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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

No calculators allowed.

#### **READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of this page. Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer all questions.

No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

The maximum number of marks is 75.







1 (a) (i) Procedural high-level languages usually support different data types.

Give an appropriate data type for each data value in the following table.

Data value	Data type
27	
"27"	
"27.3"	
TRUE	
27/3/2015	
27.3	

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	(ii)	State an appropriate data structure to store the individual test scores for a class of students.
		[1]
(	(iii)	Describe how characters are represented using the ASCII character set.
		[2]
(b)	Fun	ctions and procedures are subroutines.
	Ехр	lain why you should use subroutines when designing a program solution.

(c) The following pseudocode is an example of nested IF statements.

```
IF MyVar = 1
      THEN
         CALL Proc1()
      ELSE
         IF MyVar = 2
            THEN
                CALL Proc2()
            ELSE
                IF MyVar = 3
                   THEN
                      CALL Proc3()
                   ELSE
                      OUTPUT "Error"
                ENDIF
         ENDIF
   ENDIF
   Use pseudocode to write a CASE statement with the same functionality.
(d) Program coding is a transferable skill.
   You are given program code written in a high-level language that you have not studied.
   State two different features of the code that you should be able to recognise.
   [2]
```

**2** The following pseudocode represents a simple algorithm.

```
DECLARE NumberFound, Remainder, Number : INTEGER
DECLARE StartNumber, EndNumber, Divisor : INTEGER

INPUT StartNumber
INPUT EndNumber
INPUT Divisor
NumberFound ← 0

FOR Number ← StartNumber TO EndNumber
Remainder ← MODULUS(Number, Divisor)
IF Remainder = 0
THEN
OUTPUT Number
NumberFound ← NumberFound + 1
ENDIF
ENDFOR
OUTPUT "Count: " & NumberFound
```

For the built-in functions list, refer to the **Appendix** on page 14.

(a) Complete the following trace table.

StartNumber	EndNumber	Divisor	NumberFound	Number	Remainder	Output
11	13	2	0			

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Describe the purpose of this algorithm.
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(c) Draw a program flowchart to represent this algorithm.

V	iable declarations are <b>not</b> required in program flowcharts.	

**3** (a) A multi-user computer system stores information about users. It uses a 1D array, UserNameArray, of type STRING. There are 100 elements in the array.

The format of the string in each element of the array is as follows:

<UserID><UserName>

- UserID is a six-character string of numerals.
- UserName is a variable-length string.

Write <b>pseudocode</b> for a procedure, BubbleSort, to perform an efficient bubble sort or UserNameArray. The array is to be sorted in ascending order of UserID.
You should assume that UserNameArray has been declared as a global variable.

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(b) The value of UserID should be unique for each user but a problem has occurred and repeated UserID values may have been issued.

The array is sorted by UserID, so any repeated UserID values will appear in consecutive array elements.

A procedure, FindRepeats is required.

### This will:

- compare each element with the previous element and output the <code>UserID</code> and <code>UserName</code> if the <code>UserID</code> is repeated
- output the total number of UserIDs that are repeated.

For example, the UserNameArray contains the following entries.

Array element	Comment
122222Jim Moriarty	
123456Fred Smith	
123456Eric Sykes	Repeated User ID
123456Kevin Turvey	Repeated User ID
222244Alice Chan	
222244Myra Singh	Repeated User ID
333333Yasmin Halim	

### For this example, the output is:

123456Eric Sykes 123456Kevin Turvey 222244Myra Singh There are 3 repeated UserIDs

If no repeated UserIDs are found, the output is:

The array contains no repeated UserIDs 9608/21/O/N/17

Write  $program\ code$  for the procedure, FindRepeats.

You should assume that UserNameArray has been declared as a global variable.

Visual Basic and Pascal: You should include the declaration statements for variables. Python: You should show a comment statement for each variable used with its data type.

Programming language	
Program code	
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(c) (i)	The FindRepeats procedure forms part of a program.
	Name three stages in a program development cycle.
	1
	2
	3
<i>(</i> 11)	[3]
(ii)	The program containing FindRepeats will be created using an IDE.
	State what is meant by IDE.
	[1]
(iii)	Name <b>two</b> features provided by an IDE that assist in the program development cycle.
	1
	2
(!- ·)	[2]
(iv)	The procedure, FindRepeats, is written assuming there are 100 elements in UserNameArray.
	In the main program, the global array, ${\tt UserNameArray},$ has been declared with only 50 elements.
	State the type of error this will cause.
	[1]

4 Numeric formatting converts a numeric value to a string in order to present it in a specific way.

In a generic high-level language, formatting is implemented using a mask system. In this system, each character of the mask corresponds to one character of the formatted string.

Mask characters have the following meaning:

Mask character	Meaning
#	Character must be a digit or a space
0	Character must be a digit

Any other mask characters are taken as literal values and are included in the formatted string.

(a) Using the mask "###00.00", complete the following table. Use □ to represent a space. The first value has been done for you.

Value	Formatted string
1327.5	"D1327.50"
1234	
7.456	

[2]

(b) For each row in the following table, define the mask required to produce the formatted output from the given value. □ represents a space.

Value	Required output	Mask
1234.00	"1,234.00"	
3445.66	"£3,445.66"	
10345.56	"\$DD10,345"	

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5 A sports club maintains a record of the email address of each of its members. The details are stored in a text file, EmailDetails.txt. The format of each line of the text file is as follows:

<MembershipNumber><EmailAddress>

- MembershipNumber is a four-character string of numerals.
- EmailAddress is a variable-length string.

Membership of the club has increased and a four-character membership number is no longer adequate.

A procedure, MakeNewFile, is required to perform the following actions:

- 1. Create a new file, NewEmailDetails.txt
- 2. Read a line from file EmailDetails.txt
- 3. Extend MembershipNumber by adding two leading zero digits (for example, "1234" becomes "001234")
- 4. Write the new line to file NewEmailDetails.txt
- 5. Repeat steps 2 to 4 for all lines in the original file.

(a)	Write <b>pseudocode</b> for the procedure MakeNewFile.
	For the built-in functions list, refer to the <b>Appendix</b> on page 14.

**(b)** A function, IsEmailValid, is to be written to test for a valid email address format.

An email address has a valid format if it obeys the following three rules:

- 1. It contains a single '@' symbol.
- 2. The '@' symbol must be preceded by at least one character.
- 3. The '@' symbol must be followed by at least three characters.

Choose **three** different invalid strings to test distinct aspects of the rules.

Explain your choice in each case.
1
Explanation
2
Explanation
3
Explanation
[6]

# **Appendix**

## **Built-in functions (pseudocode)**

In each function, if the function call is not properly formed, the function returns an error.

MODULUS(x : INTEGER, y : INTEGER) RETURNS INTEGER

returns the remainder when x is divided by y using integer arithmetic.

Example: MODULUS (5, 2) returns 1

INT(x : REAL) RETURNS INTEGER

returns the integer part of x.

Example: INT (27.5415) returns 27

LENGTH (ThisString : STRING) RETURNS INTEGER

returns the integer value representing the length of string ThisString.

Example: LENGTH ("Happy Days") returns 10

LEFT (ThisString : STRING, x : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING

returns leftmost x characters from ThisString.

Example: LEFT ("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns string "ABC"

RIGHT (ThisString: STRING, x : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING

returns rightmost x characters from ThisString.

Example: RIGHT ("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns string "FGH"

# **Operators (pseudocode)**

Operator	Description	
&	Concatenates (joins) two strings  Example: "Summer" & " " & "Pudding" produces "Summer Pudding"	
AND	Performs a logical AND on two Boolean values Example: TRUE AND FALSE produces FALSE	
OR	Performs a logical OR on two Boolean values Example: TRUE OR FALSE produces TRUE	

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