

**PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**

**Final Examination:** Semester 1

**Academic Year:** 2009

**Date:** ..... October 2009

**Time:** ..... ( 2 hours )

**Subject Number:** 241-500

**Room:** .....

**Subject Title:** Research and Development Methodologies

**Exam Duration:** 2 hours

**This paper has 6 pages, 4 questions 20 marks (20%).**

**Authorised Materials:**

- Writing instruments (e.g. pens, pencils).
- Textbooks, a notebook, handouts, and dictionaries are permitted.

**Instructions to Students:**

- Scan all the questions before answering so that you can manage your time better.
- Write your answers in **Thai**.
- Write your name and ID on every page.
- Any unreadable parts will be considered wrong.

When drawing diagrams or coding, use good layout, and short comments; marks will not be deducted for minor syntax errors.

**Cheating in this examination**

Lowest punishment: Failed in this subject and courses dropped for next semester.

Highest punishment: Expelled.

NO	Time (Min)	Marks	Collected	Total	Collected
1	20	4		<b>20</b>	
2	15	3			
3	25	5			
4	40	8			

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Question 1

(4 Marks)

- a) What would be the cause that two calculators give different results after repeating the calculation process? (1 mark)

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- b) Why is it not possible to forecast the weather in a long run? (1 mark)

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- c) Explain the butterfly effect. Why could a small change at the input lead to an unexpectedly great effect? (1 mark)

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- d) Why are statistic results sometimes not reliable? (1 mark)

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Question 2

(3 marks)

a) Why is the reliability of a series system worse than the reliability of a parallel system?

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b) How can *System Hardware* be made reliable?

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c) How can *Software* be made reliable?

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Question 3

(5 Marks)

a) What does the degree of freedom mean?

(1 mark)

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b) How to calculate the degree of freedom?

(1 mark)

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c) Give a clear example why sometimes the significant level of 99% is still not good enough.

(2 marks)

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d) Explain why a calculated T-test value for proving a hypothesis using one-tailed test and two-tailed test could give different results, say deny  $H_0$  at one test and accept  $H_0$  at another. Use graphs to help explanation.



