

1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of +4.5 in this system. Show your working.

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

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(b) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of -4.5 in this system. Show your working.

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

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- (c) Calculate the denary value for the following binary floating-point number. Show your working.

**Mantissa**

0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**Exponent**

0	1	0	1
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- (d) (i) State whether the floating-point number given in **part (c)** is normalised or not normalised.

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- (ii) Justify your answer given in **part (d)(i)**.

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- (e) The system changes so that it now allocates eight bits to both the mantissa and the exponent.

Explain **two** effects this has on the numbers that can be represented.

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1 (a) Numbers are stored in a computer using floating-point representation with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both the mantissa and exponent.

(i) Write the normalised floating-point representation of the following unsigned binary number using this system.

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**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

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(ii) State the consequence of storing the binary number in **part (a)(i)** as a floating-point number in this system. Justify your answer.

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(b) Explain the reason why binary numbers are stored in normalised form.

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- 5 (a) Compare sequential and serial methods of file organisation.

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- (b) State the most suitable method of file access when a record is referenced by a unique address on a disk-type storage medium.

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- (c) State the most suitable method of file access when a bank stores its data records in ascending order of account number.

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1 Real numbers are stored in a computer system using floating-point representation with:

- 10 bits for the mantissa
- 6 bits for the exponent
- Two's complement form for both the mantissa and the exponent.

(a) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of  $-7.25$  in this system.  
Show your working.

**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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(b) Calculate the denary value of the given binary floating-point number.  
Show your working.

**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

0	0	0	1	1	1
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- (c) The given binary floating-point number is not normalised.

Normalise the floating-point number. Show your working.

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- (d) The denary number 513 cannot be stored accurately as a normalised floating-point number in this computer system.

- (i) Explain the reason for this.

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- (ii) Describe an alteration to the way floating-point numbers are stored to enable this number to be stored accurately using the same total number of bits.

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- 2 (a) Describe the purpose of a user-defined data type.

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- (b) Define, using pseudocode, the following enumerated data types:

- (i) `SchoolDay` to hold data about the days students are usually in school.

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- (ii) `WeekEnd` to hold data about the days that are not school days.

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- (c) Define, using pseudocode, the composite data type `ClubMeet`. This will hold data about club members that includes:

- first name and last name
- the two days they attend:
  - one on a school day
  - one not on a school day.

Use the enumerated types you created in **part (b)**.

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(b) Explain the use of graphs to aid Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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6 Give **two** benefits **and two** drawbacks of packet switching.

Benefit 1 .....

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Benefit 2 .....

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Drawback 1 .....

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Drawback 2 .....

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1 Floating-point is to be used to represent real numbers with:

- 8 bits for the mantissa, followed by
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement used for both mantissa and exponent

(a) (i) Consider this binary pattern.

0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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What number is this in denary? Show your working.

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(ii) The representation shown in **part (a)(i)** is normalised.

Explain why floating-point numbers are normalised.

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(iii) Show the binary pattern for the smallest positive number which can be stored using a normalised 12-bit floating-point representation.

Mantissa:

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Exponent:

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Work out its denary value.

Denary: ..... [3]

- (b) The developer of a new programming language decides that all real numbers will be stored using 20-bit normalised floating-point representation. She cannot decide how many bits to use for the mantissa and how many for the exponent.

Explain the trade-off between using either a large number of bits for the mantissa, or a large number of bits for the exponent.

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- 1 In a particular computer system, two real numbers, **A** and **B**, are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

**Number A**

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	1	0
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**Number B**

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1	1	1	1
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- (a) (i) Identify whether each number is positive or negative. Justify your answer.

**Number A** .....

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**Number B** .....

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- (ii) Convert the binary values of the **mantissa** and the **exponent** for each number to their separate denary values.

**A mantissa** .....

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**A exponent** .....

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**B mantissa** .....

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**B exponent** .....

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- (iii) Calculate the denary value of each floating-point number using your values from part (a)(ii).

**Number A** .....

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**Number B** .....

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- (b) State which number, **A** or **B**, is stored in normalised floating-point form. Justify your answer.

Number .....

Justification .....

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[3]

- 1 In a computer system, two real numbers, **A** and **B**, are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

**Number A**

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1	1	1	1
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**Number B**

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	1	0	0
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- (a) (i) Convert the binary values of the **mantissa** and the **exponent** for each number to their separate denary values.

**A mantissa** .....

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**A exponent** .....

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**B mantissa** .....

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**B exponent** .....

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- (ii) Calculate the denary value of each floating-point number using your values from part (a)(i).

**Number A** .....

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**Number B** .....

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[2]

- (b) State which number, **A** or **B**, is stored in normalised floating-point form. Justify your answer.

Number .....

Justification .....

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- 2 The TCP/IP protocol suite can be viewed as a stack with **four** layers.

- (a) Write the correct descriptions for the **two** layers **and** the correct layers for the **two** descriptions given in the following table.

Layer	Description
<b>Application</b>	
<b>Transport</b>	
	Handles transmission of data
	Handles how data is physically sent

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- (b) Identify **and** state the purpose of **two** communication protocols other than TCP/IP.

Protocol 1 .....

Purpose .....

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Protocol 2 .....

Purpose .....

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1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) The following floating-point number stored is not normalised.

Calculate the denary value for the floating-point number. Show your working.

Mantissa												Exponent			
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Working .....

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Denary value .....

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(b) (i) Normalise the floating-point number given in **part (a)**.

Write your answer in the following boxes.

Mantissa												Exponent			

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(ii) Describe **one** problem that can occur when floating-point numbers are not normalised.

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**2** Data types can be classified as composite or non-composite.

A record is declared of type `box` using the following pseudocode.

```
TYPE size = (small, medium, large)

TYPE box

    DECLARE volume : size

    DECLARE price : REAL

    DECLARE colour : STRING

ENDTYPE

DECLARE myBox : ARRAY [1:6] OF box
```

**(a) (i)** Identify **one** composite and **three** non-composite data types used in the pseudocode.

Composite data type .....

Non-composite data type 1 .....

Non-composite data type 2 .....

Non-composite data type 3 ..... [4]

**(ii)** Identify the data type in the pseudocode that is enumerated.

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**(b)** A box is red, with medium volume and a price of \$10.99.

Write **pseudocode** to store the details of this box in the first element of the array.

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1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation, with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) Calculate the denary value for the following floating-point number. Show your working.

Mantissa												Exponent			
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Working .....

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Denary value .....

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(b) A new operating system has been installed that has changed the way the floating-point numbers are used. The order of the exponent and the mantissa are reversed.

(i) Calculate the new denary value for the following floating-point number that has the same bit pattern as the number in **part (a)**. Show your working.

Exponent				Mantissa											
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Working .....

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Denary value .....

[3]

- (ii) Identify **two** problems that can occur due to the change in the representation of the floating-point number.

Problem 1 .....

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Problem 2 .....

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2 Data types can be classified as composite or non-composite.

(a) Draw **one** line from each data type to its correct classification.

Data type	Classification
Pointer	
Record	Composite
Set	
Class	Non-composite
Integer	

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(b) A user-defined data type, `timeOfDay`, is declared using the following pseudocode.

```
TYPE timeOfDay = (morning, afternoon, evening, night)
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(i) Identify the type of user-defined data type declared **and** state its classification.

Type .....

Classification .....

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(ii) Write pseudocode to declare the variable `session` of type `timeOfDay`.  
Assign the value `afternoon` to the variable `session`.

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1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 10 bits for the mantissa
- 6 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of +192.5 in this system. Show your working.

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

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(b) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of –192.5 in this system. Show your working.

**Mantissa**

**Exponent**

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Working .....

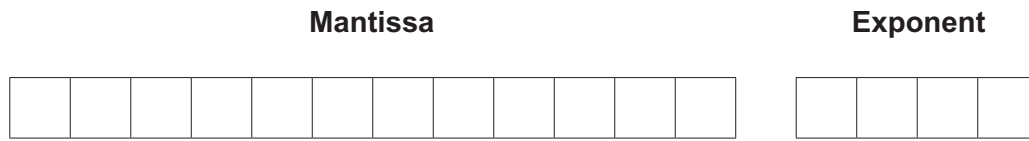
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- (c) The floating-point representation has changed. There are now 12 bits for the mantissa and 4 bits for the exponent as shown.



Explain why +192.5 cannot be accurately represented in this format.

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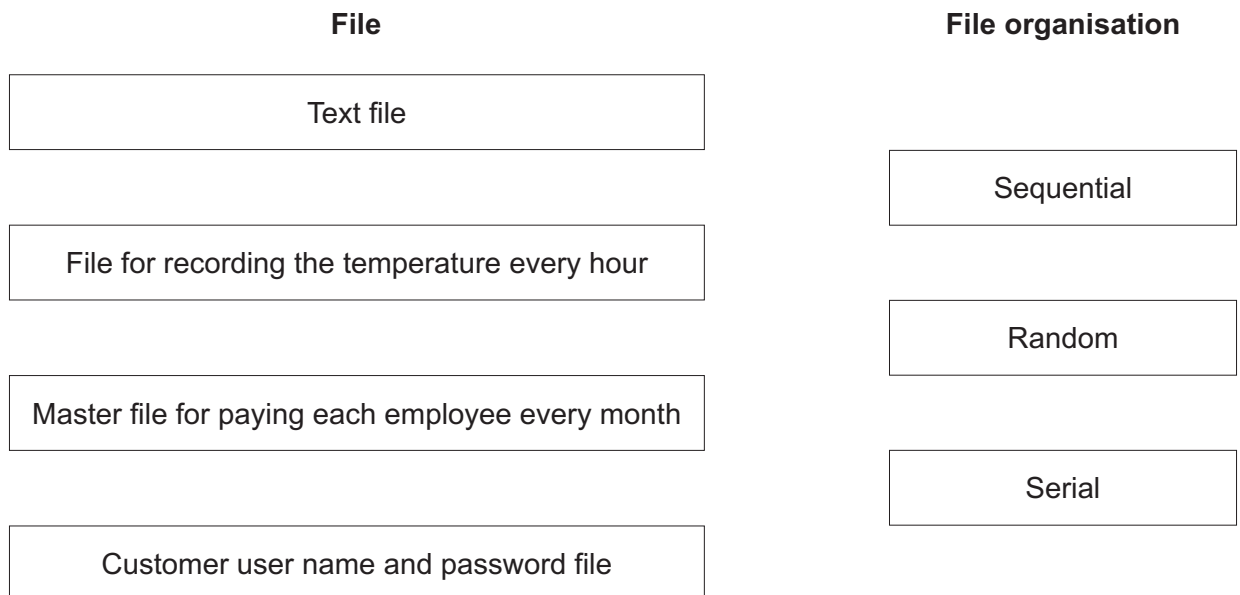
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- 2 The diagram shows four files and three methods of file organisation.

Draw **one** line to match each file with its most appropriate method of file organisation.



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- 1 Real numbers are stored using floating-point representation in a computer system.

This representation uses:

- 8 bits for the mantissa, followed by
- 4 bits for the exponent.

Two's complement form is used for both the mantissa and the exponent.

- (a) (i) A real number is stored as a 12-bit normalised binary number as follows:

Mantissa								Exponent			
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Calculate the denary value for this binary number. Show your working.

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Denary value ..... [3]

- (ii) Calculate the normalised binary number for  $-3.75$ . Show your working.

Mantissa								Exponent			

Working .....

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- (b) The number of bits available to represent a real number is increased to 16.

State the effect of increasing the size of the exponent by 4 bits.

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- (c) State why some binary representations can lead to rounding errors.

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- (d) Complete the following descriptions by inserting the **two** missing terms.

..... can occur in the exponent of a floating-point number, when the exponent has become too large to be represented using the number of bits available.

A calculation results in a number so small that it cannot be represented by the number of bits available. This is called .....

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- 8 (a) The following 16-bit binary pattern represents a floating-point number stored in two's complement form. The twelve most significant bits are used for the mantissa and the four least significant bits are used for the exponent.

Most significant bit ↓												Least significant bit ↓			
0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

- (i) Identify the binary value of the exponent.  
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- (ii) Identify the binary value of the mantissa.  
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- (iii) State whether the number stored is positive or negative. Justify your choice.  
Positive or negative .....  
Justification .....  
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- (iv) Convert the binary floating-point number in **part (a)** into denary. Show your working.  
Working .....  
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Denary value ..... [3]



- (b) The number of bits used for the exponent is increased to eight, and the number of bits used for the mantissa is decreased to eight.

State the effects of this change.

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- 6 (a) State what is meant by a **user-defined data type**.

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- (b) A pseudocode declaration for a user-defined data type for the months of the year is as follows:

```
TYPE
  DECLARE Months: (January, February, March, April, May, June, July,
                  August, September, October, November, December)
ENDTYPE
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- (i) Identify this type of user-defined data type.

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- (ii) Write a **pseudocode** statement to declare a variable `CurrentMonth` of data type `Months`.

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- (iii) Write a **pseudocode** statement to assign the value `August` to the variable `CurrentMonth`.

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- 1 In a computer system, real numbers are stored using normalised floating-point representation with:

- twelve bits for the mantissa
- four bits for the exponent.

The mantissa and exponent are both in two's complement form.

- (a) Calculate the denary value for the following binary floating-point number.

Show your working.

**Mantissa**

1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
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**Exponent**

0	1	1	1
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Answer .....

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- (b) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of +1.5625 in this system.

Show your working.

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**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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- (c) (i) Write the largest positive number that can be stored as a normalised floating-point number using this format.

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- (ii) Write the smallest non-zero positive number that can be stored as a normalised floating-point number using this format.

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- (d) The developer of a new programming language decides that all real numbers will now be stored using 20-bit normalised floating-point representation. She must decide how many bits to use for the mantissa and how many bits for the exponent.

Explain the trade-off between using either a large number of bits for the mantissa, or a large number of bits for the exponent.

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- 1 (a) A computer stores real numbers using floating-point representation. The floating-point numbers have:

- eight bits for the mantissa
- four bits for the exponent.

The mantissa and exponent are both stored in two's complement format.

- (i) Calculate the denary value of the following floating-point number.

Show your working.

**Mantissa**

0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
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**Exponent**

0	1	0	1
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Answer .....

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- (ii) State why the floating-point number in **part (a)(i)** is **not** normalised.

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- (iii) Give the floating-point number in **part (a)(i)** in normalised two's complement format.

**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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- (b) (i) Convert the denary number +11.625 into a normalised floating-point number.

Show your working.

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**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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[3]

- (ii) Convert the denary number –11.625 into a normalised floating-point number.

Show your working.

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**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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(c) A student enters the following into an interpreter:

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OUTPUT (0.2 * 0.4)
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The student is surprised to see that the interpreter outputs the following:

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0.080000000000000002
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Explain why the interpreter outputs this value.

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2 Packet switching can be used to transmit data across the Internet.

Packet switching is not always the most appropriate method of transferring data.

(a) Name an alternative method of transferring data across the Internet.

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(b) Give an example of a situation where the method you identified in **part (a)** is more appropriate.

Justify your choice.

Example .....

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Justification .....

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[3]

**1** Consider the following user-defined data type.

```

TYPE Book
  DECLARE ISBN      : INTEGER
  DECLARE Author    : STRING
  DECLARE Title     : STRING
  DECLARE Supplier  : (Amazone, Stones, Smiths, Blackwalls, Greens,
                       Coals, Boarders)
ENDTYPE

```

**(a)** Name the data type of `Book`.

.....[1]

**(b)** Name the non-composite data type used in the `Supplier` declaration.

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**(c) (i)** Write a pseudocode statement to declare a variable, `BestSeller`, of type `Book`.

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**(ii)** Write a pseudocode statement to assign “John Williams” to the author of `BestSeller`.

.....[1]



- 2 (a) A computer system stores real numbers using floating-point representation. The floating-point numbers have:

- eight bits for the mantissa
- four bits for the exponent.

The mantissa and exponent are both in two's complement form.

- (i) Calculate the denary value of the following floating-point number.

**Mantissa**

0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**Exponent**

0	1	1	1
---	---	---	---

Show your working.

Working .....

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Answer .....

[3]

- (ii) State how you know the floating-point number in **part (a)(i)** is not normalised.

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- (iii) Normalise the floating-point number in **part (a)(i)**.

**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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- (b) (i) Write the largest positive number that this system can represent as a normalised floating-point number in this format.

**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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- (ii) Write the smallest positive number that can be stored as a normalised floating-point number in this format.

Mantissa	Exponent												
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- (c) The number of bits available to represent a real number is increased to 16.

State the effect this has on the numbers that can be represented, if the additional four bits are used in the:

(i) mantissa .....  
 .....[1]

(ii) exponent .....  
 .....[1]

- (d) A student enters the following code into an interpreter.

```
X = 0.1
Y = 0.2
Z = 0.3
OUTPUT (X + Y + Z)
```

The student is surprised to see the output:

```
0.6000000000000001
```

Explain why this is output.

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- 1 (a) A computer system uses floating-point representation to store real numbers. The floating-point numbers have:

- 8 bits for the mantissa
- 8 bits for the exponent

The mantissa and exponent are both in two's complement form.

- (i) Calculate the denary value of the following floating-point number. It is **not** in normalised form.

**Mantissa**

0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**Exponent**

0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Show your working.

Working .....

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Answer .....

[3]

- (ii) Convert the denary number +7.5 into a normalised floating-point number.

Show your working.

**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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Working .....

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[3]

- (iii) Convert the denary number  $-7.5$  into a normalised floating-point number.

Show your working.

**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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Working .....

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[3]

- (b) A normalised floating-point number is shown.

**Mantissa**

0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**Exponent**

0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

- (i) State the significance of this binary number.

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- (ii) State what will happen if a positive number is added to this number.

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.....[1]

1 In a computer system, real numbers are stored using normalised floating-point representation with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- Two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) Find the denary value for the following binary floating-point number.

**Mantissa**

1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**Exponent**

0	1	0	1
---	---	---	---

Show your working.

Working .....

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Answer .....

[3]

(b) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of 5.25 in this system. Show your working.

Working .....

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**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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[3]

- (c) The size of the mantissa is decreased and the size of the exponent is increased.

State how this affects the range and precision of the numbers that the computer system can represent.

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- 2 A programmer uses non-composite and composite data types to create a program.

- (a) Define the term **non-composite data type**.

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- (b) Describe **two** different non-composite data types.

Data type 1 .....

Description .....

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Data type 2 .....

Description .....

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- (c) Define the term **composite data type**.

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(d) Describe **two** different composite data types.

Data type 1 .....

Description .....

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Data type 2 .....

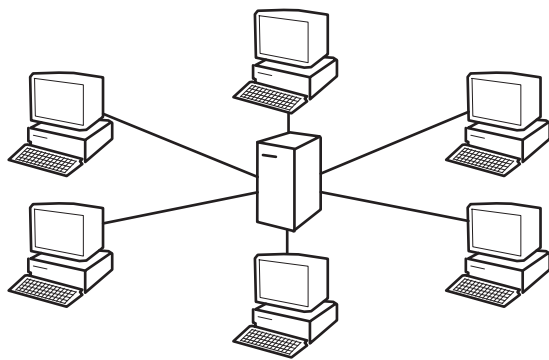
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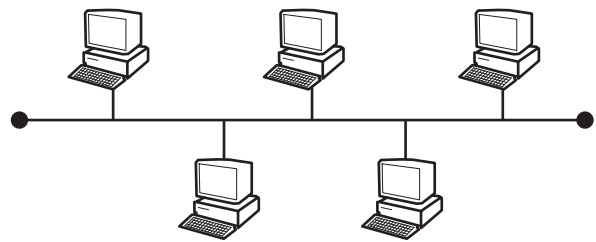
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[4]

3 Star and bus are two types of topology that can be used in a Local Area Network (LAN).



**Star topology**



**Bus topology**

(a) (i) State **one** benefit and **one** drawback of the star topology.

Benefit .....

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Drawback .....

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[2]

(ii) State **one** benefit and **one** drawback of the bus topology.

Benefit .....

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Drawback .....

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[2]

# 1 Data types can be defined in a programming language.

The data type, `StudentRecord`, is defined by the code:

```
TYPE StudentRecord
  DECLARE StudentID      : INTEGER
  DECLARE StudentFirstName : STRING
  DECLARE StudentSurname  : STRING
  DECLARE StudentDOB      : DATE
  DECLARE StudentCourse   : ARRAY[1:10] OF STRING
ENDTYPE
```

A variable, `CollegeStudent`, is declared with the code:

```
DECLARE CollegeStudent : StudentRecord
```

(a) Write a pseudocode statement to assign 6539 to the `StudentID` of `CollegeStudent`.

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(b) The type definition for `StudentRecord` is changed.

(i) Students can take six courses from: Computer Science, Engineering, Science, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Music, Drama and English Language.

Rewrite **one** line from the type definition of `StudentRecord` to implement the change.

```
DECLARE .....
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.....[2]
```

(ii) The values for the field `StudentID` must be between 1 and 8000 inclusive.

Rewrite **one** line from the type definition of `StudentRecord` to implement the change.

```
DECLARE .....[1]
```



- (c) A programmer is asked to write a program to process the assessment data for each student. Students sit one exam in every course they take.

A composite data type, `StudentAssessment`, needs to be defined with the following three fields.

- a student assessment code (a unique code of three letters and two digits)
- the marks for the six exams
- the average mark of the six exams

- (i) Write **pseudocode** to define the data type `StudentAssessment`.

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- (ii) Data about all students and their assessments are stored in a file that uses random organisation. The `StudentID` is used as the key field.

The program allows a user to enter data for a new student.

Explain how the program adds the new data to the file.

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- (c) The syntax of **variable** is changed to allow one or more letters followed by an unsigned integer.

Draw a syntax diagram for the new syntax of the variable.

[3]

- 3 In a computer system, real numbers are stored using normalised-floating point representation with:

- 8 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

- (a) Calculate the normalised floating-point representation of + 21.75 in this system. Show your working.

Working .....

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**Mantissa**

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**Exponent**

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[3]

(b) Find the denary value for the following binary floating-point number.

**Mantissa**

1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**Exponent**

1	1	1	0
---	---	---	---

Show your working.

Working .....

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Answer .....

[3]

4 The TCP/IP protocol suite is used on the Internet.

(a) The table has statements about transmitting data across the Internet.

Put a tick (✓) in each row to identify whether the responsibility belongs to TCP or IP.

Responsibility	TCP	IP
Correct routing		
Host to host communication		
Communication between networks		
Retransmitting missing packets		
Reassembling packets into the correct order		

[5]

(b) Identify **two** other internet protocols. State a use for each protocol.

Protocol 1 .....

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Use .....

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1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 12 bits for the mantissa
- 4 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent

(a) Calculate the floating-point representation of +2.5 in this system. Show your working.

Mantissa												Exponent					
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(b) Calculate the floating-point representation of –2.5 in this system. Show your working.

Mantissa												Exponent					
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(c) Find the denary value for the following binary floating-point number. Show your working.

Mantissa											Exponent			
0	●	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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(d) (i) State whether the floating-point number given in **part (c)** is normalised or not normalised.

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(ii) Justify your answer given in **part (d)(i)**.

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 ..... [1]

(e) The system changes so that it now allocates 8 bits to both the mantissa and the exponent.

State **two** effects this has on the numbers that can be represented.

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 2 .....  
 ..... [2]

- 1 (a) Consider the following user-defined data type:

```
TYPE LibraryBookRecord
    DECLARE ISBN      : INTEGER
    DECLARE Title     : STRING
ENDTYPE
```

- (i) Write a pseudocode statement to declare a variable, `Book`, of type `LibraryBookRecord`.

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- (ii) Write a pseudocode statement that assigns 'Dune' to the `Title` of `Book`.

.....[1]

- (b) The user-defined data type `LibraryBookRecord` needs to be modified by adding the following fields:

- a field called `Genre` which can take two values, fiction or non-fiction
- a field called `NumberOfLoans` which can be an integer value in the range 1 to 99

Write the updated version of `LibraryBookRecord`.

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- (c) A pointer is a variable that stores the address of a variable of a particular type.

Consider the code on page 3, which uses the following identifiers:





Identifier	Data type	Description
<code>IntPtr</code>	<code>^INTEGER</code>	pointer to an integer
<code>IntVar</code>	<code>INTEGER</code>	an integer variable
<code>Temp1</code>	<code>INTEGER</code>	an integer variable
<code>Temp2</code>	<code>INTEGER</code>	an integer variable

```

IntVar ← 57           // assigns the value 57 to the integer
                      // variable IntVar
IntPtr ← @IntVar      // assigns to IntPtr the address of the
                      // integer variable IntVar
Temp2 ← IntPtr^       // assigns to variable Temp2 the value at an
                      // address pointed at by IntPtr
IntPtr^ ← Temp1        // assigns the value in the variable Temp1 to
                      // the memory location pointed at by IntPtr

```

The four assignment statements are executed. The diagram shows the memory contents after execution.

Variable	Memory address	Contents
IntVar	...	
	8217	
	8216	88
	8215	
	8214	
IntPtr	...	
	7307	
	7306	8216
	7305	
	...	
Temp1	6717	
	6716	88
	6715	57
Temp2	6714	
	...	

Use the diagram to state the current values of the following expressions:

- (i) @Temp2 .....[1]
- (ii) IntPtr .....[1]
- (iii) IntPtr^ .....[1]
- (iv) IntPtr^ = Temp2 + 6 .....[1]

(d) Write pseudocode statements that will achieve the following:

(i) Assign the value 22 to the variable `Temp2`.

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(ii) Place the address of `Temp1` in `IntPtr`.

.....[1]

(iii) Copy the value in `Temp2` into the memory location currently pointed at by `IntPtr`.

.....[1]



- 1 (a) Consider the following pseudocode user-defined data type:

```

TYPE MyContactDetail
    DECLARE Name          : STRING
    DECLARE HouseNumber : INTEGER
ENDTYPE

```

- (i) Write a pseudocode statement to declare a variable, `NewFriend`, of type `MyContactDetail`.

.....[1]

- (ii) Write a pseudocode statement that assigns 129 to the `HouseNumber` of `NewFriend`.

.....[1]

- (b) The user-defined data type `MyContactDetail` needs to be modified by:

- adding a field called `Area` which can take three values, `uptown`, `downtown` or `midtown`
- amending the field `HouseNumber` so that house numbers can only be in the range 1 to 499.

Write the updated version of `MyContactDetail`.

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- (c) A pointer is a variable that stores the address of a variable of a particular type.

Consider the pseudocode on page 3, which uses the following identifiers:





Identifier	Data type	Description
<code>IPointer</code>	<code>^INTEGER</code>	pointer to an integer
<code>Sum</code>	<code>INTEGER</code>	an integer variable
<code>MyInt1</code>	<code>INTEGER</code>	an integer variable
<code>MyInt2</code>	<code>INTEGER</code>	an integer variable

```

Sum ← 91           // assigns the value 91 to the integer variable Sum
IPointer ← @Sum    // assigns to IPointer the address of the
                  // integer variable Sum
MyInt1 ← IPointer^  // assigns to variable MyInt1 the value at an
                  // address pointed at by IPointer
IPointer^ ← MyInt2  // assigns the value in the variable MyInt2 to
                  // the memory location pointed at by IPointer

```

The four assignment statements are executed. The diagram shows the memory contents after execution.

Variable	Memory Address	Contents
IPointer	...	
	5848	
	5847	
	5846	4402
	5845	
Sum	...	
	4403	
	4402	33
	4401	
MyInt1	...	
	3428	
	3427	91
	3426	33
MyInt2	3425	
	...	

Use the diagram to state the current values of the following expressions:

- (i) IPointer .....[1]
- (ii) IPointer^ .....[1]
- (iii) @MyInt1 .....[1]
- (iv) IPointer^ = MyInt2 .....[1]

(d) Write pseudocode statements that will achieve the following:

(i) Place the address of `MyInt2` in `IPointer`.

.....[1]

(ii) Assign the value 33 to the variable `MyInt1`.

.....[1]

(iii) Copy the value in `MyInt2` into the memory location currently pointed at by `IPointer`.

.....[1]

- 4 (a) Three file organisation methods and two file access methods are shown below.

Draw lines to link each file organisation method to its appropriate file access method(s).

File organisation method	File access method
random	sequential
serial	direct
sequential	

[4]

- (b) An energy company supplies electricity to a large number of customers. Each customer has a meter that records the amount of electricity used. Customers submit meter readings using their online account.

The company's computer system stores data about its customers.

This data includes:

- account number
- personal data (name, address, telephone number)
- meter readings
- username and encrypted password.

The computer system uses three files:

File	Content	Use
A	Account number and meter readings for the current month.	Each time a customer submits their reading, a new record is added to the file.
B	Customer's personal data.	At the end of the month to create a statement that shows the electricity supplied and the total cost.
C	Username and encrypted passwords.	When customers log in to their accounts to submit meter readings.

For each of the files A, B and C, state an appropriate file organisation method for the use given in the table.

All three file organisation methods must be different.

Justify your choice.

(i) File A organisation .....  
 Justification .....  
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 .....  
 .....[3]

(ii) File B organisation .....  
 Justification .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....[3]

(iii) File C organisation .....  
 Justification .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....[3]

1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 8 bits for the mantissa
- 8 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent

(a) Calculate the floating point representation of +3.5 in this system. Show your working.

Mantissa								Exponent							
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(b) Calculate the floating-point representation of −3.5 in this system. Show your working.

Mantissa								Exponent							
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(c) Find the denary value for the following binary floating-point number. Show your working.

Mantissa								Exponent							
0	●	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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(d) (i) State whether the floating-point number given in **part (c)** is normalised or not normalised.

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(ii) Justify your answer given in **part (d)(i)**.

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 ..... [1]

(e) Give the binary two's complement pattern for the negative number with the largest magnitude.

Mantissa								Exponent							
●															

[2]

- 4 (a) Three file organisation methods and two file access methods are shown below.

Draw lines to link each file organisation method to its appropriate file access method or methods.

File organisation method	File access method
serial	direct
sequential	sequential
random	

[4]



(b) A bank has a very large number of customers. The bank stores data for each customer. This includes:

- unique customer number
- personal data (name, address, telephone number)
- transactions

The bank computer system makes use of three files:

- A – a file that stores customer personal data. This file is used at the end of each month for the production of the monthly statement.
- B – a file that stores encrypted personal identification numbers (PINs) for customer bank cards. This file is accessed when the customer attempts to withdraw cash at a cash machine (ATM).
- C – a file that stores all customer transaction records for the current month. Every time the customer makes a transaction, a new record is created.

For each of the files A, B and C, state an appropriate method of organisation. Justify your choice.

(i) File A organisation .....

Justification .....

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(ii) File B organisation .....

Justification .....

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(iii) File C organisation .....

Justification .....

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.....[3]

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Justification .....

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(ii) File B organisation .....

Justification .....

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.....[3]

(iii) File C organisation .....

Justification .....

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1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 8 bits for the mantissa, followed by
- 8 bits for the exponent

Two's complement form is used for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) (i) A real number is stored as the following two bytes:

Mantissa								Exponent							
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	

Calculate the denary value of this number. Show your working.

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(ii) Explain why the floating-point number in **part (a)(i)** is not normalised.

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.....[2]

(iii) Normalise the floating-point number in **part (a)(i)**.

Mantissa								Exponent							

[2]

- (b) (i) Write the largest positive number that can be written as a normalised floating-point number in this format.

Mantissa	Exponent
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- (ii) Write the smallest positive number that can be written as a normalised floating-point number in this format.

Mantissa	Exponent
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- (iii) If a positive number is added to the number in **part (b)(i)** explain what will happen.

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- (c) A student writes a program to output numbers using the following code:

```

X ← 0.0
FOR i ← 0 TO 1000
  X ← X + 0.1
  OUTPUT X
ENDFOR

```

The student is surprised to see that the program outputs the following sequence:

0.0 0.1 0.2 0.2999999 0.3999999 .....

Explain why this output has occurred.

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.....[3]

1 In a particular computer system, real numbers are stored using floating-point representation with:

- 8 bits for the mantissa, followed by
- 4 bits for the exponent

Two's complement form is used for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) (i) A real number is stored as the following 12-bit binary pattern:

0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
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Calculate the denary value of this number. Show your working.

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(ii) Give the normalised binary pattern for +3.5. Show your working.

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(iii) Give the normalised binary pattern for −3.5. Show your working.

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The number of bits available to represent a real number is increased to 16.

- (b) (i)** If the system were to use the extra 4 bits for the mantissa, state what the effect would be on the numbers that can be represented.

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- (ii)** If the system were to use the extra 4 bits for the exponent instead, state what the effect would be on the numbers that can be represented.

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- (c)** A student enters the following expression into an interpreter:

OUTPUT (0.1 + 0.2)

The student is surprised to see the following output:

0.30000000000000001

Explain why this output has occurred.

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- 4 (a) A particular programming language allows the programmer to define their own data types.

An example of a user-defined data type for an address is:

```
TYPE ThisAddress
  DECLARE ThisHouseNo : INTEGER
  DECLARE ThisStreet  : STRING
  DECLARE ThisTown    : STRING
ENDTYPE
```

A variable of this new type is declared as follows:

```
DECLARE HomeAddress : ThisAddress
```

- (i) Write the statement that assigns the house number 34 to `HomeAddress`.

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- (ii) The type definition for `ThisAddress` is to be changed.

Rewrite one line from the definition for each of the following changes.

House numbers are in the range from 1 to 10.

DECLARE .....

The possible towns are limited to: Brightown, Arunde and Shoram.

DECLARE .....[2]



- (b) Temperature data from a number of weather stations are to be processed by a program.

The following data are to be stored:

- weather station ID (a unique four-letter code)
- latitude (to 2 decimal places)
- average temperature (to the nearest whole number) for each year from 2001 to 2015 inclusive

A programmer designs a composite data type `WeatherStation`. A variable of this type can be used to store all the data for one particular station.

- (i) Write the definition for the user-defined data type `WeatherStation`.

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- (ii) The programmer decides to store all the data in a file. The number of weather stations could grow to reach 20000, but not all stations will be present at first.

The programmer decides on random organisation for the file.

Describe **three** steps which show how a new weather station record is added to the file.

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- 3 (a)** A particular programming language allows the programmer to define their own data types.

`ThisDate` is an example of a user-defined structured data type.

```
TYPE ThisDate
  DECLARE ThisDay      : (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
                          13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23,
                          24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31)
  DECLARE ThisMonth    : (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug,
                          Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec)
  DECLARE ThisYear     : INTEGER
ENDTYPE
```

A variable of this new type is declared as follows:

```
DECLARE DateOfBirth : ThisDate
```

- (i)** Name the non-composite data type used in the `ThisDay` and `ThisMonth` declarations.

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- (ii)** Name the data type of `ThisDate`.

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- (iii)** The month value of `DateOfBirth` needs to be assigned to the variable `MyMonthOfBirth`.

Write the required statement.

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(b) Annual rainfall data from a number of locations are to be processed in a program.

The following data are to be stored:

- location name
- height above sea level (to the nearest metre)
- total rainfall for each month of the year (centimetres to 1 decimal place)

A user-defined, composite data type is needed. The programmer chooses `LocationRainfall` as the name of this data type.

A variable of this type can be used to store all the data for one particular location.

(i) Write the definition for the data type `LocationRainfall`.

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(ii) The programmer decides to store all the data in a file. Initially, data from 27 locations will be stored. More rainfall locations will be added over time and will never exceed 100.

The programmer has to choose between two types of file organisation. The two types are serial and sequential.

Give **two** reasons for choosing serial file organisation.

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