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**COMP10020**  
**Introduction to Programming 2**

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**Time Allowed: 1 Hour**

**Instructions for Candidates**

Answer **Question 1** and any **two** other questions.

The value of each part of each question is  
shown in brackets next to it.

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**Instructions for invigilators**

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Students are permitted to use a calculator.

1. (a) What is the output of `print(str[2:9])` if `str = 'University College Dublin'`? (4)
- (b) Only one of the following Python variable names is valid:
- `__var`
  - `my.function`
  - `3rd_prize`
  - `for`
- Identify the valid variable name and explain what is wrong with each of the others. (4)
- (c) Suppose the following code is used to create a dictionary:
- ```
d = {"frank":88.1, "catherine":99.7}
```
- What happens when the following code is executed?
- ```
d["audrey"] = "C+"
```
- (4)
- (d) What is the difference between a *list* and a *set* in Python? (4)
- (e) What value is printed after the following code is executed?
- ```
x = y = 4
y += x + x * 6
print(y)
```
- (4)
- (f) Write a python function, `centimetres_to_feet_and_inches`, to convert a person's height given in centimetres to feet and inches. (Note: there are 2.54 centimetres in an inch, and 12 inches in a foot.) (4)
- (g) Suppose that
- ```
address = "UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4"
```
- What does the following statement return?
- ```
address.split(',')
```
- (4)

- (h) What is output by the following Python code snippet?

```
counter = 0
while counter <= 12:
    if counter%2 == 0:
        print("Even")
        if counter > 8:
            print("Big")
    elif counter%3 == 0:
        print("3")
    counter += 3
```

(4)

- (i) Fill in the code to complete the following function for computing the *factorial* of an integer.

**Note:** The factorial of an integer is the product of the integer and all integers below it; e.g. factorial four (  $4!$  ) is equal to  $4*3*2*1 = 24$  and factorial six (  $6!$  ) is equal to  $6*5*4*3*2*1 = 720$

```
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        _____ # Complete this line
```

(4)

- (j) Suppose that

```
s1 = {1, 1, 3, 4, 4}
```

and

```
s2 = {6, 5, 4, 2}
```

What is the value of the expression `s1.difference(s2)` ?

(4)

2. The following Python code declares a class used to represent a Citizen object.

```
# A class to represent a citizen
class Citizen:
    def __init__(self, name, dob, country):

        # Name stored as a string
        self.name = name

        # Date of birth stored as a string in the
        # form "dd/mm/yyyy"
        self.dob = dob

        # Country of citizenship
        self.country = country

        # Visas for other countries held
        self.visas = dict()

# Add visa
def add_visa(self, country, start_year, expiry_year):
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# A method to print the details of the citizen
def show(self):
    print(self.name + " (" + self.dob + "), " + " /
          + self.country)
```

- (a) Write Python code to create two citizens with the following attribute values:

|          |            |          |            |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| Name:    | Usain      | Name:    | Sonia      |
| Country: | Jamaica    | Country: | Ireland    |
| Dob:     | 21/08/1986 | Dob:     | 28/11/1969 |

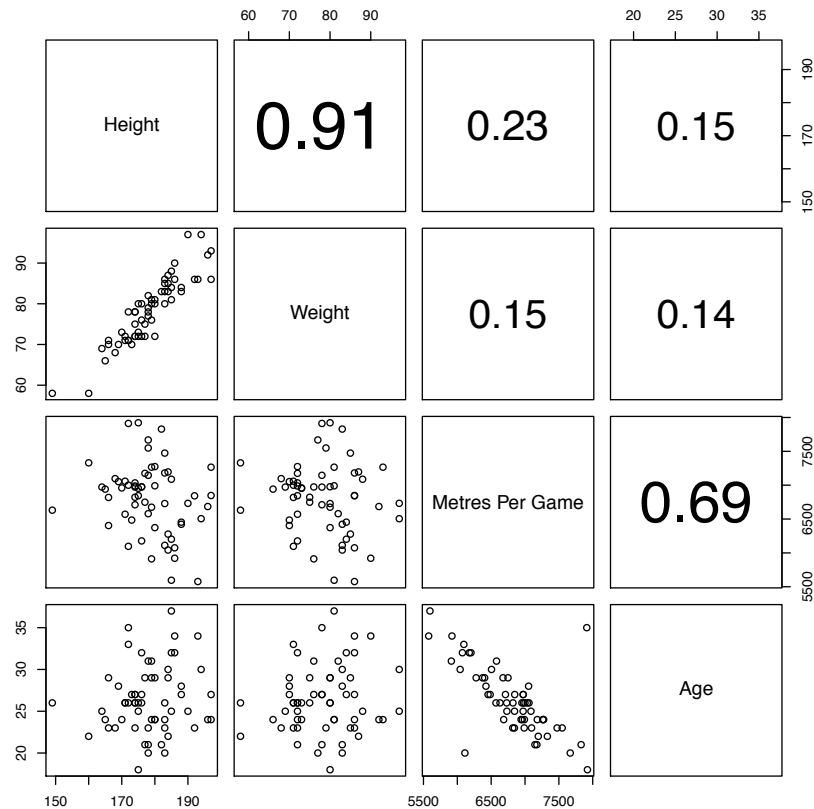
Also call the **show** method for each object created.

(3)

- (b) The **add\_visa** method in the **Citizen** class should add a new visa object to the visas list stored in a Citizen object.
- (i) Write a new python class, **Visa**, to store visa objects. The attributes of a visa object are the country for which it is held, the year in which it comes into effect and the year in which it expires. The only methods in the **Visa** should be its constructor and a show method which prints the details of the visa. (12)
  - (ii) The **add\_visa** method of the citizen class doesn't currently do anything. Write a new version that creates a new visa object based on the parameters provided adds this to the list stored in the **visas** attribute. (10)
  - (iii) Write a new version of the **print** method from the **Citizen** class that also prints the details of the visas that a citizen holds. (5)

3. (a) Describe, using pseudo-code and diagrams where appropriate, the **insertion sort** algorithm. (15)
- (b) Show the steps the **insertion sort** algorithm would take to sort the following list:  
[56, 17, 72, 8] (10)
- (c) It is said that when designing good algorithms a trade-off between *correctness*, *efficiency*, and *simplicity* is required. Using appropriate examples explain what this means. (5)

4. (a) The image below shows a **scatter plot matrix** (SPLOM) of a dataset that describes the players on a soccer team. The variables included are players' height, weight, and age; and the average number of metres run by a player per game. Describe the relationships between these four variables that are apparent from this data visualisation.



(10)

- (b) The following simple **pandas data frame** is stored in the Python object **teams** and stores the name of teams in a league, the division in which they play, the points the team have scored (*For*) and the points scored against the team (*Against*).

| Team    | Division | For | Against |
|---------|----------|-----|---------|
| Kildare | A        | 62  | 24      |
| Dublin  | B        | 54  | 76      |
| Donegal | A        | 33  | 11      |
| Cork    | B        | 45  | 81      |
| Mayo    | B        | 17  | 33      |
| Laoise  | A        | 74  | 87      |

Write Python code (**using the pandas library**) to perform the following operations:

- (i) Select only the **Team** and **Against** columns from the data frame.

(4)

- (ii) Calculate the **minimum** value for the **For** and **Against** columns of the data frame. (4)
- (iii) Select only the rows from the data frame that describe **teams in division A**. (4)
- (iv) Create a new column in the data frame called **Points Difference** that contains the difference between the points scored for the team and the points scored against the team. (4)
- (v) Select only the rows from the data frame that describe **teams in division A** with a **positive points difference**. (4)