

Pre-Leaving Certificate Examination, 2022

Computer Science

Sections A & B Ordinary Level

Time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

105 marks

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Instructions

There are **three** sections in this examination. Section A and B appear in this booklet. Section C is in a separate booklet that will be provided for the computer-based element.

Section A	Short Answer Questions	Attempt any nine questions All questions carry equal marks	45 marks
Section B	Long Questions	Attempt any two questions	60 marks
Section C	Programming	One question Answer all question parts	80 marks

Calculators may **not** be used during this section of the examination.

The superintendent will give you a copy of page 78 (Logic Gates) of the *Formulae and Tables* booklet on request. You are not allowed to bring your own copy into the examination.

Write your answers for Section A and Section B in the spaces provided in this booklet. There is space for extra work at the end of the booklet. Label any such extra work clearly with the question number and part.

Answer any nine questions.

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(a)	Explain the difference between the World Wide Web and the Internet.
(b)	How many gigabits (Gb) are in one gigabyte (GB)?

Question 2

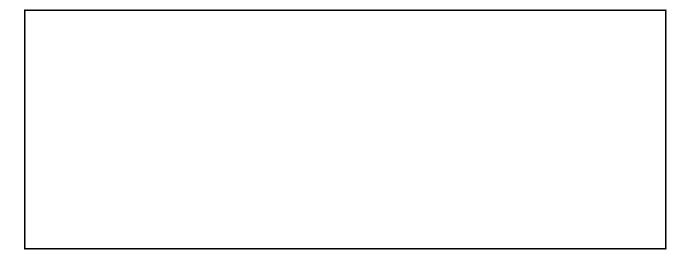
What is the output of the following piece of Python code?

```
1 x = 3

2 y = 4

3 print((x+y)**2)
```

Output:



(a)	Convert the decimal number 58 to a binary number.
(b)	Convert the hexadecimal number F8 to a decimal (denary) (base 10) number.

Question 4

Complete the truth table for the AND logic gate, shown in **Figure 1**.

INP	UTS	OUTPUT
А	В	Q
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

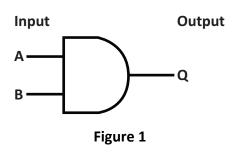


Figure 2 shows a pentagon. Each corner is an angle of 108° and each side is 2 cm long.

Using pseudocode or Python, write out the instructions to draw the pentagon, starting at the bottom left corner and moving in the direction of the arrow.

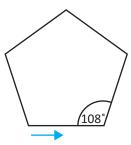


Figure 2

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Question 6

The Unicode representation for the 'winking face' character shown in **Figure 3** is the hexadecimal number 1F609.

Describe **two** differences between American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) and Unicode.



Figure 3

1.		
2.		

(a)		f May 2021, there are 70 operational data centres in Ireland, with a further eight er construction.
	(i)	Identify one advantage of having data centres in Ireland.
	(ii)	Identify one disadvantage of having data centres in Ireland.
(b)	Desc	cribe the role of a data controller within an organisation.

The image in **Figure 4** shows a printed circuit board (PCB).

Describe **two** advantages of using a PCB in a computer or an embedded system.



Figure 4

Advantage 1:
Advantage 2:
Question 9
List three datatypes that may be used in Python programming.
1.
2.
3.

	Explain the difference between primary and secondary data storage.
)	Describe two advantages of solid state drives (SSDs) over hard disk drives (HDDs).
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Figure 5 shows a map of a new fibre optic link between Europe and North America, which is due to go live in 2022. The Grace Hopper cable is named in honour of pioneering computer scientist Grace Brewster Murray Hopper.

Describe **two** advantages and **one** disadvantage of using fibre optic cable rather than copper cable for the transmission of data.

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Grace Hopper Cable System New York, Spain USA

Figure 5

Advantage 1:				
Advantage 2:				
_				
Disadvantage 1:				
Question 12				
Which one of the following is the	odd one out?			
Operating System	Semiconductor	Serial Bus	Hard Drive	
Justify your answer.				

Answer any two questions.

Question 13

(a) A bubble sort is a type of sorting algorithm. What is an algorithm?

(b) The table below sets out the operation of the ascending bubble sort algorithm to sort the list of integers [5, 3, 2, 4, 1].

Complete the table below to show the state of the list after passes 1 and 2.

Original	5	3	2	4	1
Pass 1					
Pass 2					

Facial recognition software uses algorithms to recognise people. (c)

This type of software can be installed in CCTV cameras.

Describe **two** potential advantages and **two** potential disadvantages of using facial recognition software.

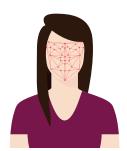


Figure 6

Advantage 1:	
Advantage 2:	
Disadvantage 1:	
Disadvantage 2:	

(a) User-centred design (UCD) is an iterative design process in which designers focus on the users and their needs in each phase of the design process.

You are part of a design team working on a new smart home device that allows users to control other smart devices by voice control.

Describe **two** aspects of UCD that the design team should focus on for the project. Explain your reasoning for **each** aspect you have chosen.

Aspect 1:
Reasoning for Aspect 1:
Aspect 2:
Reasoning for Aspect 2:

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(b) One of the stories of 2021 was the rise, fall and rise of Dogecoin.

This is a form of crypto currency that was heavily influenced by social media and a number of high-profile individuals.

Describe **two** positive impacts and **two** negative impacts of social media on culture and society in the 21st century.



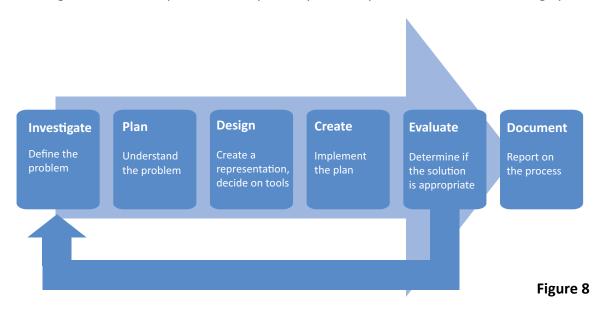
Figure 7

Positive impact 1:
Positive impact 2:
Negative impact 1:
Negative impact 2:

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(c) Leaving Certificate Computer Science places special emphasis on the iterative design process.



(i) Give one example of where you have used the iterative design process in one of your Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs).

(ii) Explain how the iterative design process helped you achieve your goal.

(d)	The age of digital consent is the minimum age a user must be be	fore a social media
	or other online service can collect, process and store their data.	In 2018, the European
	Union set the default age of digital consent at 16 years.	

Give **two** reasons for lowering the age of digital consent and **two** reasons for maintaining the age of digital consent at 16 years.

Lowering the age of digital consent 1:
Lowering the age of digital consent 2:
Maintaining the age of digital consent 1:
Maintaining the age of digital consent 2:

(a)	-	part of your Leaving Certificate Computer Science course you used an Applied Learning Task 4 (ALT4).	embedded system
	(i)	What is an embedded system?	
	(ii)	Name three analogue sensors that may be attached to an embedde	ed system.
1.			
2.			
3.			
(b)	Lisa	a and Max have decided to buy a gaming computer.	SURGEAR STATE OF THE STATE OF T
	The	e specifications of the computer they decided to buy are:	
	•	Intel Core i9-101850K CPU	
	•	ASUS ROG Strix Z590-F Gaming WiFi	
	•	32GB Corsair Vengeance 3000MHz RAM	
	•	6GB GeForce RTX 2060 GPU	
	•	1TB Seagate BarraCuda HDD	
	•	Windows 10 Home	Figure 0
	(i)	They have opted for 32GB of RAM. What is RAM?	Figure 9

(iii) The i9 CPU has 8 cores. Name two components of a CPU core. Give the function of one of the components you have named.
Component 1:
Component 2:
Function of one component:

Explain why Lisa and Max opted for the additional 6GB GPU, instead of just the i9 CPU.

(ii)

This question continues on the next page.

(C)	Describe, using examples, the difference between a digital signal and an analogue signal.

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Computer Science

Section C Ordinary Level

Time: 1 hour

80 marks

Instructions

There is one section in this paper.

Section C Programming

One question
Answer all question parts

80 marks

Answer all parts of the question on your digital device.

Calculators may be used during this section of the examination.

The Formulae and Tables booklet cannot be used for this section of the examination.

The superintendent will give you a copy of the *Python Reference Guide*.

Ensure that you save your work regularly and when you complete each question part.

Save your files using the naming structure described at the beginning of each question part.

If you are unable to get some code to work correctly, you can comment out the code so that you can proceed. The code that has been commented out will be reviewed by the examiner.

Rough work pages are provided at the end of this booklet. Please note that this booklet is not to be handed up and will **not** be reviewed by an examiner.

At the end of the examination it is your responsibility to ensure that you have saved all of your files onto your external media.

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Answer all question parts.

Question 16

(a) Open the program called **Question16_A.py** from your device. The source code is shown and described briefly below.

Before making any changes, you should save your working copy of the file using the format **StudentNameQuestion16_A.py**. For example, you would save the file as **MaryMurphyQuestion16_A.py** if your name was Mary Murphy.

Enter your Name and School in the space provided on line 2 in your Python file.

Vaccines against the SARS-2 (Covid-19) virus have helped to overcome the pandemic. Age was the main factor that determined which type of vaccine a person received during the vaccine rollout.

Vaccine Type	Age Group (years)
MRNA	12 – 49
ADENO	50+

Table 1 shows the types of vaccines available and the age groups they are suitable for.

Table 1

The program below is for a vaccine registration portal. When Jack Saunders enters his name, a message appears saying "Hello, Jack Saunders".

```
1  # Question 16(a)
2  # Name and School:
3
4  s_name = input("Enter your surname: ")
5  f_name = input("Enter your first name: ")
6  print("Hello", f_name, s_name)
```

Make the following changes to the program:

(i) Amend the program to allow Jack to enter his age. He is 42 years old.

When the program is run the output may look as follows:

```
Enter your surname: Saunders
Enter your first name: Jack
Enter your age: 42
Hello Jack Saunders you are 42 years old
```

(ii) Amend the program using the information given in **Table 1** so that it tells Jack which vaccine he will receive.

When the program is run the output may look as follows:

```
Enter your surname:
Enter your first name:
Jack
Enter your age:
Hello Jack Saunders you are 42 years old
Jack, you will receive the MRNA vaccine
```

(iii) Jack needs to input his Eircode (K78 E625) in order to be assigned to a vaccination centre. Eircodes ending with an odd number are assigned to Northfield and those ending with an even number are assigned to Eastwood.

Amend the program so that Jack is assigned to the correct vaccination centre. When the program is run the output may look as follows:

```
Enter your surname:
Enter your first name:
Jack
Enter your age:
Enter your Eircode:
Hello Jack Saunders, you are 42 years old and your
Eircode is K78 E625
You must attend Northfield for your vaccine
Jack, you will receive the MRNA vaccine
```

(iv) Using a while loop or similar, amend the program to give Jack the option to register another person. The code should terminate when you enter the word 'END' or allow you to enter the details for Mary Saunders, 65 years old, Eircode K66 E644. When the program is run the output may look as follows:

```
Enter your surname:
                              Saunders
Enter your first name:
                              Jack
Enter your age:
                              42
Enter your Eircode:
                              K78 E625
Hello Jack Saunders, you are 42 years old and your
Eircode is K78 E625.
You must attend Northfield for your vaccine
Jack, you will receive the MRNA vaccine
If you have finished entering people's details type
'END', otherwise press RETURN:
Enter your surname:
                              Saunders
Enter your first name:
                             Mary
Enter your age:
                              65
Enter your Eircode:
                              K66 E644
Hello, Mary Saunders, you are 65 years old and your
Eircode is K66 E644.
You must attend Eastwood for your vaccine
Mary, you will receive the ADENO vaccine
```

(v) Jack wants to enrol in a vaccine trial. Amend the program to ask Jack if he agrees to enrol in a vaccine trial and to randomly assign one of the three super vaccines (A, B, C) to him. (Hint: create a list containing A, B, C and use import.random and random.choice).

When the program is run the output may look as follows:

Saunders Enter your surname: Enter your first name: Jack Enter your age: 42 Enter your Eircode: K78 E625 Do you agree to enrol in a vaccine trial? Type 'Yes' or 'No' Hello Jack Saunders, you are 42 years old and your Eircode is K78 E625 You must attend Northfield for your vaccine You are now enrolled in the trial to receive Super vaccine B If you have finished entering people's details type 'END', otherwise press RETURN:

Save your file using the format **StudentNameQuestion16_A.py**. For example, you would save the file as **MaryMurphyQuestion16_A.py** if your name was Mary Murphy.

(b) Find the median of the following list of numbers, without using an in-built Python function:

```
List 1 = [4, 5, 9, 8, 10, 17, 99, 77]
```

Save your file using the format **StudentNameQuestion16_B.py**. For example, you would save the file as **MaryMurphyQuestion16_B.py** if your name was Mary Murphy.

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