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Paper 2 Algorithms, Programming and Logic

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- Calculators must **not** be used in this paper.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



1 Tick (✓) **one** box to identify the type of test to only check for the largest or smallest acceptable value.

- A normal test data
- B abnormal test data
- C extreme test data
- D boundary test data

[1]

2 **Four** requirements for validating inputs and **five** types of validation check are given.

(a) Draw **one** line from each requirement to the most appropriate validation check. **Not** all validation checks will be used.

Requirement	Validation check
Date of birth must be between 01/01/1900 and 01/01/2010.	length check
Name has been entered.	format check
Password has exactly 12 characters.	range check
Student ID must contain 2 letters followed by a 4-digit number.	check digit
	presence check

[4]

(b) Identify and describe **one** verification check that could be applied when a new password is input into a system.

Verification check

Description

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[3]





3 The following pseudocode algorithm uses a count-controlled loop to read in 10 names and store them in the array `Names []`

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FOR Count ← 1 TO 10
  OUTPUT "Please enter a name"
  INPUT Name
  Names[Count] ← Name
NEXT Count

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Rewrite the algorithm in pseudocode, using a condition-controlled loop instead of a count-controlled loop.

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(b) Explain how you could change the algorithm to repeatedly prompt for the telephone number until the number entered is 13 characters in length.

Any code used must be fully explained.

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5 Two library routines used in programming are MOD and DIV.

State the purpose of each of the library routines.

Give **one** example pseudocode statement for each of the library routines.

MOD purpose
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Example pseudocode
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DIV purpose
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Example pseudocode
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[4]



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- 6 An algorithm has been written in pseudocode to generate a random integer between 1 and 100 inclusive and store the value in N. The user enters a guess for the number and the algorithm indicates whether the guess is higher or lower than the random number. The algorithm outputs the number of guesses when the user has correctly guessed the random number.

```

01 Counter ← 0
02 N ← ROUND(RANDOM() * 99, 1) + 1
03 REPEAT
04     OUTPUT "Please enter a guess"
05     INPUT G
06     IF G > N
07         THEN
08             OUTPUT "The number is lower than your guess"
09         ELSE
10             IF G < N
11                 THEN
12                     OUTPUT "The number is lower than your guess"
13             ENDIF
14         Counter ← Counter + 1
15     ENDIF
16 UNTIL G = N
17 OUTPUT "Well done, you took ", Guess, " attempts"

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- (a) Identify the line numbers of the **four** errors in the pseudocode and suggest a correction for each error.

Error 1 line number

Correction

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Error 2 line number

Correction

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Error 3 line number

Correction

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Error 4 line number

Correction

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[4]

- (b) Identify **one** method to make the algorithm maintainable. Give an example.

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7 Consider the logic expression:

$$X = (A \text{ AND } B) \text{ XOR } (B \text{ OR NOT } C)$$

(a) Draw a logic circuit for this logic expression.

Each logic gate must have a maximum of **two** inputs.

Do **not** simplify the logic expression.



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(b) Complete the truth table for the given logic expression.

A	B	C	Working space	X
0	0	0		
0	0	1		
0	1	0		
0	1	1		
1	0	0		
1	0	1		
1	1	0		
1	1	1		

[4]



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8 A bus company has set up a new database table called `BUS` to store details of the buses leaving the main bus terminal.

RouteID	Destination	Stops	Driver	Time	Return
BC01	Town Centre	10	B Smith	9:00	Yes
BC02	The Fountain	5	A Patel	9:10	Yes
BC03	The Palace	9	B Hayes	9:28	No
BC04	City Park	12	W Gao	9:55	Yes
BC05	City Mall	9	R Hussein	10:10	No
BC06	Swan Lake	14	S Clarke	10:33	No
BC07	Guildhall Square	7	J Page	11:34	No
BC08	Sunset Quay	6	A Patel	12:01	Yes
BC10	Fort Worthington	15	E Carr	12:01	Yes
BC12	The Observatory	18	B Smith	13:27	No
BC14	East Seaport	11	B Scott	14:07	No
BC15	The Football Ground	12	J Page	14:46	Yes
BC19	The Cricket Ground	11	B Hayes	15:14	No
BC23	Temple Ruins	14	W Gao	16:16	No
BC27	The University	9	A Patel	16:45	No

(a) (i) Identify **one** appropriate data type for the field `Return`

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(ii) State the reason for the data type chosen.

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(b) Write the output from the structured query language (SQL) statement:

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SELECT RouteID, Destination, Time
FROM BUS
WHERE Driver = "A Patel";
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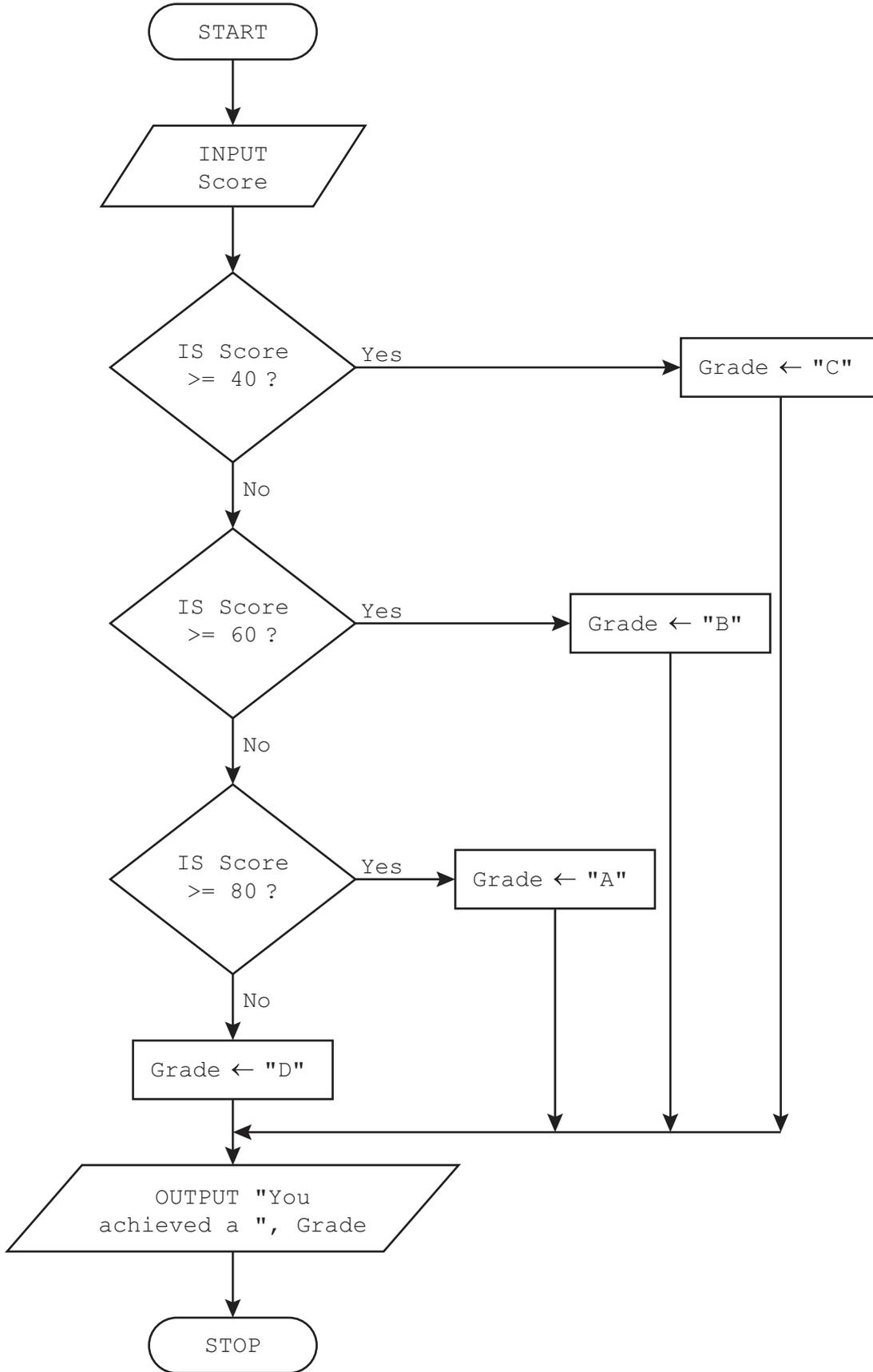
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10 The flowchart represents an algorithm to calculate grades.



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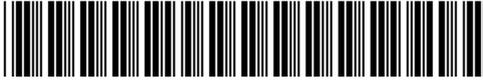


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