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Advanced Practitioner Re-Registration Dissertation Sample Paper (MSP 2011 Edition)

This examination is not time limited.

Any reference material may be used during this examination.

The candidate is required to write a dissertation on one of the options set out below. The dissertation should be between 2,000 and 4,000 words, anything substantially outside this range is unlikely to be appropriate.

A maximum of 75 marks are available. A candidate must achieve a minimum mark in each of four topic areas and an overall mark of at least 38 for re-registration. For those who wish to be registered trainers, examiners or consultants a higher mark of 50 marks (66%) is required (but the minimum marks required are the same).

The four topics that the dissertation must address about the option chosen and the minimum marks required are, (1) Context (3 marks), (2) Establishment of the option area (8 marks), (3) How MSP was, or could have been used (20 marks) and (4) Interaction with the wider organization (4 marks).

The dissertation should, if possible, cover work of which the candidate has direct experience from working in a programme environment within the last five years. The candidate does not need to have been the programme manager in order to write about the programme with which they were involved.

If a candidate has not worked with a programme within the last five years then they may write about the MSPCare scenario programme (written for the Advanced Practitioner examination) as if it were one with which they had been closely involved.

The candidate may choose from **one** of the following options:

- Business case management
- Leadership and management in a programme
- Realising the benefits of a programme
- Adding value to a programme

The dissertation should show how the MSP® guidance was used within the programme to deliver effective management in the chosen area. If the programme was not run under the MSP® regime, then the candidate should explain how the management in the chosen area was undertaken and how it could have been improved by the use of the MSP® guidance.

The purpose of the dissertation is to provide the examiner with information that allows them to assess the candidate's level of understanding of MSP® its use and practical tailoring to suit different environments, types and sizes of programme.

Further guidance is provided in the MSP® 2011 Re-Registration Dissertation Candidate Guidance document. Candidates are advised to read this guidance before commencing work on their dissertation.