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Instructions: Answer any three questions. All questions carry equal marks.
Note that the final page of this exam paper lists useful classes from the Unity3D SDK.

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MCQ Answersheet	Yes []	No [x]
Handout	None	
Statistical/ Log Tables	None	
Cambridge Tables	None	
Graph Paper	None	
Log Graph Paper	None	
Other Materials	None	
Graphic material in colour	Yes [x]	No []

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Q.1.

(i) Making appropriate use of local and global co-ordinates, write Unity3D/C# code to perform the following transformations. You may assume that references to the runtime game objects are provided:

- rotate a game object 5 degrees around its own x axis [2]
- move a game object 6 units downwards in the world's co-ordinate system [2]
- move a game object 7 units directly towards another game object [3]
- move a game object 10 units forward in whatever direction it is facing [3]

(ii) Write code for the following method, which considers the supplied list of objects and returns the one which is furthest away from the specified 3D point: [10]

```
public static GameObject GetFurthestObject(List<GameObject> objects, Vector3 pos) {  
    }  
}
```

Q.2.

Write technical notes (approx. 150 words) on *each* of the following:

- (i) The use of State Machines to structure game logic. [5]
 - (ii) Screen space, viewport space and world space in Unity, including how to transform between them. [5]
 - (iii) The Object Pool pattern – why it's useful and how it operates. [5]
 - (iv) Coroutines in Unity, including two different situations for which Coroutines would be useful. [5]
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Q.3.

(i) In 3D games development, what does the term '**raycast**' mean, as supported by various static methods of the Unity3D SDK's Physics class? Explain, with illustrative C# code, how you could use a raycast to allow the user to click with the mouse and select a game object from the scene. [10]

(ii) In a shooting game, assume you are using raycasts to determine what the player has hit when they fire their gun. You may assume that you are given a reference to the gun object in the 3D scene.

- Write appropriate Unity3D/C# code to perform a raycast when the gun is fired, to determine what is hit by the bullet. The gun should have a maximum range of 500 metres. [6]
- Write appropriate Unity3D/C# code to instantiate an 'explosion' object at the position that the bullet hits. You may assume that a prefab exists for this explosion object. [4]

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Q.4.

(i) Write a C# MonoBehaviour script to attach to a Unity3D game object which automatically destroys the object as soon as it is either behind the camera or more than a defined distance away from it. This defined distance should be available as a value that can be edited in the inspector. [8]

(ii) What are C# Coroutines? [2]

(iii) Write a Coroutine which carries out a sequence of actions over time: [8]

- Gradually (frame by frame) moves its local game object at a speed of 1 metre per second towards a Vector3 position.
- After the game object arrives at the position, waits 2 seconds.
- Then moves the game object in the same way to a second Vector3 position.

Your Coroutine should use the following signature:

```
IEnumerator MoveBetween(Vector3 pos1, Vector3 pos2)
{
}
```

(iv) Write a general-purpose version of your Coroutine which: [2]

- Moves the game object between each position in a List rather than just two positions.
- After arriving at each position, waits for the time defined in the Float, before continuing to the next Vector3 in the List.

Your Coroutine should use the following signature:

```
IEnumerator MoveBetween(List<Vector3> positions, float waitTime)
{
}
```

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Some Useful Unity3D SDK Classes

GameObject: static methods

Instantiate()	Destroy()	DestroyImmediate()	Find()
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GameObject: methods

AddComponent()	SendMessage()	GetComponent()	SetActive()
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GameObject: data members

activeInHierarchy	transform	tag	
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MonoBehaviour: methods

Start()	OnDestroy()	Awake()	Update()
FixedUpdate()	LateUpdate()	OnDisable()	OnEnabled()
OnBecameInvisible()	OnBecameVisible()	OnCollisionEnter()	OnCollisionExit()
OnCollisionStay()	OnTriggerEnter()	OnTriggerExit()	OnTriggerStay()
SendMessage()	BroadcastMessage()	SendMessageUpwards()	GetComponent()
GetComponentInChildren()	GetComponentInParent()	GetComponents()	GetComponentsInChildren()
GetComponentsInParent()	GetInstanceID()	Invoke()	StartCoroutine()

MonoBehaviour: data members

enabled	gameObject	transform	name
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Transform: methods

Rotate()	Translate()	TransformPoint()	InverseTransformPoint()
LookAt()	RotateAround()	SetParent()	TransformVector()
InverseTransformVector()	TransformDirection()	InverseTransformDirection()	

Transform: data members

position	localPosition	rotation	localRotation
lossyScale	localScale	parent	right
up	forward	gameObject	

Rigidbody: methods

AddForce()	AddForceRelative()	AddForceAtPosition()	AddTorque()
AddRelativeTorque()	MovePosition()	MoveRotation()	

Rigidbody: data members

drag	angularDrag	mass	velocity
angularVelocity	centerOfMass		

Camera: methods

ScreenToWorldPoint()	WorldToScreenPoint()	ScreenToViewportPoint()	
ViewportToScreenPoint()	WorldToViewportPoint()	ViewportToWorldPoint()	
ViewportPointToRay()	ScreenPointToRay()		

Physics: static methods

Raycast()	SphereCast()	OverlapBox()	BoxCast()
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Input: static data members and methods

mousePosition	GetKey()	GetKeyDown()	GetMouseButton()
GetMouseButtonDown()			

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