

**A Completely Unofficial Exam for  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

A Sample Practical Examination for

**COMPUTING 1**

**COMP1917**

*Week 8 16s1*

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*This is a sample paper, some of these questions have been asked before. This paper was compiled for the quiet week for COMP1917 16s1, for revision.*

**Question 1** Given an integer **n**, write a function that prints out a triangle of **n** width and height. Sample output is shown below:

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./q1
5
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A compiled solution **q1sol** is given. Write your answer in **q1.c** and compile with **gcc -Wall -Werror -o q1 q1.c**

**Question 2** Given an odd integer **n** between 3 and 25 inclusive, write a function that prints out a diamond pattern using the letters of the alphabet. The output will have width and height of size **n**. Sample output is shown below:

```
./q2 9
input: 9
ABCD FGHI
ABC  GHI
AB   HI
A    I

A    I
AB   HI
ABC  GHI
ABCD FGHI
```

A compiled solution **q2sol** is given. Write your answer in **q2.c** and compile with **gcc -Wall -Werror -o q2 q2.c**

**Question 3** Given two strings, write a function that determines whether the two strings are anagrams, that is, if one can be rearranged to spell the other. If the two given strings are anagrams, **return 1**, else **return 0**. Disregard spaces and other punctuation and make no distinction between uppercase and lowercase characters. Sample output is shown below:

```
./q3
Enter string 1:  parliament
Enter string 2:  partial men

parliament
can be rearranged to spell
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partial men

./q3

Enter string 1: clint Eastwood

Enter string 2: Old West action

clint Eastwood

can be rearranged to spell

Old West action

A compiled solution q3sol is given. Write your answer in q3.c and compile with gcc -Wall -Werror -o q3 q3.c

**Question 4** Given an array and its size, write a function that determines the order of the array. You are to return ASCENDING if ascending, return DESCENDING if descending or return UNDETERMINED if it is neither, the array has an invalid size or there is duplicate data. Sample output is shown below:

./q4

Enter the size of your array: 5

Enter the elements of the array, seperated by new lines

1

2

3

4

5

The array is in ascending order

A compiled solution q4sol is given. Write your answer in q4.c and compile with gcc -Wall -Werror -o q4 q4.c

**Question 5** Write a function that takes in two strings, s1 and s2 and determines whether s2 is a substring of s1, that is, if s2 exists inside s1. If a substring is found, return a pointer to the start of the s2 inside s1, if not, return NULL. The terminating character \0 is not compared. Do NOT use any string.h functions. Sample output is shown below:

./q5

Enter the string you wish to search: the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy Dog!

Enter the substring you wish to search for: jump

Searching: [the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy Dog!] for [jump]

Substring [jumped over the lazy Dog!] found

A compiled solution q5sol is given. Write your answer in q5.c and compile with gcc -Wall -Werror -o q5 q5.c