

MANAGEMENT

APM Project **Management** Qualification (*PMQ*)

**PMQ Sample Question for the
Assessment Criteria that contains the
command verb "Interpret" as depicted
in the PMQ syllabus aligned to the
APM Body of Knowledge 7th edition**

Introduction

Within this document is a sample **part (a)** question like the one candidates will see on the live PMQ assessment papers. This sample **part (a)** question assesses a candidate's knowledge and understanding of the Assessment Criteria, 6.14 "interpret earned value data (including variances and performance indexes)", as detailed in the PMQ syllabus aligned to the *APM Body of Knowledge 7th edition*. This document's purpose is to help candidates adequately prepare themselves for questions such as these which may appear on PMQ assessment paper.

The Sample Question

Assessment Criteria

6.14: interpret earned value data (including variances and performance indexes)

Command verb

Interpret: Translate information/data into another form to aid understanding, to demonstrate understanding or to inform a future action.

Learning Outcome

Understand planning for success

Question:

Interpret the Earned Value information provided below for a project. Given the likely schedule impact and cost estimation at completion, propose two practical responses the project manager could take and a justification for each (20 marks)

A project has a budget at completion of £120 000 and is planned to be completed in 10 months. The table below shows the project's progress at the end of month 5:

Task	Planned budget	Actual cost	Earned value
Total at month 5	£60 000	£40 000	£50 000

CPI = 1.25

SPI = 0.83

EAC = £96k

Planned time/SPI = 12 months

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