

5 Software and Security Engineering (RJA)

- (a) Although the following code compiles and executes without error, give four reasons why it is a poor test.

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@Test
public void testIt() {
    long time = System.currentTimeMillis();
    double r = solve(40229321L);
    if (r < 1000.0) {
        assertTrue(r == 430.6).isTrue();
    }
    long elapsed = System.currentTimeMillis() - time;
    assertTrue(elapsed).isLessThan(3000);
}
```

[8 marks]

- (b) You are running a project to develop the next version of an operating system that supports mandatory access control and limits the covert-channel bandwidth that a process at security level High can use to signal down to a process at security level Low.

Discuss the relative contribution of unit testing, integration testing and regression testing in checking that the covert-channel bandwidth is still acceptably low.

[8 marks]

- (c) The operating system is now going to be used in a different environment so that the load pattern will change. How might this affect covert-channel bandwidth?

[4 marks]