

Date Datatype



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COMPUTER SCIENCE 9618 PAPER 2

DATE Functions

Note: Date format is assumed to be DDMMYYYY unless otherwise stated.

DAY(ThisDate : DATE) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the current day number from ThisDate

Example: DAY(4/10/2003) returns 4

MONTH(ThisDate : DATE) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the current month number from ThisDate

Example: MONTH(4/10/2003) returns 10

YEAR(ThisDate : DATE) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the current year number from ThisDate

Example: YEAR(4/10/2003) returns 2003

DAYINDEX(ThisDate : DATE) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the current day index number from ThisDate where Sunday = 1, Monday = 2, Tuesday = 3 etc.

Example: DAYINDEX(12/05/2020) returns 3

SETDATE(Day, Month, Year : INTEGER) RETURNS DATE
returns a variable of type DATE

NOW() RETURNS DATE
returns the current date

1 (a) (i) Complete the following table by giving the appropriate data type in each case.

Variable	Example data value	Data type
Name	"Catherine"	
Index	100	
Modified	FALSE	
Holiday	25/12/2020	

(b) The algorithm for function `Calculate()` contains the three pseudocode statements shown.

Describe the error in each statement or write 'no error' if the statement contains no error.

Assume any variables used are of the correct type for the given function.

Statement 1: `Index ← STR_TO_NUM ("27") + 2)`

Error

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Statement 2: `Index ← STR_TO_NUM(MID("CPE1704TKS", 4, 2))`

Error

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Statement 3: `IF MONTH(ThisDate) > '6' THEN`

Error

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1(b)	<p>One mark for correct description of:</p> <p>Error 1: Brackets mismatch // 2/value should be added after brackets/function // Addition between a string and a number is not valid // <code>STR_TO_NUM</code> / the function needs to be passed a string / not an integer</p> <p>Error 2: No Error</p> <p>Error 3: <code>MONTH()</code> returns an integer and this is being compared with a character/string // Integer cannot be compared to a string // 6 should not be in quotes</p>	3
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(b) A different part of the program uses the variable `StartDate`.

Write pseudocode statements to declare `StartDate` **and** assign to it the date corresponding to 15/11/2005.

Declaration

Assignment

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2(b)	<p>One mark for declaration:</p> <p><u><code>DECLARE StartDate : DATE</code></u></p> <p>One mark for each underlined part of assignment:</p> <p><u><code>StartDate</code></u> ← <u><code>SETDATE (15, 11, 2005)</code></u></p>	3
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2 A program stores a user's date of birth using a variable `MyDOB` of type `DATE`.

- (a) Write a pseudocode statement, using a function from the **insert**, to assign the value corresponding to 17/11/2007 to `MyDOB`.

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- (b) `MyDOB` has been assigned a valid value representing the user's date of birth.

Write a pseudocode statement to calculate the number of months from the month of the user's birth until the end of the year and to assign this to the variable `NumMonths`.

For example, if `MyDOB` contains a value representing 02/07/2008, the value 5 would be assigned to `NumMonths`.

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- (c) The program will output the day of the week corresponding to `MyDOB`.

For example, given the date 22/06/2023, the program will output "Thursday".

An algorithm is required. An array will be used to store the names of the days of the week.

Define the array **and** describe the algorithm in **four** steps.

Do **not** use pseudocode statements in your answer.

Array definition

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Step 1

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Step 2

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Step 3

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Step 4

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	MyDOB ← SETDATE(17, 11, 2007)	1
2(b)	<u>NumMonths ← 12 - MONTH(MyDOB)</u> One mark per underlined part	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	<p>One mark per array definition bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A (1D) array containing 7 elements • of type STRING <p>One mark per Step:</p> <p>Step1: Assign value "Sunday" to first element, "Monday" to second element etc.</p> <p>Step2: Use the function DAYINDEX () to return / find the day number from MyDoB</p> <p>Step3: Use the returned value as the array index / to access the element that contains the name / string</p> <p>Step4: Output the element / name / string</p> <p>Note: Max 2 for Array definition, Max 4 for steps</p>	6