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You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

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.
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

Refer to the **insert** for the list of pseudocode functions and operators.

1	(a)	An algorithm includes a number of complex calculations. A programmer is writing a program to implement the algorithm and decides to use library routines to provide part of the solution.
		State three possible benefits of using library routines in the development of the program.
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		[3]
	(b)	The following pseudocode is part of a program that stores names and test marks for use in other parts of the program.
		DECLARE Name1, Name2, Name3 : STRING DECLARE Mark1, Mark2, Mark3 : INTEGER INPUT Name1 INPUT Mark1 INPUT Name2 INPUT Mark2 INPUT Name3 INPUT Mark3
		(i) The pseudocode needs to be changed to allow for data to be stored for up to 30 students.
		Explain why it would be good practice to use arrays to store the data.
		[3]

(ii)	The following pseudocode s	tatement includes array references:
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Data type	 [2]
Purpose	
State the purpose of the variable Count and give its data type.	
OUTPUT "Student ", Name[Count], " scored ", Mark[Count]	

(c) The pseudocode statements in the following table may contain errors.

State the error in each case or write 'NO ERROR' if the statement contains no error.

Assume that any variables used are of the correct type for the given function.

Statement	Error
IF EMPTY ← "" THEN	
Status ← IS_NUM(-23.4)	
x ← STR_TO_NUM("37") + 5	
Y ← STR_TO_NUM("37" + "5")	

[4]

2	A system is being developed to help manage a car hire business. A customer may hire a car for a
	number of days.

An abstract model needs to be produced.

(a)	Explain the process of abstraction and state four items of data that should be stored each time a car is hired.	ch
	Explanation	
	Item 1	
	Item 2	
	Item 3	
	Item 4	
	L	[3]
(b)	Identify two operations that would be required to process the car hire data.	
	Operation 1	
	Operation 2	
	[[2]

A 1D array Data of type integer contains 200 elements. Each element has a unique value.
An algorithm is required to search for the largest value and output it.
Describe the steps that the algorithm should perform.
Do not include pseudocode statements in your answer.
[5]

4	(a)	The following diagram shows an Abstract Data Type (ADT) representation of an ordered
		linked list. The data item stored in each node is a single character. The data will be accessed
		in alphabetical order.

The symbol Ø represents a null pointer.



(i) Nodes with data 'A' and 'K' are added to the linked list. Nodes with data 'J' and 'L' are deleted.

After the changes, the data items still need to be accessed in alphabetical order.

Complete the diagram to show the new state of the linked list.

Start pointer			
	'C'	'J'	'L'
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(ii) The original data could have been stored in a 1D array in which each element stores a character.

For example:

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Explain the advantages of making stored in the linked list instead of	g the changes described in part (a)(i) when the data an array.	is
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	[i	2]

	(iii)	Explain the disadvantages of making the changes described in part (a)(i) when the data is stored in the linked list instead of an array.
		[2]
(b)	A pr	ogram will store data using a linked list like the one shown in part (a).
	Expl	ain how the linked list can be implemented.
		[4]

5 A program uses two 1D arrays of type integer. Array1 contains 600 elements and Array2 contains 200 elements.

Array1 contains sample values read from a sensor. The sensor always takes three consecutive samples and all of these values are stored in Array1.

A procedure Summarise() will calculate the average of three consecutive values from Array1 and write the result to Array2. This will be repeated for all values in Array1.

Array2

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Comment

average of first three values

The diagram below illustrates the process for the first six entries in Array1.

Array1

10

20		41	average of next three values
15			
40			
41			
42	J		
	J		
Write pseudoc	code for the procedure Summari	se().	
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6 The following pseudocode algorithm attempts to check whether a string is a valid email address.

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FUNCTION IsValid(InString : STRING) RETURNS BOOLEAN
   DECLARE Index, Dots, Ats, Others: INTEGER
   DECLARE NextChar : CHAR
   DECLARE Valid : BOOLEAN
   Index \leftarrow 1
   \texttt{Dots} \leftarrow \texttt{0}
   Ats \leftarrow 0
   Others \leftarrow 0
   \texttt{Valid} \leftarrow \texttt{TRUE}
   REPEAT
       NextChar \leftarrow MID(InString, Index, 1)
       CASE OF NextChar
           '.': Dots ← Dots + 1
           '@' : Ats \leftarrow Ats + 1
                   IF Ats > 1 THEN
                      Valid \leftarrow FALSE
                   ENDIF
           OTHERWISE : Others \leftarrow Others + 1
       ENDCASE
       IF Dots > 1 AND Ats = 0 THEN
           Valid \leftarrow FALSE
       ELSE
           Index \leftarrow Index + 1
       ENDIF
   UNTIL Index > LENGTH(InString) OR Valid = FALSE
   IF NOT (Dots >= 1 AND Ats = 1 AND Others > 8) THEN
       \texttt{Valid} \leftarrow \texttt{FALSE}
   ENDIF
   RETURN Valid
ENDFUNCTION
(a) Part of the validation is implemented by the line:
    IF NOT (Dots >= 1 AND Ats = 1 AND Others > 8) THEN
    State the values that would result in the condition evaluating to TRUE.
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......[1]

(b) (i) Complete the trace table by dry running the function when it is called as follows:

Result ← IsValid("Liz.123@big@net")

Index	NextChar	Dots	Ats	Others	Valid

(ii)	State the part (b)(i).	returned	when	IsValid()	is	called	using	the	expression	shown	in
											[1]

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7	A si	mple	arithmetic expression is stored as a string in the format:
		<va< th=""><th>lue1><operator><value2></value2></operator></th></va<>	lue1> <operator><value2></value2></operator>
	An	opera	ator character is one of the following: '+' '-' '*' '/'
	Exa	"80	e arithmetic expression strings: 13+1904" 177"
	(a)		rocedure Calculate() will:
		•	take an arithmetic expression string as a parameter evaluate the expression output the result.
		Ass	ume:
		•	the string contains only numeric digits and a single operator character Value1 and Value2 represent integer values Value1 and Value2 are unsigned (they will not be preceded by '+' or '-').
		(i)	Write pseudocode for the procedure Calculate().

(ii)	${\tt Calculate()}$ is changed to a function that returns the value of the evaluated expression.
	Write the header for the function in pseudocode.
	ring representing an arithmetic expression could be in the correct format but be impossible valuate.
	e an example of a correctly formatted string and explain why evaluation would be ossible.
Exa	mple string
Ехр	lanation
	[2]

(b)

8 A teacher is designing a program to perform simple syntax checks on programs written by students. Student programs are submitted as text files, which are known as project files.

A project file may contain blank lines.

The teacher has defined the first program module as follows:

Module	Description
CheckFile()	 takes the name of an existing project file as a parameter of type string returns TRUE if the file is valid (it contains at least 10 non-blank lines), otherwise returns FALSE

(a)	Write pseudocode for module CheckFile().

 	[7]

Further modules are defined as follows:

Module	Description
takes a line from a project file as a parameter of type string returns zero if the line is blank or contains no syntax error, otherwise returns an error number as an integer	
CountErrors()	 takes two parameters: the name of a project file as a string the maximum number of errors as an integer uses CheckFile() to test the project file. Outputs an error message and ends if the project file is not valid calls CheckLine() for each line in the project file counts the number of errors outputs the number of errors or a warning message if the maximum number of errors is exceeded

(b)	CountErrors() is called to check the project file Jim01Prog.txt and to stop if more than 20 errors are found.
	Write the pseudocode statement for this call.
	[2]
(c)	Write pseudocode for module ${\tt CountErrors()}. Assume {\tt CheckFile()}$ and ${\tt CheckLine()}$ have been written and can be used in your solution.

[8]
Module CheckLine() includes a check for syntax errors.
Two examples of syntax error that cannot be detected from examining a single line are those involving selection and iteration.
Give two other examples.
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[2]

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