Please see the attached report.
Feedback on Student Performance in the COMP23420 Semester 1 Exam, January 2017

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The performance in the exam was below the average we hope for from exams, but was better than the performance in the practice exam. The questions that most people seemed to struggle with were those on estimation, and on selected topics from the workshops towards the end of the course unit (design patterns, design for testability and software architecture).

Marks were lost due to not reading the question in detail, in many cases. For example, a question about units for software effort estimation offered four different kinds of units for software measurement, only one of which was a measurement of effort. The other units all measured other aspects of software development, and yet a number of students selected them for the answer. It is therefore important to read each question carefully, and take note of the details, before answering.

A further common cause of lost marks relates to questions with an “all of the above” answer. There were several questions where candidates chose one of the answers, which was indeed correct in itself, but failed to notice that all the other answers were also right. In this case, the only correct answer is “all of the above”. Similarly, in other questions, the “all of the above” answer was incorrectly chosen, because a detail in one of the other answers caused it to be false.