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**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2020/2021 SESSION**

**COURSE CODE:** COM 121  
**COURSE TITLE:** INTRODUCTION TO C PROGRAMMING  
**CLASS:** ND I COMPUTER (FT & DPP)  
**TIME:** 2 ½ HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE(1) IN SECTION A AND ANY OTHER FOUR(4) FROM SECTION B.

**SECTION A**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a. Write **TRUE OR FALSE** in response to the following questions
- i. When a variable is created in C, a memory address is assigned to the variable.  $\uparrow$
  - ii. In C, code statements must end with a colon.  $\downarrow$
  - iii. C was first implemented on the digital equipment corporation PDP-11 in 1970.  $\times$
  - iv. The instructions in machine language must be in binary digits.  $\times$
  - v. C is a successor of B language.  $\uparrow$
  - vi. `scanf()` function is used for output.  $\downarrow$
  - vii. In C, memory can be freed at any time by calling the `free()` function.  $\uparrow$
  - viii. Keywords can be used for any other purpose.  $\downarrow$
  - ix. Every C program must have two main functions.  $\times$
  - x. C is the most widely used system programming language.  $\times$
  - xi. Files created with text editors are called the source files.  $\uparrow$
  - xii. In C, it is possible to inherit class properties and functions from one class to another.  $\downarrow$
  - xiii. To store a word/sentence, you declare a variable of the type 'string'.  $\uparrow$
  - xiv. A C program that prints three lines of output *must* contain three `printf` statements.  $\times$
  - xv. All variables must be declared and given a type before they are used.  $\uparrow$
  - xvi. Arrays are used to store multiple values in different variables.  $\uparrow$
  - xvii. `main` is a legal identifier in C.  $\uparrow$
- b. What is the output of the following code snippet?
- ```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    printf("I am a student of computer science!\nI am writing com 121
examination.\ni promised to be obedient and respectful.\nI am born to excel,
so help me God.");
    return 0;
}
```

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION TWO**

- a. Given the following operators, classify them into logical, arithmetic, assignment and comparison.

|          |        |        |        |        |          |         |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| i. %     | ii. += | iii. ! | iv. *  | v. /=  | vi. --   | vii. != |
| viii. *= | ix. && | x. ==  | xi. %= | xii. > | xiii. <= | xiv.    |

7 marks



b. What are the following conditional statements used for?

- i. If                      ii. Else                      iii. Else If

iv. Switch                      4 marks

c. Write the general syntax of an IF statement in C language.

1 mark

### QUESTION THREE

a. Briefly explain the following computer languages

i. Machine language

ii. Symbolic language

2 marks each

b. State three(3) advantages of symbolic language and three(3) disadvantages of machine language.

6 marks

c. Learning in English language requires the following basic steps.

Alphabet ----- words ----- sentences ----- paragraph. Write its equivalent in learning C program.

2 marks

### QUESTION FOUR

a. What are format specifiers?

1 ½ marks

b. Consider the data types given in the table below,, give their description and format specifier. 4 ½ marks

| Data type | Description                           | Format specifier |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| int       | Stores whole numbers without decimals | i.               |
| float     | ii.                                   | iii.             |
| double    | iv.                                   | v.               |
| char      | vi.                                   | %c               |

c. Write a C program that will add three numbers and display its output.

3 marks

d. Create a variable named myNum and assign the value 50 to it.

1 mark

e. Enumerate any two (2) rules required for constructing identifiers. *1 letter rule*

2 mark

### QUESTION FIVE

a. Briefly explain any five(5) key features in c programming that you know

7 ½ marks

b. use the code snippet given below to answer the following questions

i. Find the error and debug it

3 marks

ii. What will the output be after it has been debugged

1½ marks

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
int a = 5, b = 3, c = 4;
```

```
printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b, c)
```

### QUESTION SIX

a. Briefly explain what you understand by C tokens

2 marks

b. In a tabular form, highlight the six(6) types of C tokens you know and give two(2) examples for each of them.

9 marks

c. What is compilation?

1 mark