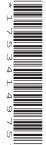


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You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do not write on any bar codes.
- You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
- Calculators must **not** be used in this paper.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

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1	(a)	Algorithms are produced during program development.
		State when you would produce an algorithm during program development and state its purpose.
		When
		Purpose
		[2]
	(b)	Selection is one of the basic constructs used in algorithms.
		Explain the term selection .
		[2]
	(c)	Explain the process of problem decomposition . State one reason it may be used.
		Explanation
		Reason
		[2]
	(d)	Name two features provided by a typical Integrated Development Environment (IDE) that assist in the debugging stage of the program development cycle.
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		2[2]
		[4]

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2	(a)		tructure chart is often produced as part of a modular program design. The chart shows tionship between modules and the parameters that are passed between them.	s the
		Giv	e two other features the structure chart can show.	
		Fea	ature 1	
		Fea	ature 2	
				[2]
	(b)	The	e following structure chart shows the relationship between three modules.	
	` ,			
			ModuleA()	
			O ParW	
			ParX	
			ParZ	
			ModuleB() ModuleC()	
		Par	rameter data types are:	
			ParW : REAL ParX : INTEGER	
			ParZ : STRING	
		(i)	Write the pseudocode header for module ModuleB ().	
				. [3]
		(ii)	Write the pseudocode header for module ModuleC ().	
		(11)	write the pseudocode header for module Modulec ().	

(c) A student is developing an algorithm to count the number of times a given string, SearchString, appears in a 2D array. The array, Item, consists of 100 elements organised as 50 rows of 2 columns. SearchString could appear in any row or column.

The array is declared in pseudocode as follows:

DECLARE Item : ARRAY [1:50, 1:2] OF STRING

The structured English description of the algorithm is:

- 1. SET Count to 0.
- 2. Examine the first row of the array.
- 3. IF column 1 element value is equal to SearchString, ADD 1 to Count.
- 4. IF column 2 element value is equal to SearchString, ADD 1 to Count.
- 5. REPEAT from step 3 for next row, UNTIL row is last row.
- 6. OUTPUT a suitable message and Count.

Write pseudocode for the algorithm.	
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3 (a) Study the following pseudocode.

Draw a program flowchart to represent the pseudocode. Variable declarations are **not** required in program flowcharts.

(b) The following pseudocode algorithm has been developed to check whether a string contains a valid password.

To be a valid password, a string must:

- be longer than five characters
- contain at least one numeric digit
- contain at least one upper case letter
- contain at least one other character (not a numeric digit or an upper case letter).

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10 FUNCTION Check (InString: STRING) RETURNS BOOLEAN
11
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    DECLARE Index : INTEGER
13 DECLARE StrLen: INTEGER
14 DECLARE NumUpper, NumDigit: INTEGER
15
   DECLARE NextChar : CHAR
16 DECLARE NumOther: INTEGER
17
    NumUpper \leftarrow 0
18
19
    NumDigit \leftarrow 0
20
21
    StrLen ← LENGTH(InString)
22
    IF StrLen < 6
23
       THEN
24
           RETURN FALSE
25
      ELSE
          FOR Index \leftarrow 1 TO StrLen - 1
26
27
              // loop for each character
28
              NextChar ← MID(InString, Index, 1)
29
              IF NextChar >= '0' AND NextChar <= '9'</pre>
30
                 THEN
31
                    NumDigit ← NumDigit + 1 // count digits
32
                 ELSE
33
                    IF NextChar >= 'A' AND NextChar <= 'Z'</pre>
34
                       THEN
35
                          NumUpper ← NumUpper + 1 // count upper case
36
                    ENDIF
37
              ENDIF
38
          ENDFOR
39
   ENDIF
40
41
   NumOther ← StrLen - (NumDigit - NumUpper)
42 IF NumDigit >= 1 AND NumUpper >= 1 AND NumOther >= 1
43
       THEN
44
           RETURN TRUE
45
        ELSE
46
           RETURN FALSE
47
   ENDIF
49 ENDFUNCTION
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The pseudocode does not work under all circumstances.

The function was dry run with the string "1234AP" and the following trace table was produced. The string is an invalid password, but the pseudocode returned the value $_{\text{TRUE}}$.

Trace table row	StrLen	Index	NextChar	NumUpper	NumDigit	NumOther
1	6			0	0	
2		1	'1'			
3					1	
4		2	'2'			
5					2	
6		3	'3'			
7					3	
8		4	'4'			
9					4	
10		5	'A'			
11				1		
12						3

State how the given trace table indicates the existence of each error.

(i) The pseudocode algorithm contains two errors.

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Error 1		 	 	
Error 2		 	 	
		 	 	 [2]

	(ii)	Give the line number of each error in the pseudocode algorithm and write the modified pseudocode to correct each error.
		Line number for error 1
		Correct pseudocode
		Line number for error 2
		Correct pseudocode
		[2]
(c)	The	term adaptive maintenance refers to amendments that are made in response to
(0)		nges to the program specification. These changes usually affect the program algorithm.
	Nar	ne one other part of the design that can change as a result of adaptive maintenance.
		[1]

4 A global 1D array, Contact, of type STRING is used to store a list of names and email addresses. There are 1000 elements in the array. Each element stores one data item. The format of each data item is as follows:

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<Name>':'<EmailAddress>
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Name and EmailAddress are both variable-length strings.

For example:

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"Wan Zhu:zwan99@mymail.com"
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A function, Extract(), is part of the program that processes the array. A string data item is passed to the function as a parameter. The function will return the Name part. Validation is **not** necessary.

(a) Write program code for the function ${\tt Extract}()$.

Visual Basic and Pascal: You should include the declaration statements for variables. Python: You should show a comment statement for each variable used with its data type.	
Programming language	
Program code	
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(b) The original function, Extract(), needs to be modified to separate the name from the email

•	address. The calling program can then use both of these values.
	Write, in pseudocode , the header for the modified subroutine. Explain the changes you have made.
	Subroutine header
	Explanation

5 A company hires out rowing boats on a lake. The company has 20 boats, numbered from 1 to 20.

For safety reasons, the boats have to be serviced (checked and any damage repaired) regularly.

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The company is developing a program to help manage the servicing of the boats.

Every time a boat is serviced, details are added at the end of the text file, <code>ServiceLog.txt</code>, as a single line of information. Each boat is serviced before it is hired out for the first time.

The format of each line is as follows:

<BoatNumber><Date>

BoatNumber and Date are as follows:

- BoatNumber is a two-digit numeric string in the range "01" to "20"
- Date is an 8-digit numeric string in the format YYYYMMDD

The programmer has defined the first module as follows:

Module	Description
	Called with a string parameter representing the BoatNumber
<pre>GetLastService()</pre>	Searches through the file ServiceLog.txt
	Returns the date of the last service in the form "YYYYMMDD"

Refer to the A	ppendix on pa	ge 19 for a li	st of built-ir	n pseudocod	de functions	and opera	ators.
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(b) (i) Every time a boat is hired out, details of the hire are added at the end of a text file, Hirelog.txt. Each line of the text file corresponds to information about the hire of one boat.

The format of each line of information is as follows:

<Date><BoatNumber><HireDuration>

- Date is an 8-digit numeric string in the format YYYYMMDD
- BoatNumber is a two-digit numeric string in the range "01" to "20"
- HireDuration is a variable-length string representing a numeric value in hours. For example, the string "1.5" would represent a hire duration of 1½ hours.

A module GetHours () is defined as follows:

Module	Description
GetHours()	 Takes two parameters: the BoatNumber as a string the date of the last service for that boat ("YYYYMMDD") as a string Searches through file Hirelog.txt and calculates the sum of the hire durations for the given boat after the given date (hire durations on or before the given date are ignored) Returns the total of the hire durations as a real

Note:

Standard comparison operators may be used with dates in this format. For example:

"20200813" > "20200812" would evaluate to TRUE

Parameter validation is **not** required.

Write ${\bf pseudocode}$ for the module ${\tt GetHours}$ () .

Refer to the Appendix on page 19 for a list of built-in pseudocooperators.	ode functions and
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(ii)	An additional module, <code>Validate()</code> , has been written to check that a given string corresponds to a valid <code>BoatNumber</code> . A valid <code>BoatNumber</code> is a two-digit numeric string in the range "01" to "20".
	Give three test strings that are invalid for different reasons. Explain your choice in each case.
	String 1
	Reason
	String 2
	Reason
	String 3
	Reason
	[6]

(c) A new module is described as follows:

Module	Description
	 Takes an integer as a parameter that represents the maximum number of hours before a boat must be serviced Uses GetLastService() and GetHours()
	Outputs:
ServiceList()	 a suitable heading the BoatNumber of each boat hired for more than the maximum number of hours since its last service the total hire duration for each of these boats
	An example output list is:
	Boat Service List
	4: 123 17: 117
	If no boats are due to be serviced, the output is:
	Boat Service List
	No boats are due to be serviced

Write ${f program\ code}$ for the module ${f ServiceList}$ ().

Python: You should show a comment statement for each variable used with its data type. Visual Basic and Pascal: You should include the declaration statements for variables.		
Programming language		
Program code		
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(d)	(i)	A team of programmers will work on the program. Before they begin, the team meet to discuss ways in which the risk of program faults may be reduced during the design and coding stages.
		State two ways to minimise program faults during the design and coding stages.
		1
		2
		[2]
	(ii)	During development, the team test the program using a process known as stub testing.
		Explain this process.
		[2]
	(iii)	Explain how single stepping may be used to help find a logic error in a program.
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Appendix

Built-in functions (pseudocode)

Each function returns an error if the function call is not properly formed.

LENGTH (ThisString : STRING) RETURNS INTEGER returns the integer value representing the length of ThisString

Example: LENGTH ("Happy Days") returns 10

LEFT (ThisString : STRING, x : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING returns leftmost x characters from ThisString

Example: LEFT ("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns "ABC"

RIGHT (ThisString: STRING, x: INTEGER) RETURNS STRING returns rightmost x characters from ThisString

Example: RIGHT ("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns "FGH"

MID (ThisString : STRING, x : INTEGER, y : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING returns a string of length y starting at position x from ThisString

Example: MID ("ABCDEFGH", 2, 3) returns "BCD"

INT(x : REAL) RETURNS INTEGER

returns the integer part of x

Example: INT (27.5415) returns 27

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{NUM_TO_STRING} \, (\texttt{x} \, : \, \texttt{REAL}) & \text{RETURNS} & \text{STRING} \\ \text{returns a string representation of a numeric value}. \end{array}$

Note: This function will also work if x is of type INTEGER

Example: NUM_TO_STRING(87.5) returns "87.5"

STRING_TO_NUM(x : STRING) RETURNS REAL

returns a numeric representation of a string.

Note: This function will also work if x is of type CHAR

Example: STRING TO NUM ("23.45") returns 23.45

Operators (pseudocode)

Operator	Description
&	Concatenates (joins) two strings Example: "Summer" & " " & "Pudding" produces "Summer Pudding"
AND	Performs a logical AND on two Boolean values Example: TRUE AND FALSE produces FALSE
OR	Performs a logical OR on two Boolean values Example: TRUE OR FALSE produces TRUE

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