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

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Question 1

Define an algorithm.

An algorithm is step-by-step sequence of precise instructions that must terminate and describes how the data is to be processed to produce the desired outputs. 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

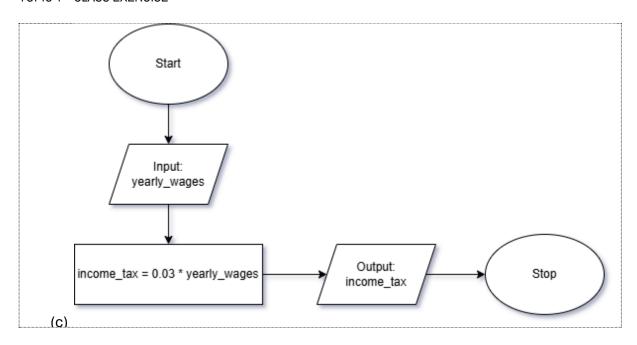
Ammar lives in Shah Alam that charges 3% income tax on yearly wages. He wants you to write a program that will display the income tax.

- (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

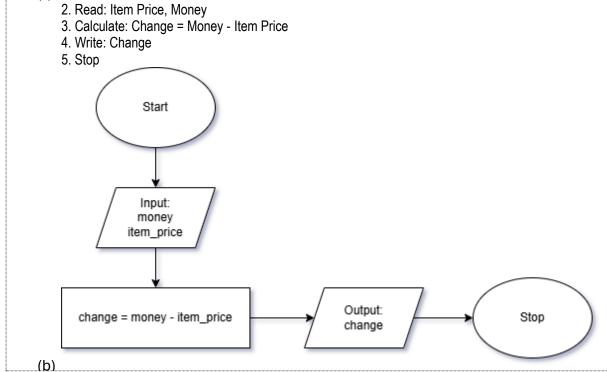
Output: Income Tax

- (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).
 - (a) 1. Start



Question 6

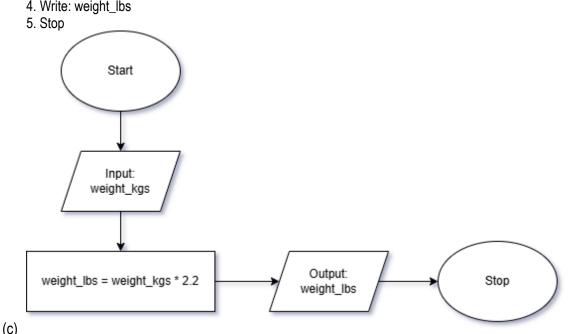
Task:

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: Weight 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:

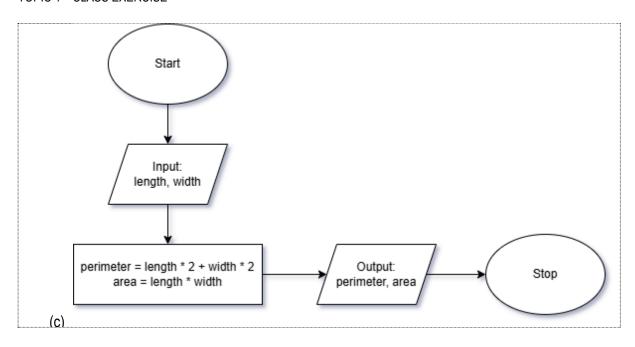
Calculate the perimeter and area of a rectangle. Then, display the perimeter and area of a rectangle.

- (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 three employees) / 3 Output: Average salary of three employees (b) 1. Start 2. Read: salary1, salary2, salary3 4. Calculate: avg = (salary1 + salary2 + salary3) / 3 5. Write: avg 6. Stop Start Input: salary1, salary2, salary3 Output: Stop avg = (salary1 + salary2, salary3) / 3 avg (c)