4COM2005/10 Computational Problem Solving

Programming Exercise Referral / Deferred Assignment

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Weighting: This assignment is worth 30% of the marks for the module

Authorship: This is an **Individual** Assignment. You must work on your own.

Number of hours you are expected to work: It should take about 6 hours to complete

Hand-out date / time: 08:00 hrs BST, Tuesday 13 June 2023

Submission deadline: 18:00 hrs BST, Friday 16 June 2023

Target date for returning marked work: Friday 7 July 2023

Due to the nature of the assignment and the proximity of the marking deadline **late submissions cannot be accepted**.

Task 1 (20 marks) is to implement a set of functions that operate on / produce data structures

You are provided with a set of function specifications in the skeleton Python script **`refdeftask1.py`**, which contains a series of incomplete function definitions and some instructions and a tester program, along with a test plan for the functions, and a PDF of a Venn diagram for use with function 1

Task 2 (10 marks) is to implement / modify a Python class

You are provided with a set of specifications for a class in the Python script **`refdeftask2.py`** along with a program that uses the class and some instructions on what to do

Submission Requirements:
Upload a zip archive containing modified copies of the two Python scripts `refdeftask1.py` and `refdeftask2.py` to Canvas. **Make sure you have inserted your SRN where required by the instructions given in each script.**

Marks will be awarded for program correctness

- Each correctly implemented function / method you provide is worth a different number of marks).
- The functions will be tested by an automated system
    - If your code for a task fails to run due to a syntax error the automated tester will award 0 marks for the whole task
    - If a function returns an incorrect result for one or more the tests the automated tester will award 0 marks for those tests
    - If a function crashes your program when tested with data that it should be able to handle the automated tester will award 0 marks for those tests
- Automated testing will be backed up by human inspection

Module Learning Outcomes assessed (from Definitive Module Document)

On completion of the module successful students will have a knowledge and understanding of

• *how discrete structures, including self-similar structures, may be represented and manipulated in Python..*

In addition, successful students will typically be able to:

• *write Python programs that solve well-specified problems*
• *choose appropriate data structures and make judicious use of recursion and iteration to manipulate them.*

Additional information:

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