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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
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- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

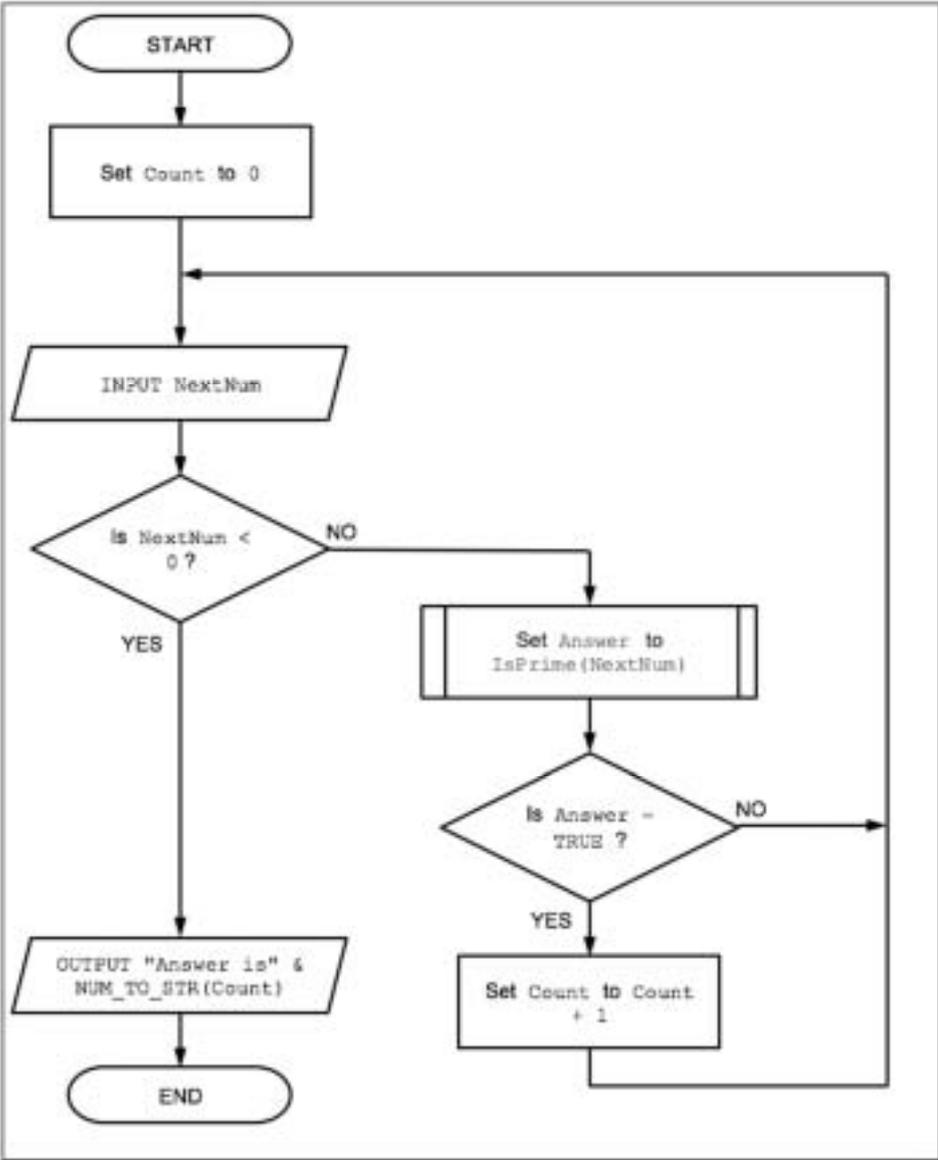
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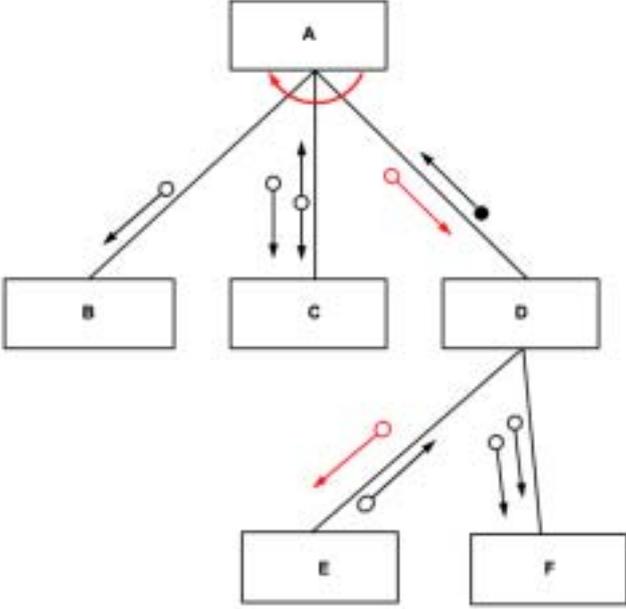
Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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1(c)	One mark per bullet point to Max 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of what the identifier is used for / the purpose of the identifier • The data type of the identifier • The number of elements of an <u>array</u> // the length of a <u>string</u> • An <u>example</u> data value • Value of any constants used • The scope of the variable (local or global) 	2										
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2	 <pre> graph TD Start([START]) --> SetCount[Set Count to 0] SetCount --> Input[/INPUT NextNum/] Input --> IsNextNum{Is NextNum < 0?} IsNextNum -- YES --> Output[/OUTPUT "Answer is" & NUM_TO_STR(Count)/] Output --> End([END]) IsNextNum -- NO --> SetAnswer[Set Answer to IsPrime(NextNum)] SetAnswer --> IsAnswer{Is Answer = TRUE?} IsAnswer -- YES --> SetCountPlus[Set Count to Count + 1] SetCountPlus --> Input IsAnswer -- NO --> Input </pre> <p>One mark per point:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Initialise Count before loop AND Input NextNum in a loop 2 Loop until NextNum < 0 AND OUTPUT statement including Count plus a message 3 Use of IsPrime (NextNum) as a function (must return a value) 4 Check return value AND increment Count if appropriate 	4

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3(b)	<p>One mark per point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaking a complex problem down makes it easier to understand / solve // smaller problems are easier to understand / solve • Smaller problems are easier to program / test / maintain • Sub-problems can be given to different teams / programmers with different expertise // can be solved separately 	3														

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4(a)	<pre> PROCEDURE LastLines(ThisFile : STRING) DECLARE ThisLine, LineX, LineY, LineZ : STRING OPENFILE ThisFile FOR READ LineY ← "" LineZ ← "" WHILE NOT EOF(ThisFile) READFILE Thisfile, ThisLine // read a line LineX ← LineY LineY ← LineZ LineZ ← ThisLine ENDWHILE CLOSEFILE ThisFile OUTPUT LineX OUTPUT LineY OUTPUT LineZ ENDPROCEDURE </pre> <p>Marks as follows to Max 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Procedure heading (including parameter) and ending 2 Declaration of local variables for three lines AND File OPEN in READ mode AND CLOSE 3 Loop until EOF(ThisFile) 4 Read line from file... in a loop 5 Attempt at a shuffle... in a loop 6 Correctly shuffle LineX, LineY and LineZ in a loop 7 OUTPUT the three lines in correct sequence, following reasonable attempt 	6

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4(a)	<p>Alternative (using two loops):</p> <pre> PROCEDURE LastLines(ThisFile : STRING) DECLARE ThisLine, LineX, LineY, LineZ : STRING DECLARE Count, Count2 : INTEGER Count ← 0 OPENFILE ThisFile FOR READ WHILE NOT EOF(ThisFile) READFILE Thisfile, ThisLine // read a line Count ← Count + 1 ENDWHILE CLOSEFILE ThisFile OPENFILE ThisFile FOR READ FOR Count2 ← 1 TO Count - 3 READFILE Thisfile, ThisLine // read a line NEXT Count2 READFILE Thisfile, LineX READFILE Thisfile, LineY READFILE Thisfile, LineZ OUTPUT LineX OUTPUT LineY OUTPUT LineZ CLOSEFILE ThisFile ENDPROCEDURE </pre> <p>Marks as follows to Max 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Procedure heading (including parameter) and ending 2 Declaration of local variables for three lines AND (at least one) File OPEN in READ mode AND CLOSE 3 Loop until EOF(ThisFile) 4 Read line from file and increment Count in a loop 5 Two separate loops, closing and re-opening the file between loops 6 Read Count - 3 lines from the file 7 OUTPUT the last three lines in correct sequence, following reasonable attempt 	

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4(b)	<p>One mark per point to Max 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Change the procedure header to include a (numeric) parameter (as well as the filename)2 Replace <code>LineX</code>, <code>Y</code> and <code>Z</code> with an array3 Amend shuffle mechanism4 Use new parameter to determine first line to output5 Output the lines in a loop <p>Alternative 'two loop' solution to Max 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Change the procedure header to include a numeric parameter (as well as the filename)2 A loop to count the total number of lines in the file3 Ref use of single variable rather than <code>LineX</code>, <code>LineY</code> and <code>LineZ</code>4 Close and re-open the file5 Use the new parameter value to determine first line to output6 Output the lines in a loop	3

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5(b)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">ThisNum</th> <th style="width: 15%;">ThisChar</th> <th style="width: 15%;">CountA</th> <th style="width: 15%;">CountB</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Flag</th> <th style="width: 20%;">OUTPUT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td>10</td> <td>TRUE</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>'1'</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td> <td>'2'</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>57</td> <td>'5'</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>"Ignored"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>43</td> <td>'4'</td> <td></td> <td>9</td> <td>FALSE</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>56</td> <td>'5'</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> <td>'2'</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>TRUE</td> <td>"Flip"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31</td> <td>'3'</td> <td></td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>32</td> <td>'3'</td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>47</td> <td>'4'</td> <td></td> <td>6</td> <td>FALSE</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>99</td> <td>'9'</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>TRUE</td> <td>"Flip"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Marks as follows: One mark per outlined group If no marks per group then mark by columns (columns 3 to 6) for max 4</p>	ThisNum	ThisChar	CountA	CountB	Flag	OUTPUT			0	10	TRUE		12	'1'	1				24	'2'					57	'5'				"Ignored"	43	'4'		9	FALSE		56	'5'	4				22	'2'			TRUE	"Flip"	31	'3'		8			32	'3'		7			47	'4'		6	FALSE		99	'9'			TRUE	"Flip"	0					4																									6
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6	<pre> PROCEDURE Parse(InString : STRING) DECLARE Count, Total, Index : INTEGER DECLARE Average : REAL DECLARE NumString : STRING DECLARE ThisChar : CHAR CONSTANT COMMA = ',' Count ← 0 Total ← 0 NumString ← "" FOR Index ← 1 to LENGTH(InString) ThisChar ← MID(InString, Index, 1) IF ThisChar = COMMA THEN Total ← Total + STR_TO_NUM(NumString) Count ← Count + 1 NumString ← "" ELSE NumString ← NumString & ThisChar // build the number string ENDIF NEXT Index // now process the final number Total ← Total + STR_TO_NUM(NumString) Count ← Count + 1 Average ← Total / Count OUTPUT "The total was ", Total, " and the average was ", Average ENDPROCEDURE </pre> <p>Marks as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Declare and initialise Count, Total and NumString 2 Loop for number of characters in InString 3 Extract a character and test for comma in a loop 4 If comma, convert NumString to integer and update Total and Count and reset NumString 5 Otherwise append character to NumString 6 Calculate average AND final output statement(s) outside the loop 	7

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7(a)	<pre> FUNCTION MID(InString : STRING, Start, Num : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING DECLARE MidString : STRING DECLARE InStringLen : INTEGER InStringLen ← LENGTH(InString) // solution for RIGHT() then LEFT() MidString ← RIGHT(InString, InStringLen - Start + 1) MidString ← LEFT(MidString, Num) // alternative solution for LEFT() then RIGHT() MidString ← LEFT(InString, Start + Num - 1) MidString ← RIGHT(MidString, Num) RETURN MidString ENDFUNCTION </pre> <p>Marks as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Function heading and ending including parameters and return type 2 Correct use of one substring functions 3 Correct use of both substring functions (in correct sequence) 4 Return substring after a reasonable attempt 	4
7(b)	<p>One mark per point</p> <p>Check that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start and/or Num are ≥ 1 // positive • Length of InString is "sufficient" for required operation 	2

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8(a)	<pre> FUNCTION Exists(ThisString : STRING, Search : CHAR) RETURNS BOOLEAN DECLARE Found : BOOLEAN DECLARE Index : INTEGER Found ← FALSE Index ← 1 WHILE Found = FALSE AND Index <= LENGTH(ThisString) IF MID(ThisString, Index, 1) = Search THEN Found ← TRUE ELSE Index ← Index + 1 ENDIF ENDWHILE RETURN Found ENDFUNCTION </pre> <p>Marks as follows (Conditional loop solution):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Conditional loop while character not found and not end of string 2 Extract a char in a loop 3 Compare with parameter without case conversion in a loop 4 If match found, set termination logic in a loop 5 Return BOOLEAN value <p>ALTERNATIVE (Using Count-controlled loop):</p> <pre> FOR Index ← 1 TO LENGTH(ThisString) IF MID(ThisString, Index, 1) = Search THEN RETURN TRUE ENDIF NEXT Index RETURN FALSE </pre> <p>Marks as follows (Count-controlled loop variant):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Loop for length of <code>ThisString</code> (allow from 0 or 1) 2 Extract a char in a loop 3 Compare with parameter without case conversion in a loop 4 If match found, immediate RETURN of TRUE 5 Return FALSE after the loop // Return Boolean if no immediate RETURN 	5

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8(b)	<pre> PROCEDURE SearchDuplicates() DECLARE IndexA, IndexB : INTEGER DECLARE ThisPassword, ThisValue : STRING DECLARE Duplicates : BOOLEAN Duplicates ← FALSE IndexA ← 1 WHILE Duplicates = FALSE AND IndexA < 500 ThisValue ← Secret[IndexA, 2] IF ThisValue <> "" THEN ThisPassword ← Decrypt(ThisValue) FOR IndexB ← IndexA + 1 TO 500 // IF Secret[IndexB, 2] <> "" THEN IF Decrypt(Secret[IndexB, 2]) = ThisPassword THEN OUTPUT "Password for " & Secret[IndexA, 1] & "also used for " & Secret[IndexB, 1] Duplicates ← TRUE ENDF ENDF NEXT IndexB ENDF IndexA ← IndexA + 1 ENDWHILE IF Duplicates = FALSE THEN OUTPUT "No duplicate passwords found" ENDF ENDPROCEDURE </pre> <p>Marks as follows to Max 8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Any) conditional loop... 2. ... from 1 to 499 while (attempt at) no duplicate 3. Skip unused password 4. Use <code>Decrypt()</code> and assign return value to <code>ThisPassword</code> 5. Inner loop from outer loop index + 1 to 500 searching for duplicates 6. Compare <code>ThisPassword</code> with subsequent passwords (after use of <code>Decrypt()</code>) 7. If match found, set outer loop termination 8. and attempt an Output message giving duplicate 9. Output 'No duplicate passwords found' message if no duplicates found after the loop 	8

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8(c)	One mark for each point that is referenced: 1 Initialise password to empty string at the start and return (attempted) password at the end of the function 2 Two loops to generate 3 groups of 4 characters // One loop to generate 12 / 14 characters 3 Use of <code>RandomChar()</code> to generate a character in a loop 4 Reject character if <code>Exists()</code> returns <code>TRUE</code> , otherwise form string in a loop 5 (Attempt to) use hyphens to link three groups 6 Three groups of four characters generated correctly with hyphens and without duplication (completely working algorithm)	6