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This paper must be answered in English

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1 and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on Pages 1, 3, 5 and 7.
- (2) Answer **THREE** out of four questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer book. Do not write in the margins. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
- (3) Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your candidate number, mark the question number box and stick a barcode label on each sheet, and fasten them with string **INSIDE** this book.
- (4) No extra time will be given to candidates for sticking on the barcode labels or filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.

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Candidate Number



Answer THREE questions only.

1. Eva plans to write a burger cooking game. She uses a queue A to store the ingredients. A is implemented by an array L . She designs subprograms with global variables, as shown below:

Global variable	Description
L	An array for storing the elements in A with indices from 1 to 5
C	A variable for storing the number of elements in A

Subprogram	Description
$\text{enq}(A, K)$	Inserts an element K in A if A is not full
$\text{deq}(A)$	Removes and returns an element in A if A is not empty

- (a) Suppose that $C = 0$. After sequentially executing $\text{enq}(A, \text{ Fish})$ and $\text{enq}(A, \text{ Onion})$,

$C = 2$ and

i	1	2	3	4	5
$L[i]$	Fish	Onion			

$\text{enq}(A, K)$ outputs a message 'Full!' when A is full. Complete the pseudocode for enq below.

```

enq(A, K)
if [ ] then
    output 'Full!'
else
    L[ [ ] ] ← K
    C ← C + 1

```

(2 marks)

- (b) (i) Suppose that $C = 3$ and

i	1	2	3	4	5
$L[i]$	Onion	Tomato	Bacon		

Then, after executing $\text{deq}(A)$,

$C = 2$ and

i	1	2	3	4	5
$L[i]$	Tomato	Bacon			

Fill in the content of L after further sequentially executing $\text{deq}(A)$, $\text{enq}(A, \text{ Cheese})$, $\text{enq}(A, \text{ Beef})$ and $\text{deq}(A)$.

i	1	2	3	4	5
$L[i]$					

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(ii) Complete the pseudocode for `deq` below.

```
deq(A)
    if C = 0 then
        output 'Empty!'
    else
        j ← 1
        tmp ← L[1]
        while j < C do
            [REDACTED]
            j ← j + 1
        [REDACTED]
    return tmp
```

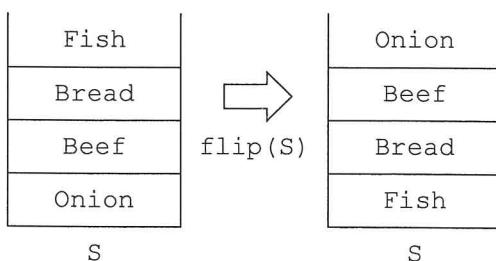
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In the game, Eva uses a stack `S` to represent a burger. She writes `cook(A)` using the following subprograms where queue `A` stores all the ingredients of the burger.

Subprogram	Description
<code>push(S, K)</code>	Inserts an element <code>K</code> in <code>S</code> as its top element
<code>flip(S)</code>	Reverses the order of all elements in <code>S</code>

In the following example, after executing `flip(S)`, the order of all elements in `S` is reversed.



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Suppose that A stores all the ingredients of a specific burger. Eva writes `cook(A)` to cook the ingredients in A . Suppose that S is initially empty.

```
cook(A)
  while A is not empty do
    push(S, deq(A))
    flip(S)
```

(c) (i) Suppose that the content of L is:

i	1	2	3	4	5
$L[i]$	Beef	Onion	Bread	Bread	

Fill in the content of S below, after executing `cook(A)`.

S

(2 marks)

(ii) Suppose that the content of S after executing `cook(A)` is:

Bread
Tomato
Lettuce
Beef
Bread

S

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Fill in the initial content of L below.

i	1	2	3	4	5
$L[i]$					

(2 marks)

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Another queue B is implemented by an array R .

(d) (i) Suppose that the initial contents of S and R are:

Onion
Mushroom
Tomato
Fish

S

i	1	2	3	4	5
$R[i]$					

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$\text{pop}(S)$ is a subprogram that removes and returns the top element of S .

Fill in the contents of S and R after sequentially executing $\text{enq}(B, \text{pop}(S))$, $\text{enq}(B, \text{pop}(S))$ and $\text{enq}(B, \text{pop}(S))$.

i	1	2	3	4	5
$R[i]$					

S

(2 marks)

(ii) Complete the pseudocode for $\text{flip}(S)$ below.

$\text{flip}(S)$

while S is not empty do

$\text{enq}(\boxed{\hspace{10em}})$

 while $\boxed{\hspace{10em}}$ do

$\text{push}(\boxed{\hspace{10em}})$

(3 marks)

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2. There are 30 booths in a food fair. Mary designs a floor plan with 6 rows and 5 columns. She uses an array $F[i, j]$ to store the booth number of the booth in row i , column j .

	6				
	5				
	4				
Row i	3				
	2				
	1				
		1	2	3	4
					Column j

Mary writes a subprogram `assign1` that assigns booth numbers to F , as shown below:

```
assign1
  for i from 1 to 6 do
    for j from 1 to 5 do
       $F[i, j] \leftarrow 5*(i-1) + j$ 
```

(a) (i) Write down the booth number stored in $F[5, 4]$. _____ (1 mark)

(ii) Write down the indices of the element in F that stores booth number 17.

$F[\text{_____}, \text{_____}]$ (1 mark)

Mary modifies `assign1` to `assign2` to reassign the booth numbers in the floor plan, as shown below:

	6	30	29	28	27	26
	5	21	22	23	24	25
	4	20	19	18	17	16
Row i	3	11	12	13	14	15
	2	10	9	8	7	6
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
						Column j

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(b) (i) Complete the pseudocode for assign2 below.

```

assign2
for i from 1 to 6 do
    for j from 1 to 5 do
        if [ ] then
            F[i, j] ← 5*(i-1)+j
        else
            F[i, j] ← [ ]

```

(3 marks)

(ii) Mary writes a subprogram findRow(num) that returns the row number of the booth with the booth number num. For example, findRow(30) returns 6. Write the pseudocode for findRow(num).

findRow(num)

(2 marks)

There are 10 vegetarian booths in the food fair and their booth numbers are stored in an array P in ascending order, as shown below:

i	1	2	3	4	5	...	10
P[i]	4	7	13	16	18	...	28

Mary writes a subprogram isVeg(num) that returns TRUE if num is in P, FALSE otherwise.

(iii) Complete the pseudocode for isVeg(num) below.

```

isVeg(num)
    left ← 1
    right ← 10
    while [ ] do
        m ← integral part of (left + right)/2
        if P[m] = num then
            return TRUE
        else if P[m] < num then
            [ ]
        else
            [ ]
    return FALSE

```

(3 marks)

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(c) Mary considers using a low level language and a linker to develop the subprograms.

(i) Give an advantage of using low level language for software development.

(1 mark)

(ii) Describe the major function of a linker in the execution of a program.

(2 marks)

(d) Mary compares phased conversion and direct cutover conversion for system conversion. Give an advantage of each kind of conversion.

Phased conversion: _____

Direct cutover conversion: _____

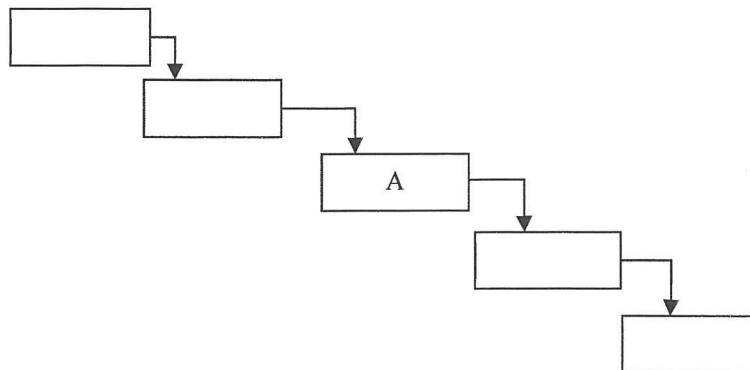
(2 marks)



3. Peter works on a project to redevelop a computer system using the Waterfall model with five phases.

- (A) System implementation
 - (B) System conversion
 - (C) System analysis
 - (D) System maintenance
 - (E) System design

(a) (i) Fill in the phases in the Waterfall model below.



(2 marks)

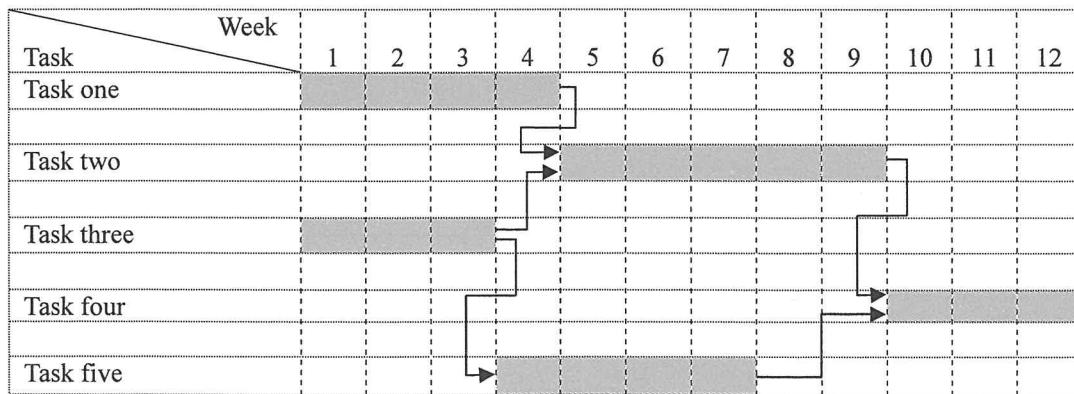
(ii) What does Peter do in the system maintenance phase?

(1 mark)

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The Gantt chart of the project is shown below.



(b) (i) What is the critical path of the project? _____ (1 mark)

(ii) Suppose that Task three finally needs 4 weeks to complete. What is the minimum number of weeks required to complete the project?

(2 marks)

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Peter develops a program with the following subprograms to sort integers in an array A in ascending order. All integers in A are distinct.

Subprogram	Description
<code>findmin(s, e)</code>	Return the index of the minimum value in $A[s], A[s+1], \dots, A[e]$ where $s < e$.
<code>findmax(s, e)</code>	Return the index of the maximum value in $A[s], A[s+1], \dots, A[e]$ where $s < e$.
<code>swap(x, y)</code>	Swap the values of $A[x]$ and $A[y]$.

Suppose that the initial content of A contains 7 integers:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$A[i]$	19	28	11	43	9	16	23

`findmin(1, 4)` returns 3 and `findmax(3, 5)` returns 4.

(c) (i) What is the return value of `findmax(5, 7)`? _____ (1 mark)

(ii) Complete the pseudocode for `findmax(s, e)` below.

```

findmax(s, e)
    tmp ← s
    for k from s+1 to e do
        if A[k] [ ] then
            tmp ← [ ]
    return tmp

```

(3 marks)

Peter tries to write the pseudocode for a subprogram `sub1` for sorting.

```
sub1
  for j from 1 to 3 do
    a ← findmin(j, 8 - j)
    b ← findmax(j, 8 - j)
    swap(j, a)
    swap(8 - j, b)
```

(d) (i) Suppose that the initial content of `A` is:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A[i]	19	28	11	43	9	16	23

Fill in the content of `A` after the first pass and second pass of the loop in `sub1`.

After the first pass

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A[i]							

After the second pass

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A[i]							

(2 marks)

(ii) With the value in `A[6]` after the second pass, Peter understands that an incorrect sorting result is obtained. To correct the algorithm, he modifies `sub1` to `sub2`. Complete the pseudocode for `sub2` below.

```
sub2
  for j from 1 to 3 do
    a ← findmin(j, 8 - j)
    b ← findmax(j, 8 - j)
    swap(j, a)
    if [ ] then
      swap([ ], [ ])
    else
      swap(8 - j, b)
```

(3 marks)

4. A map is represented by $N \times N$ cells. John works in a food delivery company. He uses an array MAP to store the number of restaurants in each cell. The following example shows MAP with $N=6$.

	j					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	8	21	0	19	2	0
1	17	28	41	8	21	1
2	15	8	7	1	1	5
3	0	6	3	5	6	3
4	0	0	0	3	4	3
5	0	0	0	2	3	1
6	0	0	0			

MAP

John writes a subprogram $\text{sum}(i, j, K)$ that returns the sum of the numbers in $K \times K$ cells where $\text{MAP}[i, j]$ is the top left cell. For example, $\text{sum}(1, 4, 2)$ returns $19+2+8+21 = 50$ where $\text{MAP}[1, 4]$ is the top left cell.

- (a) (i) What is the return value of $\text{sum}(1, 4, 3)$?

(1 mark)

- (ii) What are p and q so that $\text{sum}(p, q, 2)$ returns the maximum value among all the 2×2 cells?

$p = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $q = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(1 mark)

- (b) John writes a subprogram `Zoomout (K)` that merges $K \times K$ cells into 1 cell by calculating the sum of the numbers in the $K \times K$ cells for `MAP` and storing the calculated sums in an array `Z`.

- (i) For $N = 6$ and $K = 2$,

	j						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
i	1	8	21	0	19	2	0
2	17	28	41	8	21	1	
3	15	8	7	1	1	5	
4	0	6	3	5	6	3	
5	0	0	0	3	4	3	
6	0	0	0	2	3	1	
	MAP						

	j			
	1	2	3	
i	1	74	68	
2	29	16	15	
3	0	5	11	
	Z			

The value of $Z[2, 2]$ is the return value of `sum(r, 3, 2)`. What is r ? _____ (1 mark)

- (ii) For $N = 6$ and $K = 3$,

	j						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
i	1	8	21	0	19	2	0
2	17	28	41	8	21	1	
3	15	8	7	1	1	5	
4	0	6	3	5	6	3	
5	0	0	0	3	4	3	
6	0	0	0	2	3	1	
	MAP						

	j		
	1	2	
i	1	145	
2	9	30	
	Z		

The value of $Z[2, 2]$ is the return value of `sum(4, s, 3)`. What is s ? _____ (1 mark)

- (iii) Suppose that N is divisible by K . Complete the pseudocode for `Zoomout (K)`.

```
Zoomout (K)
  for i from 1 to N/K do
    for j from 1 to N/K do
      Z[i, j] ← sum( [ ] , [ ] , K)
```

(2 marks)

(c) Below are two subprograms and MAP with $N = 6$ and $K = 2$.

		j					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
i	1	8	21	0	19	2	0
	2	17	28	41	8	21	1
	3	15	8	7	1	1	5
	4	0	6	3	5	6	3
	5	0	0	0	3	4	3
	6	0	0	0	2	3	1
	MAP						

		j		
		1	2	3
i	1	74	68	24
	2	29	16	15
	3	0	5	11
	Z			

```
func1(i, j)
tmp ← 0
for p from i to i+1 do
    for q from j to j+1 do
        if MAP[p, q] > tmp then
            tmp ← MAP[p, q]
return tmp
```

```
func2
tmp ← 0
for i from 1 to 3 do
    for j from 1 to 3 do
        if Z[i, j] >= tmp then
            if func1(i*2-1, j*2-1) > tmp then
                tmp ← func1(i*2-1, j*2-1)
return tmp
```

(i) What is the return value of `func1(3, 1)`? _____ (1 mark)

(ii) What is the return value of `func2`? _____ (1 mark)

(iii) What is the purpose of `func2`?

_____ (1 mark)

(iv) In `func2`, what will happen if the fourth statement '`if Z[i, j] >= tmp then`' is removed?

_____ (1 mark)

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- (d) John insists on using a compiler instead of an interpreter to write programs. Give a reason to support his decision.

(1 mark)

- (e) Some programming languages provide libraries to develop programs. Give **two** advantages of using libraries.

(2 marks)

- (f) John uses Java, which is an object-oriented language, to develop programs. Give **two** advantages of object-oriented languages over procedural languages.

(2 marks)

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