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These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A(1) and B(3) following A • C(6) following B and D(4) following B • E(2) following D, F(2) following E, G(1) following F • H(2) following G, I(2) following G, J(3) following G • K(4) following H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 2(b) | One from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dry run • walkthrough • white-box • black-box | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct header and close (where applicable) with no parameters ... • ...Correct values assigned to correct identifiers <p>PYTHON</p> <pre>def __init__(self): self.__PlayerID = "PL12a3" self.__Name = "" self.__Score = 0</pre> <p>PASCAL</p> <pre>Constructor PuzzlePlayer.Create(); begin PlayerID := 'PL12a3'; Name := ''; Score := 0; end;</pre> <p>VB</p> <pre>Public Sub New() PlayerID = "PL12a3" Name = "" Score = 0 End Sub</pre> | 2 |

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| 3(b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct function header and close (where applicable) no parameter (if returns value must be string) • Returns correct value <code>PlayerID</code> <p>PYTHON</p> <pre>def GetPlayerID(self): return(self.__PlayerID)</pre> <p>PASCAL</p> <pre>Function GetPlayerID() : String; Begin GetPlayerID := PlayerID; End;</pre> <p>VB</p> <pre>public function GetPlayerID() return(PlayerID) End Function</pre> | 2 |

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| 3(c) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function header (and close), value passed as parameter (returning Boolean/String if present) • Checks parameter is 6 characters in length • AND checks the first two characters in parameter are "PL" • ...Returns true if parameter is valid and stores in <code>PlayerID</code> • ...Returns false if parameter is not valid (and stores in <code>PlayerID</code> or not) <pre> FUNCTION SetPlayerID(NewPlayerID) RETURNS BOOLEAN DECLARE Valid : BOOLEAN Valid ← TRUE IF Length(NewPlayerID) = 6 AND Substring(NewPlayerID,0,2) = "PL" THEN PlayerID ← NewPlayerID ELSE Valid ← FALSE ENDIF RETURN Valid ENDFUNCTION </pre> | 5 |
| 3(d)(i) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A class contains objects/instances of another class • Quiz class has objects of type <code>Question</code> class // The objects/items in the array <code>QuizQs</code> have the attributes/methods of the class <code>Question</code> // The array <code>QuizQs</code> is of data type class <code>Question</code> | 2 |
| 3(d)(ii) | <p>e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inheritance • A child class can use attributes/methods from the parent class • Polymorphism • A child class can overwrite the methods of the parent class | 2 |
| 3(d)(iii) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct identifier, 100 elements, type <code>Quiz</code> and clearly array (i.e. brackets) <pre> DECLARE QuizBank : ARRAY[0:99] OF Quiz </pre> | 1 |

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| 3(d)(iv) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instance of object and assignment to first element of array (0 or 1) Correct parameters (in any order) <p>PYTHON QuizBank[0] = Quiz("Famous people", "Low", 10)</p> <p>PASCAL QuizBank[0] := Quiz.Create('Famous people', 'Low', 10);</p> <p>VB QuizBank[0] = New Quiz ("Famous people", "Low", 10)</p> | 2 |

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| 4(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> type(camembert) soft(camembert) strong_smell(camembert) origin(camembert, france) | 4 |
| 4(b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> type(X) AND country(Y) AND NOT soft(X) <p>IF type (X) AND country (Y) AND NOT soft(X)</p> | 4 |

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| 5(a) | <p>Four from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses a sorted and unsorted list • Takes first value and makes it sorted list // compare second item to first item • Find location of next value in the sorted list • ...description of suitable method (e.g. switching values, taking value out, comparing with sorted values) • Insert item in correct position in sorted list • Repeat until all items are in the sorted list (dependent on suitable method) | 4 |
| 5(b) | <pre> Counter ← NumberOfItems - 2 REPEAT DataSwapped ← FALSE FOR CurrentValue ← 0 TO Counter // NumberOfItems - 2 IF DataList[CurrentValue] > DataList[CurrentValue + 1] THEN ValueTemp ← DataList[CurrentValue] DataList[CurrentValue] ← DataList[CurrentValue + 1] DataList[CurrentValue + 1] ← ValueTemp DataSwapped ← TRUE ENDIF ENDFOR UNTIL DataSwapped = FALSE </pre> | 5 |

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| 6(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A–B–E • E–C–D with D null pointer | 2 |
| 6(b) | It indicates the end of the list // it doesn't point anywhere/to any data/to another node | 1 |

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| 6(c)(i) | <pre>FUNCTION FindValue(Value : INTEGER) RETURNS INTEGER DECLARE CurrentPointer : INTEGER CurrentPointer ← StartPointer WHILE CurrentPointer <> NULL AND LinkedList[CurrentPointer].Data <> Value CurrentPointer ← LinkedList[CurrentPointer].Pointer ENDWHILE IF LinkedList[CurrentPointer].Data = Value THEN RETURN CurrentPointer ELSE RETURN -1 ENDIF ENDFUNCTION</pre> | 6 |

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| 6(c)(ii) | <p>One mark per bullet point to max 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function header, taking parameter (and returning Boolean) • Assign a new pointer to StartPointer • Iterate/recursive calls through nodes correctly updating current pointer • Checking for empty list and returning FALSE • Checking if end of list ... • ... check data in last node • Checking if data found... • ... set pointer of found node to NULL (return to free chain) • ... if found update previous node pointer to NULL • ... return TRUE • If end of list and not found then return FALSE <pre> FUNCTION DeleteNode(NodeData : STRING) RETURNS BOOLEAN IF StartPointer = NULL THEN RETURN FALSE ELSE CurrentPointer ← StartPointer IF LinkedList[CurrentPointer].Data = NodeData THEN StartPointer ← LinkedList[CurrentPointer].Pointer RETURN TRUE ELSE PreviousPointer ← CurrentPointer WHILE CurrentPointer <> NULL AND LinkedList[CurrentPointer].Data <> NodeData PreviousPointer ← CurrentPointer CurrentPointer ← LinkedList[CurrentPointer].Pointer ENDWHILE </pre> | 7 |

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| 6(c)(ii) | <pre> IF CurrentPointer = NULL THEN IF LinkedList [CurrentPointer].Data = NodeData THEN LinkedList [PreviousPointer].Pointer ← NULL RETURN TRUE ELSE RETURN FALSE ENDIF ELSE IF LinkedList [CurrentPointer].Data = NodeData THEN LinkedList [PreviousPointer].Pointer ← LinkedList [CurrentPointer].Pointer LinkedList [CurrentPointer].Pointer ← NULL RETURN TRUE ENDIF ENDIF ENDIF ENDIF ENDFUNCTION </pre> | |

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| 7 | Label | Op Code | Operand | Comment | |
| | | LDR | #0 | | |
| | | LDM | #0 | | |
| | | STO | LENGTH | // initialise LENGTH to 0 | |
| | LOOP: | IN | | | |
| | | CMP | EXCLAMATIO N | // is character = EXCLAMATION ('!')? | [1] |
| | | JPE | OUTPUT | // if true, jump to OUTPUT | [1] |
| | | STX | USERNAME | // store character in USERNAME + contents of IX | [1] |
| | | INC | IX | // increment Index Register | |
| | | LDD | LENGTH | | |
| | | INC | ACC | // increment LENGTH | [1] |
| | | STO | LENGTH | | |
| | | CMP | MAX | // is LENGTH = MAX ? | [1] |
| | | JPN | LOOP | // if FALSE, jump to LOOP | [1] |
| | OUTPUT: | LDR | #0 | | |
| | | LDM | #0 | // initialise COUNT to 0 | [1] |
| | | STO | COUNT | | |
| | | LDX | USERNAME | | |
| | | OUT | | | |
| | | INC | IX | | |
| | | LDD | COUNT | | |
| | | INC | ACC | // increment COUNT | |
| | | STO | COUNT | | |
| | | CMP | LENGTH | // is COUNT = LENGTH ? | [1] |
| | JPN | OUTPUT | | | |
| | END | | // end program | | |
| LENGTH: | | | | | |
| EXCLAMATION: | B0010001 | | | | |
| MAX: | 8 | | | | |
| COUNT: | | | | | |
| USERNAME: | | | | | |

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| 8(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 ... • ...it calls itself | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8(b) | <p>1 mark each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final return value = 5 • Output column • Return value column • Value 1 and Value 2 columns • Temp column <table border="1" data-bbox="365 600 1485 1058" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Value1</th> <th>Value2</th> <th>Temp</th> <th>EndValue</th> <th>OUTPUT</th> <th>Return Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>12</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td>5</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>13</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Value1 | Value2 | Temp | EndValue | OUTPUT | Return Value | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 2 | | | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | | 5 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 5 | | 8 | 1 | 13 | 8 | | | 13 | 0 | 5 |
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| 8(c) | To output/find a value that is the addition of the two previous values // (output) Fibonacci sequence | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |