# CSC126: FUNDAMENTALS OF ALGORITHMS & COMPUTER PROBLEM SOLVING TOPIC 1 – CLASS EXERCISE

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# **Question 1**

Define an algorithm.

An algorithm is a step-by-step sequence of precise instructions that must terminate and describe how the data is to be processed to produce the desired output. The instructions may be expressed in a human language.

#### Question 2

Define a flowchart.

Use standardized symbols to show the steps the computer needs to take to accomplish the program's objective.

#### **Question 3**

Define a pseudocode.

Use English-like phrases to describe the processing process. It is not standardized since every programmer has his or her own way of planning the algorithm.

#### **Question 4**

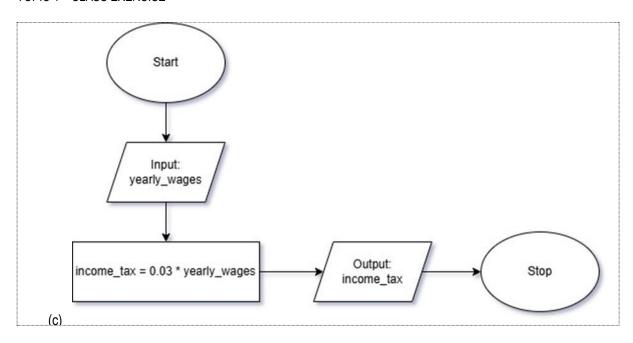
Ammar lives in Shah Alam that charges 3% income tax on yearly wages. He wants you to write a program that will display the income tax.

- (a) Identify the input, process and output for the program.
- (b) Write a pseudocode for the program.
- (c) Draw a flowchart for the program.
  - (a) Input: Yearly Wages

Process: Income Tax = 0.03 \* Yearly Wages

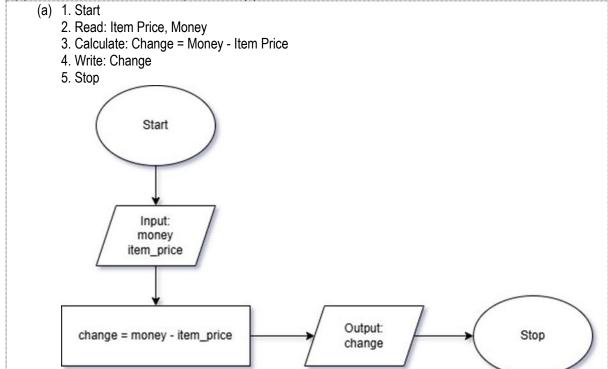
Output: Income Tax

- (b) 1. Start
  - 2. Read: Yearly Wages
  - 3. Calculate: Income Tax = 0.03 \* Yearly Wages
  - 4. Write: Income Tax
  - 5. Stop



# **Question 5**

- (a) Write a pseudocode to calculate the change given back to the customer for the price of item bought at the supermarket.
- (b) Draw a flowchart based on problem in (a).



# **Question 6**

(b)

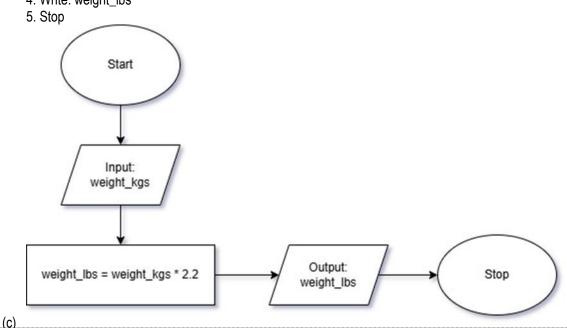
Task:

Convert weight in kilograms to its equivalent unit in pound and display it.

Hint:

# 1 kg = 2.2 lbs

- (a) Define the input, process and output of this task.
- (b) Write a pseudocode of this task.
- (c) Draw a flowchart of this task.
- (a) Input: Weights in kilograms
  Process: Weight in pounds = Weight in kilograms \* 2.2
  Output: Weight in pounds
  (b) 1. Start
  2. Read: weight\_kgs
  3. Calculate: weight\_lbs = weight\_kgs \* 2.2
  4. Write: weight\_lbs



# **Question 7**

#### Task:

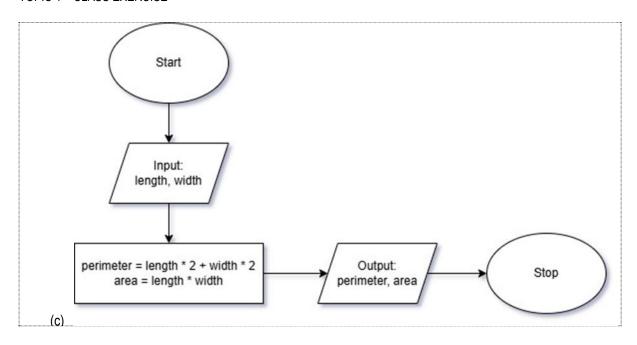
Calculate the perimeter and area of a rectangle. Then, display the perimeter and area of a rectangle.

- (a) Define the input, process and output of this task.
- (b) Write a pseudocode of this task.
- (c) Draw a flowchart of this task.
  - (a) Input: Length, Width

Process: Perimeter = Length \* 2 + Width \* 2, Area = Length \* Width

Output: Perimeter, Area

- (b) 1. Start
  - 2. Read: length, width
  - 3. Calculate: perimeter = length \* 2 + width \* 2, area = length \* width
  - 4. Write: perimeter, area
  - 5. Stop



# **Question 8**

#### Task:

Calculate and display an average salary of three employees.

- (a) Define the input, process and output of this task.
- (b) Write a pseudocode of this task.
- (c) Draw a flowchart of this task.
- (a) Input: Salary of three employees
  Process: Average salary of three employees = (Sum of the salary of the three employees) / 3
  Output: Average salary of three employees
  (b) 1. Start
  2. Read: salary1, salary2, salary3
  3. Calculate: avg = (salary1 + salary2 + salary3) / 3
  4. Write: avg
  5. Stop

