any task needs to be written as a formal report. Unless a subtask specifies otherwise, the audience for the responses is the examination grading team and technical language can be used.

Prior to uploading your Word file, it should be saved and renamed with your five-digit candidate number in the file name. If any part of your exam was answered in French, also include “French” in the file name. Please keep the exam date as part of the file name.

The Word file that contains your answers must be uploaded before the five-minute timer expires.

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View your assignment on the left.

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Project files

You have been provided one file to work with. **Access this file by clicking the file folder icon, pinned to the desktop.** **Note:** *The workspace folder may be pinned on your Taskbar.*

- 'Exam PA April 18 2024 Candidate 00000.docx', opens with Word

You also have access to an Excel file for calculations or scratchwork. **This file will not be looked at by graders.**

- 'Exam PA April 2024.xlsx', opens with Excel

Working with files

While you are working, make sure you save your files from time to time. Any time you save, create, or make a copy of a file, make sure the location is to the workspace folder ONLY. Your workspace folder is located at C:\SOA.

Backup copies of original files

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If for some reason you need to download an original copy of a document, we have provided a mechanism to do so. If you need an original copy, click on the corresponding button below to open the file. A new file will open and be placed in your workspace folder.

Ending this Section

If you have any unsaved files open when the timer runs out, a pop-up message may appear indicating which applications are still open. Clicking "**Show all open applications**" will force any open applications to appear in front of the exam screen. You will have **2 minutes** to save and close all applications. This section will automatically end and take you to the File Upload section. If you want to end your exam early, click either the "**Finish Section**" or "**Next**" button. This will take you to the File Upload section. You will then have five minutes to upload your files.

NOTE: You will receive a message stating "your answers will be submitted." Ignore that part of the message, there are no files to submit until you proceed to the File Upload section.

Backup copies of original files:

Project Statement/Report

Excel

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Naming Files

As a reminder, here are the file naming rules:

- Do not transmit any information, other than your candidate number, either through filenames or contents of those files, that could be used to reveal your identity.
- Include your candidate number as part of the file name for all submitted files.
- If you are writing in French, please indicate "French" in your filename.
- A file name can only contain the following characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, hyphen [-], underscore [_], space [], parentheses [()], and comma [,].

Submitting Files to be Graded

Below, you will find an 'Attach File' button. Use this to upload your report file and any supporting files.

- You may upload up to 10 files in total.
- A file must be smaller than 25 MBs.
- You can only attach one file at a time.
- Valid file extensions include: .docx.

Once you have attached all of your files to be graded and verified they are the correct files you wish to submit, click the "**Finish Section**" button in the upper right corner to submit your files for grading.

Files to be graded:

Attach File