The 2017 British Informatics Olympiad Marking Scheme

Instructions for setting the 2017 British Informatics Olympiad

Students should each have a computer with their chosen programming language installed.

They should also each have a calculator, pen and paper, and an empty USB stick (or other storage device) on which to back up their work and save their solution programs.

If possible, please disable any network to prevent students from communicating. Students should not use the internet during the contest.

Please allow the students a few minutes to carefully read the rubric; during this time they must not turn over the page and look at the questions. Please also encourage the students to read the questions first before attempting any answers.

The 3 hour time limit should start once you allow them to turn the page and begin the exam.

Marking instructions

For each competitor you should have a set of programs and a written paper. The programs for parts 1(a), 2(a) and 3(a) are to be tested by running them with data specified in this marks scheme – you do not need to look at their program code. The written answers can also be marked as specified here, without needing any specialist knowledge.

The program names used by competitors should be clearly marked on their papers. Failure to do this, or to compile programs where necessary, should not prevent programs being marked, but deduct [2] marks for every such program. Programs produced by the competitors to help in the written questions may be used in selecting the BIO 2017 finalists.

If a student gets a negative number of marks on any question, score that question as a 0.

Programs written for 1(a), 2(a) and 3(a) are to be 'black-box' tested: you should run the program, enter the given data and verify the solution. For each of these tests the data to be entered is given in **bold text**. The output format is flexible (there is no penalty for extra spaces etc.), but the solutions must be correct for marks to be scored. Input and output may appear in different windows.

Note that, if a program does not complete a test in 1 second of processing time, it should be interrupted and the rest of that test ignored. The other questions should be marked from the competitors' written answers.

All marks are given in square brackets by the test/answer they relate to. Answers not covered under the mark scheme should get no marks. In some cases details are given on how marks may be given for partial answers, as well as alternative answers which merit marks.

Accompanying this marks scheme are two forms to help you in grading the paper. The script cover sheet is designed to assist you with marking each student's answers and the marks submission sheet is to list the marks for all students.

> Please **submit all your marks to us electronically** using the form at
> http://www.olympiad.org.uk/2017/result-tabulation-bio17.html
>
> Marks that are received after **31 December 2016** will not be considered for the final.

Certificates will be sent out for all participating students whose marks are returned, including those who submitted no solutions or left early, and for marks that are received before 31 December 2016.

All programs and student scripts should be retained by you until at least 1 February as we may require them for moderation; you do *not* need to send us students' programs unless requested. After this date, you are free to return scripts to the students and distribute copies of the BIO 2017 exam paper.

Finally, thank you very much for participating in BIO 2017.

Question 1(a)   **[23 marks available]**

For each test of the program for 1(a) you need to type in a single word consisting of uppercase letters. The output should be a single uppercase letter.

[2]	**R**	R
[1]	**GG**	G
[1]	**GR**	B
[1]	**RRR**	R
[2]	**RGB**	G
[2]	**BGGRB**	B
[2]	**BRGRBG**	G
[2]	**GGGGGG**	G
[2]	**GRBRBRBRBR**	B
[2]	**RBGBGBGBGR**	R

Additional marks are available for general program behaviour:

[2]   Program inputs a word.
[2]   For each a test a single letter is output.
[2]   Program terminates without crashing / hanging.

Question 1(b)   **[3 marks available]**

[1]   3

The following three words can be given in any order but all must be given (with no additional groupings) to score [2] marks

[2]   RRRBBGGRG
      GBGGRRBBB
      BGBRGBRGR

(**Supplementary:** A student who lists 1 or 2 of these groupings (and no additional ones) should be awarded [1] mark.)

Question 1(c)   **[4 marks available]**

[1]   1

There is [1] mark for either of the following:

[1]   Given three adjacent squares in a triangular pattern, if two are known there is only one possibility for the other square.
[1]   Given a complete row, there are three possibilities for the adjacent larger row. Any square / colour combination appears in one of those possibilities.

The following pieces of justification are worth at most [2] marks:

[1]   If a complete row is known and one value is known in an adjacent row, there is a single way that row can be completed.
[1]   The smallest row is completely known.
[1]   By induction there is a single way each of the larger rows can be completed.

Question 1(d)   **[3 marks available]**

[3]   10

(**Supplementary:** Any answer of the form 3^k+1 ($k>1$) is correct, so other acceptable answers (worth the [3] marks) include 28, 82, 244, ... or giving the formulae.)

Question 2(a)   [24 marks available]

There are 9 tests used to check program 2(a). For each test you will need to type in five integers.

For each test a 5×5 grid of symbols should be output, each being an O, X or *, followed by two integers.

The entire grid must be correct to receive the marks for that grid, and both integers must be correct for the additional marks. The grid is scored independently to the integers.

(**Supplementary:** If the student is consistently printing the grids upside-down, mark the grids as though they are in their correct orientation.)

Tests *must* terminate in 1 second to receive marks.

Test 1   4 10 14 23 46

```
       O X X * O
       * X * * *
[1]    * * * * *
       X * * * X
       X * * * X
```

[1]   7 2

Test 2   5 4 3 2 1

```
       * * * * *
       * * * * *
[1]    * * * * *
       * * * * *
       * * * * *
```

[1]   0 0

Test 3   1 2 2 2 8

```
       * * O * *
       * * * * *
[1]    * * * * *
       * * * * *
       * * * * *
```

[1]   0 1

Test 4   36 1 36 1 13

```
       X * * * *
       * * * * *
[2]    * * * * *
       * * * * *
       * * * * *
```

[1]   1 0

Test 5   36 1 36 1 22

```
       X X X X X
       X O * * *
[2]    * * * * *
       * * * * *
       * * * * *
```

[1]   6 1

Test 6   1 2 3 4 54

```
       X X * X O
       O X * O X
[2]    O X * X X
       X X * X *
       O X * * *
```

[1]   12 5

Test 7   12 3 7 2 60

```
       O O O O O
       O O O X X
[2]    X X O O X
       X X O O X
       X X O O X
```

[1]   11 14

Test 8   6 10 5 6 60

```
       O X X O O
       O X X O O
[2]    X X O X O
       X X O X O
       X X O X O
```

[1]   13 12

Test 9   33 10 33 8 60

```
       O X O X X
       O X X X X
[2]    O X X X X
       O X X X X
       X X X X X
```

[1]   20 5

Question 2(b)   [2 marks available]

[2]   23

Question 2(c)   [3 marks available]

[3]   9274

Question 2(d)   [5 marks available]

At most [1] mark for either of the following:
[1]   The last edge was on the boundary.
[1]   The last pair of adjacent dots were on the
       boundary.

At most [1] mark for either of the following:
[1]   Any internal edge lies between two squares.
[1]   A pair of dots, where at least one does not lie
       on the boundary, lies between two squares.

At most [1] mark for either of the following:
[1]   Any edge on the boundary is adjacent to a
       single square.
[1]   A pair of adjacent dots, both on the boundary,
       are adjacent to a single square.

[1]   The last move completes any squares adjacent
       to the last edge / joined points.
[1]   On the last turn a single square was completed.

Question 3(a)   [25 marks available]

Each test for 3(a) consists of 4 input integers and an
output integer.

There are no marks for incorrect answers, and tests
must terminate in 1 second to receive marks.

[1]	**2 3 4 3**	3
[1]	**1 1 20 20**	1
[1]	**1 1 10 15**	0
[1]	**1 2 10 15**	1
[2]	**1 3 10 20**	6
[2]	**1 10 5 25**	98
[2]	**2 2 10 6**	3
[2]	**2 2 21 14**	8
[2]	**3 3 10 6**	51
[2]	**4 4 20 12**	37610
[3]	**2 9 17 24**	98852
[3]	**3 9 17 24**	10092972
[3]	**5 8 23 17**	2093750500

Question 3(b)   [2 marks available]

[2]   18

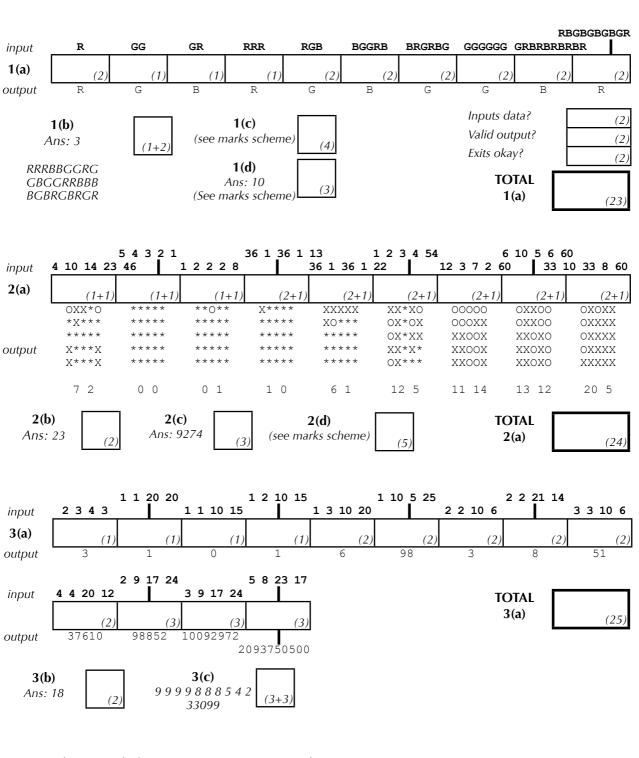**Question 3(c)   [6 marks available]**

[3]   9 9 9 9 8 8 8 5 4 2   (order is not important)
[3]   33099

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Script Cover Sheet

Please use this sheet, with reference to the marks scheme, to assist you with marking each student's script. As it summarises the solutions to many questions, **do not distribute or show this sheet to any contestant before 31 December 2016.**

Name of Student: Age: School Year:

input	R	GG	GR	RRR	RGB	BGGRB	BRGRBG	GGGGGG	GRBRBRBRBR	RBGBGBGBGR
1(a)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
output	R	G	B	R	G	B	G	G	B	R

1(b)
Ans: 3
(1+2)

RRRBBGGRG
GBGGRRBBB
BGBRGBRGR

1(c)
(see marks scheme)
(4)

1(d)
Ans: 10
(See marks scheme)
(3)

Inputs data?	(2)
Valid output?	(2)
Exits okay?	(2)

TOTAL 1(a)   (23)

input	4 10 14 23 46	5 4 3 2 1 1 2 2 2 8	36 1 36 1 13 36 1 36 1 22	1 2 3 4 54 12 3 7 2 60	6 10 5 6 60 33 10 33 8 60
2(a)	(1+1)	(1+1)	(1+1)	(2+1)	(2+1)	(2+1)	(2+1)	(2+1)	(2+1)

output									
	OXX*O	*****	**O**	X****	XXXXX	XX*XO	OOOOO	OXXOO	OXOXX
	*X***	*****	*****	*****	XO***	OX*OX	OOOXX	OXXOO	OXXXX
	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	OX*XX	XXOOX	XXOXO	OXXXX
	X***X	*****	*****	*****	*****	XX*X*	XXOOX	XXOXO	OXXXX
	X***X	*****	*****	*****	*****	OX***	XXOOX	XXOXO	XXXXX
	7 2	0 0	0 1	1 0	6 1	12 5	11 14	13 12	20 5

2(b)
Ans: 23
(2)

2(c)
Ans: 9274
(3)

2(d)
(see marks scheme)
(5)

TOTAL 2(a)   (24)

input	2 3 4 3	1 1 20 20 1 1 10 15	1 2 10 15 1 3 10 20	1 10 5 25 2 2 10 6	2 2 21 14 3 3 10 6
3(a)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
output	3	1	0	1	6	98	3	8	51

input	4 4 20 12	2 9 17 24 3 9 17 24	5 8 23 17	
	(2)	(3)	(3)	(3)
output	37610	98852	10092972	
			2093750500	

TOTAL 3(a)   (25)

3(b)
Ans: 18
(2)

3(c)
9 9 9 9 8 8 8 5 4 2
33099
(3+3)

Deduct [2] marks for every part (a) program name that is not clearly marked on the script, or where the student has failed to compile the program for languages that require compiling.

Marked By:

TOTAL Q1	TOTAL Q2	TOTAL Q3
(33)	(34)	(33)

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Marks Submission Sheet

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

This sheet is provided for your convenience and records.

Please **submit all your marks to us electronically** using the form at
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Please retain all student programs and scripts until 1 February.

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Please fill in details of the school/college and each pupil's name as they should appear on certificates. There is room for 10 entrants in the marks submission table, so duplicate this page if more space is required. It would also be very helpful for us to know what hardware, operating system and programming language(s) each entrant used; please list the different combinations you used in the computer summary table.

School / College: _____   Date exam taken: _____

Name of marker: _____   Date exam marked: _____

Name of Entrant (as it should appear on certificate)	Marks for each section (maximum in brackets)											Total (100) †	PC/ Lang ‡	School Year §	Age	M/F
	1a (23)	1b (3)	1c (4)	1d (3)	2a (24)	2b (2)	2c (3)	2c (5)	3a (25)	3b (2)	3c (6)					

†   Write **N/S** (no submission) in this column if the student produced no answers.
‡   Give the number of the machine and language type in the computer / language type table below
§   Please indicate the type of enumeration used, e.g. year band / curriculum level: _____

Type Number	Hardware e.g. PC / Mac	Processor e.g. Intel Core i7 (2.6 Ghz)	Operating System e.g. Mac OS X 10.11	Programming Language e.g. Visual C++
1				
2				
3				
4				