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## University Examinations 2021/2022

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### CIT 2112: FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

DATE: MAY 2022

TIME: 1 HR 30 MINS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) List four rules for naming identifiers in C 4 marks
- b) State two examples of each of the following as used in C programming: 4 marks
  - i. Logical operators
  - ii. Relational operators
- c) Outline four characteristics of assembly language 4 marks
- d) List three properties of array data structure 3 marks
- e) Differentiate between runtime and logical errors 4 marks
- f) Define the following programming terms: 5 marks
  - i. Control structure
  - ii. String
  - iii. Runtime error
  - iv. Syntax
  - v. Array
- g) List three examples of structured programming languages 3 marks
- h) Name three parts of a loop 3 marks

## QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Write a C program code that prompts a user to enter an integer value. The program should then determine whether the value entered is even or odd 5 marks
- b) With the aid of a diagram in each case, describe the following as used in flowcharts: 6 marks
  - i. Inputs/Outputs
  - ii. Processes
  - iii. Decisions
- c) Differentiate between *scanf()* and *printf()* functions as used in C programming 4 marks

## QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- a) Describe three types of control structures used in C programming 6 marks
- b) The following is a C program that has errors. Use it to answer the questions that follow:

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int x,y;
    printf("enter the value of x\n")
    scanf("%d",x);
    if(x>20)
    printf("the value is greater than 20 and it is:",x);
    return 0;
}
```

Identify the errors and rewrite the correct program code 5 marks

- c) Explain the difference between logical errors and syntax errors as used in programming 4 marks

## QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a) Brenda intends to buy 4 loaves of bread and 5 packets of milk. If each loaf of bread cost KShs 50 and a packet of milk costs KShs 45, write a C program that could be used to calculate and display the amount of money she will spend. 6 marks
- b) Explain the term function stating its syntax 4 marks
- c) Describe the bottom-up approach to system design 5 marks