

2.1 Algorithms – Past Exam Questions – Solutions

2022

- Decomposition
- Abstraction

2	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not start and end/stop with all boxes connected, no boxes that do not lead to another box (no arrows needed)Input three variables using parallelogram shapeChecks all three criteria (day, student, discount card) using diamond shape(s) with two lines from each...Outputs "full price" <u>with correct conditions</u> using parallelogram shape...Outputs "half price" <u>with correct conditions</u> using parallelogram shape <p><u>Guidance for correct outputs</u></p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Conditions</th><th>Outcome</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Not Saturday and (either a student or has a discount card).</td><td>Half price</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday or (not a student and doesn't have a discount card).</td><td>Full price</td></tr></tbody></table> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Saturday</th><th>Student</th><th>Discount Card</th><th>Outcome</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>Full price</td></tr><tr><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>Y</td><td>Half price</td></tr><tr><td>N</td><td>Y</td><td>N</td><td>Half price</td></tr><tr><td>N</td><td>Y</td><td>Y</td><td>Half price</td></tr><tr><td>Y</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>Full price</td></tr><tr><td>Y</td><td>N</td><td>Y</td><td>Full price</td></tr><tr><td>Y</td><td>Y</td><td>N</td><td>Full price</td></tr><tr><td>Y</td><td>Y</td><td>Y</td><td>Full price</td></tr></tbody></table>	Conditions	Outcome	Not Saturday and (either a student or has a discount card).	Half price	Saturday or (not a student and doesn't have a discount card).	Full price	Saturday	Student	Discount Card	Outcome	N	N	N	Full price	N	N	Y	Half price	N	Y	N	Half price	N	Y	Y	Half price	Y	N	N	Full price	Y	N	Y	Full price	Y	Y	N	Full price	Y	Y	Y	Full price	5 (AO3 2a)	<pre>graph TD Start([Start]) --> InputStudent[/INPUT student/] InputStudent --> InputDiscCard[/INPUT discCard/] InputDiscCard --> InputDay[/INPUT day/] InputDay --> Decision1{If day NOT "Saturday?"} Decision1 -- FALSE --> OutputFull1[/OUTPUT "full price"/] Decision1 -- TRUE --> Decision2{If student or discCard?} Decision2 -- TRUE --> OutputHalf[/OUTPUT "half price"/] Decision2 -- FALSE --> OutputFull2[/OUTPUT "full price"/] OutputFull1 --> End([End]) OutputHalf --> End OutputFull2 --> End</pre> <p>Question asks for a flowchart. Answers as pseudocode, high level language or other forms are not acceptable 9 (NAQ).</p> <p>BP 4 and 5 only to be awarded if all decisions ensure correct output and <u>clear what the decisions are</u>. FT for incorrect shapes used or no inputs as long as decisions are logically correct. Must attempt all three decisions.</p> <p>Allow calculation of half price / full price instead of message but this must still be output.</p> <p>Inputs / decisions may be presented as individual or combined boxes but must still store as three variables.</p> <p>Penalise lack of parallelogram for input/output once only then FT</p> <p>BOD parallelogram shapes if not sure whether input or output as long as context is clear (e.g inputs at start, outputs at end)</p>
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2	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Number of people (at the table) // whether there are more than 5 people or notChoice between percentage and value // actual value of both percentage, value	2 (AO3 2a)	<p>Ignore additional inputs that would be sensible, such as cost of the meal.</p> <p>Accept inputs in form of pseudocode / high-level language.</p> <p>Max 1 if other irrelevant inputs given.</p> <p>"Whether to leave a tip or not" or "Amount of tip" NE for BP2. Must address both the percentage and value of tip if asked for. BOD "type of tip" for BP2</p>																																										
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2	(d)	(ii)	4 (AO3 2c)	<p>Max 2 if incorrect order. Ignore misspelling of Kofi</p> <p>Penalise lack of / errors with line numbers once then FT. Ignore capitalisation. Ignore additional lines unless outcome impacted.</p> <p>staffID does not have space in. Output does have a space in. Penalise spaces once then FT. Do not penalise unless obvious.</p> <p>Quotes around answer is OK, but do not allow quotes around partial answers, e.g. "ID" Kofi2021xx is incorrect.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Line number</th><th>surname</th><th>year</th><th>staffID</th><th>Output</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>01</td><td>Kofi</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>02</td><td></td><td>2021</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>03</td><td></td><td></td><td>Kofi2021</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>05</td><td></td><td></td><td>Kofi2021x</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>06</td><td></td><td></td><td>Kofi2021xx</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>07</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>ID Kofi2021xx</td></tr></tbody></table>	Line number	surname	year	staffID	Output	01	Kofi				02		2021			03			Kofi2021		05			Kofi2021x		06			Kofi2021xx		07				ID Kofi2021xx							
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3	(b)	<p>Any four bullet points for 1 mark each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select / choose / pick middle number (or left/right of middle as even number) andcheck if selected number is equal to / matches target number (<i>not just compare</i>) ...if searched number is larger, discard left half // if searched number is smaller, discard right half Repeat until number found ... or remaining list is of size 1 / 0 (number not found) 	4 (AO1 1b)	<p>Do not allow "split the list in half" on its own as first step, this is incorrect.</p> <p>Can get BP1 and 2 in one step (e.g. "check if the middle number is the one we're looking for")</p> <p>For BP3, accept focussing on correct half</p> <p>Repeat (BP4) must be in the context of an attempt at a binary search. Allow correct reference to recursion.</p> <p>"until number is not in the list" is NE for final BP. Need to explain how this is known.</p>
3	(c)	<p>1 mark each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting with the first value Checking all values in order 	2 (AO1 1b)	<p>2nd bullet point must cover both ideas of checking all of the values AND being done in order.</p> <p>"Checks each value" / "one by one" / "step by step" by itself is NE, does not say in order.</p> <p>Do not accept "repeat until value found" for BP2 (question says number is not in the list)</p> <p>"Checks each value from beginning to end" implies order so gets both BP1 and BP2.</p>
4	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> input <u>and stores/uses</u> value <u>with message</u> attempt at repeating... ...<u>correctly</u> repeats number of times given as input ...<u>correctly</u> take number as input within loop <u>and</u> calculates total of these numbers ...<u>correctly</u> calculate an average (total/num) Output <u>both</u> total and average 	6 (AO3 2b, AO3 2c)	<p>e.g.</p> <pre>num = input("Enter how many numbers") for x = 1 to num temp = input("Enter a number") total = total + temp next x print(total) print(total / num)</pre> <p>If flow chart used, correct shapes needed.</p> <p>Allow tolerance of 1 with number of loops for BP3 with for loops</p> <p>BP1 requires input with a message (can be two statements, e.g. print and then input or combined. Input must be stored or used.</p> <p>BP3, 4, 5 must be logically correct to be credited Ignore non-initialisation of total</p> <p>BP 5 can be given as FT as long as an attempt has been made at working out a total within the loop.</p> <p>BP6 can be given as FT long as attempt made at total <u>and</u> average (not necessarily in a loop)</p>
5	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs hours AND electric (two separate inputs), storing or using these. Checks if car is electric (IF/Select statement)... ...correctly calculates and outputs price (hours * 2 // price / 2) for electric ...correctly calculates and outputs price (hours * 4 // electric price * 2) for non-electric Attempt at repetition of BP1 to 4... ...until 0 hours entered 	6 (AO3 2c)	<p>Initialisation of price and hours not necessary, but if present hours must be non-zero for BP6 to be given.</p> <p>BP5 must include all points attempted. Can still be credited if any of BP1 to 4 not attempted / incorrect.</p> <p>BP6 can be given as FT even if BP5 (loop) is in the wrong place / does not include all required code</p> <p>BP6 could be achieved as repeated function calls / recursion</p> <p>Initial input outside of loop that is then <u>also</u> included within loop is fine. For example, input of hours outside of loop but input is then repeated again at end of loop.</p> <p>Do not accept while hours > 0 (could be -1)</p> <p>Do not penalise answers where 0 is output when loop exits</p> <p>e.g.</p> <pre>while hours != 0 hours = input("Enter hours") electric = input("enter Y for electric or N") if electric == "Y" then price = hours * 2 elseif electric == "N" then price = hours * 4 endif print(price) endwhile</pre>

Sample Paper

2	a	<ul style="list-style-type: none">input("enter first number")if<u>num2</u>print (<u>num1</u>)print (<u>num2</u>)	5 (AO3 2b)	Allow equivalent pseudocode expressions Variables must not have speech marks around them																														
	b	<ul style="list-style-type: none">use of condition controlled loop (while or do/until)......checking condition of number larger than or equal to 0Input number from user within loop (FT if no loop)multiply number input by 2.......output value in number	5 (AO3 2b)	e.g. 1 store 10 in number while number is greater than or equal to 0 do the following: Take input from the user, store in number Multiply number by 2 Output number e.g. 2 while number >= 0 number = input() output(number * 2) Ignore non-initialisation of value used in condition for loop.																														
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	ii	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Taking firstname, surname and teacher or student as inputChecking IF role is teacher/student (using appropriate selection)For teacher ...Generating last 3 letters of surname using appropriate string manipulation...Generating first 2 of letters of firstname and adding to previousFor student.... correctly calculating as beforeCorrect concatenation and output <p>e.g. Ask the user to input the data, store in variables firstname, surname and role. Check whether the role entered is teacher. If it is, join the right 3 most letters in surname with the left 2 letters in firstname. Store this in username. If it is not teacher, join the left 3 letters from firstname with the left 2 letters from surname. Store this in username. Output the value in username.</p>	6 (AO3 2b)	1 mark for each correct bullet to a maximum of 6. If used, a flowchart should represent the bulleted steps in the answer column.																														
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6	b	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comparing zebra to orangeGreater, so split and take right sideFurther comparison (1 or 2 depending on choices made)Correct identification of zebra using methodology above <p>e.g. compare zebra to orange greater, split right compare to wind greater, split right compare to zebra</p>	4 (AO2 1b)	1 mark per bullet (multiple ways through, marks awarded for appropriate comparison and creation of sub groups).																														

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8	g	iii	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Takes input from the userCompares if input is larger than 120......if true, outputs "You played games for too long!"...if false, outputs "You are under your time limit!"	4 (AO3 2b)	<p><u>High-level programming language / OCR Exam Reference Language response required</u></p> <p>Do not accept pseudocode / natural English.</p> <p>Example algorithm given below</p> <pre>minutes = input("Enter minutes played") if minutes > 120 print "You played games for too long!" else print "You are under your time limit!" endif</pre> <p>Accept alternative (but suitable) output messages.</p> <p>Accept logical comparison of input less than or equal to 120 and appropriate True/False statements.</p>																													

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(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick middle value / pumpkin // find midpoint• Compare this to house, no match• pumpkin>house...• ...so discard top half of list // focus on bottom half• Pick middle value again, either <u>house</u> or <u>flour</u>...• ...finds value // repeat to find value	4	<p>Do not award generic responses except for BP1. Must clearly show the steps taken for <u>this</u> list to achieve more than 1 mark.</p> <p>Do not award "splits the list in half" for BP1 or 4 – incorrect</p> <p>Allow diagrams to demonstrate the process</p> <p>Allow reasonable attempt at BP3 to allow access to BP4</p>
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3 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initialises (total) as 0 (outside loop if present) Inputs a number and stores the value Adds the input to the total (initialised in BP1 if present) Prints the total Iterates over BP2-4 (if present)... ...until total is over 100 	6	Example answer total = 0 while total <=100 x = input("Enter a number") total = total + x print(total) endwhile

(c) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count = 0 Output Count All non-decision boxes and YES from decision boxes linked in a sequential fashion from Start to End. NO from first decision box linked to skip over increment of count NO from second decision box linked back to INPUT <p>Ignore superfluous instructions as long as they do not affect the outcome of the algorithm.</p> <p>BOD misspelling of Count as long as it is recognisable</p> <p>Ignore capitalisation.</p>	5	<pre> graph TD Start([Start]) --> Count[Count = 0] Count --> Input[/Input Value/] Input --> IsOver{Is Value over 50?} IsOver -- Yes --> Add1[Add 1 to count] Add1 --> Have10{Have 10 values been entered?} Have10 -- Yes --> Output[/Output Count/] Output --> End([End]) IsOver -- No --> Input Have10 -- No --> Input </pre>
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(ii)	1 mark per bullet point, max 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initialises a count variable to 0 asks user for an input Check if input is over 50... ... increment count variable if True Repeats BP 2 and 3 (if present) until 10 numbers have been entered Outputs count <u>once 10 numbers have been entered</u> 	5	Example answer count = 0 for x = 1 to 10 value = input("enter a value") if value > 50 then count = count + 1 endif next x print(count) Response must be in pseudocode as per question, flowcharts or structured English are NAQ.
(d)	e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abstraction ... focussing on the important elements // ignoring elements that do not contribute to the solution // simplifying the problem Decomposition ...breaking a problem down (into its constituent parts) Algorithmic thinking ...set out the steps needed to solve the problem // represented in a flow chart / as pseudocode 	4	Mark in pairs. 1 mark for name, 1 mark for description. Description must match technique (if given).

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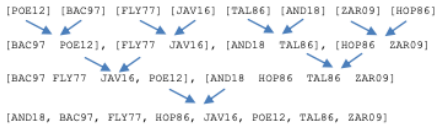
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3	(c)	<p>1 mark per bullet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Checking if money>=price......decision (diamond shape) used...venditem() and giveChange(money-price) if True/Yes...output an error if False / NoTerminator used to start and end the program and all paths terminated	5 AO3 2b(5)	<p>Reasonable attempt at BP1 needed for credit BP2, 3 and 4</p> <p>Ignore other additional code.</p> <p>BP3 and BP4 must follow on from True/False // Yes/No decision to be credited.</p> <p>Subroutines names and parameters must be correct. Ignore missing brackets on venditem.</p> <pre>graph TD Start([Start]) --> Decision{Money >= price} Decision -- False --> Output[/Output "Error"/] Decision -- True --> Venditem[Venditem()] Venditem --> GiveChange[giveChange(money-price)] GiveChange --> End([End]) Output --> End</pre>																																				
6	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Access "Rob" / studentnames[0]......does not equal "Anna" // not desired item // move onAccess "Anna" / studentnames[1]...does equal "Anna" // stop // item found	4 AO2 1b(4)	<p>Answer must refer to this array, not a generic description of linear search. "Access first item" is NE for BP1 or BP3. Must refer to this scenario.</p> <p>Max 1 for "Compare 'Anna' to each item in list" if nothing else credited.</p>																																				
6	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anna inserted before Rob as first two elements......Huw correctly inserted into sorted list......Emma correctly inserted into sorted listPatrice correctly inserted into sorted listIqbal correctly inserted into sorted list and no further changes made.	5 AO2 1b(5)	<table><tr><td>Rob</td><td>Anna</td><td>Huw</td><td>Emma</td><td>Patrice</td><td>Iqbal</td></tr><tr><td>Anna</td><td>Rob</td><td>Huw</td><td>Emma</td><td>Patrice</td><td>Iqbal</td></tr><tr><td>Anna</td><td>Huw</td><td>Rob</td><td>Emma</td><td>Patrice</td><td>Iqbal</td></tr><tr><td>Anna</td><td>Emma</td><td>Huw</td><td>Rob</td><td>Patrice</td><td>Iqbal</td></tr><tr><td>Anna</td><td>Emma</td><td>Huw</td><td>Patrice</td><td>Rob</td><td>Iqbal</td></tr><tr><td>Anna</td><td>Emma</td><td>Huw</td><td>Iqbal</td><td>Patrice</td><td>Rob</td></tr></table> <p>Sorted list highlighted</p>	Rob	Anna	Huw	Emma	Patrice	Iqbal	Anna	Rob	Huw	Emma	Patrice	Iqbal	Anna	Huw	Rob	Emma	Patrice	Iqbal	Anna	Emma	Huw	Rob	Patrice	Iqbal	Anna	Emma	Huw	Patrice	Rob	Iqbal	Anna	Emma	Huw	Iqbal	Patrice	Rob
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2	(b)		1 mark per bullet to max 6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs two value (as X and Y) Compares if X is larger than Y... ...Outputs Y*X only when <u>False</u> Compares if X is less than 12... ...Outputs X only when True <u>and X > Y</u> ...Outputs Y only when False <u>and X > Y</u> 	6 AO3 2b (6)	Question specifically asks for pseudocode. Outputs should only be given if they occur with the right condition(s). <u>Example algorithm</u> <pre> input x input y if x > y then if x < 12 then print x else print y end if else print y*x end if </pre> Variables do not have to be called x and y. Accept equivalent comparisons (e.g. if X <= Y) Allow FT for outputs from incorrect comparisons where a sensible attempt has been made.
3	(a)	(i)	1 mark per bullet to max 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An error that results in incorrect output / unexpected result Contains an error but still runs / doesn't crash 	1 AO1 1b (1)	Do not accept examples of logic errors.
3	(a)	(ii)	if num MOD 2 == 0 then if num MOD 2 = 0 then	1 AO3 2b (1)	Important point is that >= is changed to == or =. Accept alternatives that produce the same result (e.g. <=0, <1, !=1, etc.) Ignore any casting (e.g. using int() to convert to a number) Accept other minor changes to the line as long it logically works. Accept versions of MOD from high level languages (e.g. Python: if num % 2 == 0)
3	(b)	(i)	1 mark per bullet to max 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An error in the grammar of the program // error that breaks the rules of the programming language Contains an error but will not run / translate / execute 	1 AO1 1b (2)	Do not accept examples of syntax error (e.g. misspelling).
3	(b)	(ii)	print ("odd")	1 AO2 1b (1)	Must include quotes (single or double). Do not penalise spelling mistakes in message. Accept sensible alternatives to "odd" Accept alternatives for print / output as long as spelling is accurate
4	(a)	(i)	1 mark per bullet to max 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removing / hiding / obscuring unnecessary detail Focusing on the important detail Simplifies the problem // reduces complexity // Easy to solve / understand 	2 AO1 1a (1) AO1 1b (1)	Accept answers relating to using fewer computational resources Must be the programmer making the decision.
4	(a)	(ii)	1 mark per bullet to max 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable example of what can be focused on (e.g. player name, match results, goals scored) Suitable example of what to remove/hide (anything relevant that is not results/goals scored) Suitable example of a simplification made 	1 AO2 1a (1)	Mark first answer only Allow any suitable example of abstraction as long it is relevant to the system. Allow either first name or surname to be removed as an example, but do not allow both to be removed.

6	(c)	(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not in order / sorted 	1 AO2 1b (1)	Mark first answer only
6	(c)	(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linear (search) 	1 AO1 1b (1)	Mark first answer only Allow other valid searching algorithms as long as they work on an unsorted list (e.g front and back search)
6	(d)	(i)	<p>1 mark per bullet to max 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flag / record whether a swap has taken place or not checked as condition to decide whether to repeat 	2 AO2 1b (2)	The variable records whether a swap has taken place; it does not perform the swap.
6	(d)	(ii)	<p>1 mark per bullet to max 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swaps.. ...values of <code>queuesize[p]</code> and <code>queuesize[p+1]</code> ...when <code>queuesize[p]</code> is larger than <code>queuesize[p+1]</code> using a temporary variable //doesn't overwrite numbers //explanation of process 	2 AO2 1b (2)	<p>Do not accept "sorts numbers"</p> <p>"swaps numbers" meets BP1. Explanation of which values in the array are swapped meets BP1 and BP2.</p> <p>Do not accept direct word for word repetition from the program (e.g. <code>temp = queuesize[p]</code>), question asks for an explanation.</p> <p>Explanation of temporary variable must be logically correct.</p>
6	(d)	(iv)	<p>1 mark per bullet to max 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insertion (sort) Merge (sort) 	2 AO1 1a (2)	<p>Accept "insert". Do not penalise spelling.</p> <p>Do not accept bubble sort (given in previous questions)</p> <p>Do not award searching algorithms</p> <p>Allow other <u>valid</u> sorting algorithms. (e.g. quick sort, heap sort, shell sort, selection sort, radix sort, bucket sort, tim sort, comb sort, pigeonhole sort, etc.)</p>
6	(e)		<p>1 mark per bullet to max 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input height Accepts riders $> / \geq 140$ with suitable message Rejects riders $< / \leq 120$ with suitable message Checks if height between 120 and 140... ... If True, input whether accompanied ... Suitable output message for True AND False Correctly counts number of riders <u>in all cases of being allowed to ride</u> (do not penalise candidates for counting or not counting accompanying adults) Attempt to loop based on 8 riders allowed <p>Some checks for rider height may be implicit (e.g. using ELSE after checking other heights). If the answer logically works to produce the correct output, it should be marked as correct.</p> <p>Loop will almost certainly be condition controlled (WHILE/DO UNTIL) to gain BP8; count controlled (FOR) loop requires significant manipulation to work successfully.</p>	8 AO3 2b (8)	<p>Answers can be in any suitable format (including pseudocode, flowchart, etc). If flowchart used, accept any sensible shapes.</p> <p>Do not penalise for lack of initialisation of variables.</p> <p>Loop must repeat until 8 riders allowed, not just loop 8 times.</p> <p>Do not credit asking whether accompanied if in the wrong place.</p> <p>Condition for BP4 may be $120 < h < 140$</p> <p><u>Example algorithm</u></p> <pre>riders=0 while riders <8 input height if height >= 140 then output "allowed" riders = riders + 1 elif height >=120 then input withadult if withadult == "yes" output "allowed" riders = riders + 1 else output "not allowed" end if else output "not allowed" end if endwhile</pre>

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Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	(c)	(i)	<p>1 mark per bullet, max 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List split into individual elements (may be done over several steps or just as a starting point) Merge individual elements into sorted lists of size 2 Merge lists of size 2 into sorted lists of size 4 Merge lists of size 4 into final sorted list. 	4	<p>Candidates can describe how the merge sort would work rather than showing output values at each stage.</p> <p>Ignore intermediate steps.</p> <p>Do not give final mark for simply showing the list sorted. Must have the (correct) idea of where it being merged from previous lists.</p> <p>Candidates' answers describing / showing other sorting algorithms (e.g. bubble sort, insertion sort) are worth 0 marks.</p> 
4	(c)	(ii)	<p>1 mark per bullet, max 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faster/quicker (to sort)... ...for large lists // for lists that are more unordered Has a consistent running time (for a lists of same length)... ...doesn't depend on how ordered original list is 	2	<p>Accept (correct) reference to big O notation for 2nd mark on either mark point although this is beyond scope of GCSE specification.</p> <p>Allow "more efficient" for BOD on first bullet point.</p>
8			<p>1 mark per bullet, max 6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initialisation of A, B and C as zero. Allows input (of anything) from the user Incrementing A, B and C depending on input Repeats bullet points 2 and 3 ...stopping only when "END" is entered Prints out all 3 individual counts and prints calculated total count 	6	<p>Example algorithm</p> <pre> account = 0 bcount= 0 ccount= 0 vote = "" while vote != "END" vote = input("enter A, B or C") if vote == "A" then account = account + 1 elseif vote == "B" then bcount = bcount + 1 elseif vote == "C" then ccount = ccount + 1 end if endwhile print account print bcount print ccount print account+bcount+ccount </pre>

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7		<p>1 mark per bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storing a number for the user to guess • Loops 10 times correctly • Inputs the user's guess • If correct, outputs congratulations and stops the loop / ends the game (any appropriate method of breaking out of loop) • If the guess is greater than stored number, outputs lower (or similar) • If the guess is lower than stored number, outputs higher (or similar) <p>e.g. using while loop</p> <pre>num = 50 // (could be a random number) x = 0 while x < 10 input guess if guess == num then output "Congratulations" x = 10 elseif guess > num then output "lower" else output "higher" endif x = x + 1 end while</pre> <p>e.g. example using for loop</p> <pre>num = 50 // (could be a random number) for x = 1 to 10 input guess if guess == num then output "Congratulations" end // (could be break / exit, or x = 10) elseif guess > num then output "lower" else</pre>	6	<p>Allow pseudocode, flowchart, or structured English as long as it is not just repeating the instructions and where it meets the bullet points.</p> <p>If candidate uses FOR loop, accept 0 to 9 / 0 to 10 / 1 to 10 / 1 to 11 (or equivalent) as valid for 2nd bullet point.</p>
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b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Age < 20 is FALSE so) <u>Dose = 2</u> • (Gender = "Female" is FALSE) so Dose = Dose * 0.5 • ... therefore Dose = 1 	3	<p>Award mark for first bullet only if 2 clearly refers to the dose.</p> <p>Allow follow through error for second and third bullet. i.e. if candidate has the wrong dose they can still get a mark for Dose * 0.5 and for doing this calculation correctly. (Typically 3 * 0.5 = 1.5 which is therefore worth 2 marks)</p>
c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Age is less than 20 = true) so Dose = 0.1 * Age • 1.9 • <u>[isPregnant AND Dose > 1.5]</u> is TRUE • Dose = 1.5 	4	<p>Candidates do not need to refer to dose, provided it is clear that they are performing the correct operation.</p> <p>For 3rd bullet it is sufficient if the candidate has shown that both isPregnant and (Dose > 1.5) are TRUE (This may not be at the same point in the answer and they do not need to explicitly state the result of the AND)..</p>