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Generic Marking Principles

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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2(a)	Format check	1
2(b)	<p>One mark for each appropriate test data, max two One mark for each correct accompanying reason, max two</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>Normal – 30/12/1960 ... Reason – ... (the date is written in the correct format and) should be accepted.</p> <p>Abnormal – 30/Dec/1960 ... Reason – ... (the month is not written in the correct format and) should be rejected.</p>	4
2(c)	<p>One mark per mark point, max two</p> <p>MP1 check that there are 10 characters in total MP2 if the date is too long/short it will be rejected</p>	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	<p>One mark for each correct line.</p> <p>Pseudocode statement</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> CALL Colour(NewColour) </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> Pseudocode use </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> Value \leftarrow (A1 + A2 + A3) / 3 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> counting </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> Loop1 \leftarrow Loop1 + 1 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> finding an average </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> IF Count > 7 THEN X1 \leftarrow 0 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> totalling </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> using a conditional statement </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> using a procedure </div> </div>	4

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	<p>One mark per mark point, max four</p> <p>MP1 initialise a variable to store the lowest number set to a high value (at least 100) / first value in the array</p> <p>MP2 loop structure to iterate 25 times</p> <p>MP3 use of IF to check if the array element is less than the current lowest value</p> <p>MP4 ...if it is, set this to the lowest value</p> <p>MP5 output the result (with an appropriate message) after the loop</p> <p>Example answer:</p> <pre>Min ← 100 FOR Count ← 1 TO 25 IF Temperatures[Count] < Min THEN Min ← Temperatures[Count] ENDIF NEXT Count OUTPUT "The lowest temperature is ", Min</pre>	4

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	<p>One mark per mark point, max four</p> <p>MP1 Line 01 / DECLARE City ARRAY[1:50, 1:2] OF BOOLEAN should be DECLARE City : ARRAY[1:50, 1:2] OF STRING Line 05 / IF should be REPEAT</p> <p>MP2 Line 07 / INPUT City[Count, 2] should be INPUT City[Count, 1]</p> <p>MP3 Line 11 / UNTIL Count = 50 // Line 04 / Count ← 1 AND Line 10 / Count ← Count + 1 should be UNTIL Count = 51 / UNTIL Count > 50 // Line 04 / Count ← 0 AND move Line 10 to beginning of loop / Line 06</p> <p>MP4 Line 12 / FOR Out ← 1 TO 1 should be FOR Out ← 1 TO 50</p> <p>Correct algorithm:</p> <pre>01 DECLARE City : ARRAY[1:50, 1:2] OF STRING 02 DECLARE Count : INTEGER 03 DECLARE Out : INTEGER 04 Count ← 1 05 REPEAT 06 OUTPUT "Enter the name of the city" 07 INPUT City[Count, 1] 08 OUTPUT "Enter the name of the country" 09 INPUT City[Count, 2] 10 Count ← Count + 1 11 UNTIL Count > 50 12 FOR Out ← 1 TO 50 13 OUTPUT "The city ", City[Out, 1], " is in ", City[Out, 2] 14 NEXT Out</pre>	4

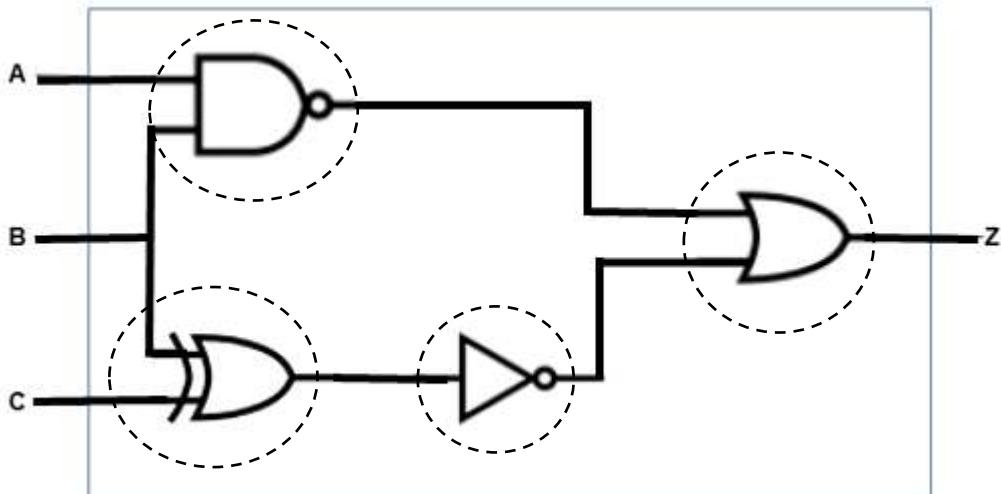
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4(b)	<p>One mark per mark point, max five</p> <p>MP1 add an input (and prompt to ask) for the country to be searched</p> <p>MP2 ...between lines 11 and 12</p> <p>MP3 ...using a new variable for the input</p> <p>MP4 Add an <code>IF</code> statement to check if the current <code>Country</code> array element matches the country being searched</p> <p>MP5 ...between lines 12 and 13</p> <p>MP6 ...if it does, allow the output in line 13 // the output in line 13 should be after a <code>THEN</code></p> <p>MP7 If it does not, check the next element.</p>	5

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5	<p>One mark per mark point, max three</p> <p>MP1 variables and constants should have meaningful identifiers</p> <p>MP2 ...so that programmers/future programmers are able to understand their purpose</p> <p>MP3 they are both used for data storage</p> <p>MP4 constants store values that never change during the execution of a program // by example</p> <p>MP5 variables contain values that have been calculated within the program / can change during the execution of the program // by example</p>	3

Question	Answer					Marks
6(a)	One mark per correct column, max five					5
	Value	Average	Total	Count	OUTPUT	
			0	0		
	25		25	1		
	35		60	2		
	3		63	3		
	0	21			Total is 63	
					Average is 21	
			0	0		
	57		57	1		
	20		77	2		
	25		102	3		
	18		120	4		
	0	30			Total is 120	
					Average is 30	
			0	0		
	-1					
6(b)	One mark per mark point, max two MP1 to add together / find the average of a batch of numbers MP2 the total and average are output (when the batch is complete/when 0 is entered) MP3 when 0 is entered a new batch is started.					2

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7	<p>One mark per mark point, max five</p> <p>MP1 storing string in <code>Quote</code> MP2 correct assignment for <code>Start</code> // sending correct start value MP3 correct assignment for <code>Number</code> // sending correct number of characters MP4 use of <code>SUBSTRING</code> function with first parameter as <code>Quote</code>, or equivalent, plus two other parameters MP5 correct use of <code>LCASE</code> function MP6 two correct outputs</p> <p>For example:</p> <pre>Quote ← "Learning Never Exhausts The Mind" Start ← 25 Number ← 8 OUTPUT SUBSTRING(Quote, Start, Number) OUTPUT LCASE(Quote)</pre>	5

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8	<p>One mark per mark point, max four</p> <p>Procedures, max three</p> <p>MP1 to enable the programmer to write a collection of programming statements under a single identifier MP2 to allow modular programs to be created // to allow procedures to be re-used within the program or in other programs MP3 to make program creation faster because procedures can be re-used // to enable different programmers to work on different procedures in the same project MP4 to make programs shorter (than using the repeated code) / using less duplication of code // to make programs easier to maintain due to being shorter.</p> <p>Parameters, max three</p> <p>MP5 to pass values from the main program to a procedure / function MP6 ...so that they can be used in the procedure / function MP7 allow the procedure / function to be re-used with different data.</p>	4

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9(a)	<p>One mark for each correct gate, with the correct input(s) as shown.</p> 	4																																				
9(b)	<p>Four marks for eight correct outputs. Three marks for six or seven correct outputs. Two marks for four or five correct outputs. One mark for two or three correct outputs</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="301 1089 611 1673"> <thead> <tr> <th>A</th> <th>B</th> <th>C</th> <th>Z</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	A	B	C	Z	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
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10(a)	18	1										
10(b)	<p>One mark for the correct field name One mark for the correct reason</p> <p>For example: CodeEach entry in this field is a unique identifier</p>	2										
10(c)	<p>Two marks for four correct answers. One mark for two or three correct answers.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="579 646 1040 977"> <thead> <tr> <th>Field</th><th>Data type</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Breed</td><td>text</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gender</td><td>Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td>Age</td><td>integer</td></tr> <tr> <td>Arrived</td><td>date/time</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Field	Data type	Breed	text	Gender	Boolean	Age	integer	Arrived	date/time	2
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10(d)	<p>One mark for each correct answer</p> <pre>SELECT Horses BreedOrigin</pre> <p>Correct SQL:</p> <pre>SELECT Code, Breed FROM Horses WHERE BreedOrigin = "Scotland";</pre>	3										

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11	<p>Requirements may be met using a suitable built-in function from the programming language used (Python, VB.NET or Java)</p> <p>Tables for AO2 and AO3 are used to award a mark in a suitable band using a best fit approach.</p> <p>Marks are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AO2 (maximum 9 marks) • AO3 (maximum 6 marks) <p>Data Structures required with names as given in the scenario The names underlined must be used as they are provided in the scenario:</p> <p>Arrays or lists <u>WoodType</u>[], <u>Price</u>[], <u>Customers</u>[], <u>Quotations</u>[]</p> <p>Requirements (techniques)</p> <p>R1 Input and store customer name, room length and width, with validation of input for room dimensions, including error message and repeated input (Input with prompts, range check and iteration).</p> <p>R2 Initialise wood arrays. Calculate room area, select and store wood required. Determine cost of wood type and calculate price of wood to purchase. Round and store all data to relevant array (array initialisation, rounding, data retrieval from array, calculation and storage of results).</p> <p>R3 Output full details: name of customer, choice of wood and quotation price with appropriate messages. Program continues for next customer (Output with messages, iteration of whole program).</p>	15

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11	<p><u>Example 15-mark answer in pseudocode</u></p> <pre> // declarations not required in the answer // initial population of WoodType[] and Price[] arrays // input and loops are also acceptable WoodType[1] ← "Laminate" WoodType[2] ← "Pine" WoodType[3] ← "Oak" Price[1] ← 29.99 Price[2] ← 39.99 Price[3] ← 54.99 // initialises starting customer in sales arrays CurrentCustomer ← 1 // to allow program to continue to next customer Cont ← TRUE WHILE Cont DO // input customer name OUTPUT "Input the customer's name " INPUT Customers[CurrentCustomer] // input of room dimensions with validation OUTPUT "What is the length of your room? " INPUT RoomLength // validate RoomLength WHILE RoomLength < 1.5 OR RoomLength > 10.0 OUTPUT "The measurement must be in the range 1.5 to 10.0 inclusive, please try again " INPUT RoomLength ENDWHILE OUTPUT "What is the width of your room? " INPUT RoomWidth // validate RoomWidth WHILE RoomWidth < 1.5 OR RoomWidth > 10.0 OUTPUT "The measurement must be in the range 1.5 to 10.0 inclusive, please try again " INPUT RoomWidth ENDWHILE RoomArea ← ROUND(RoomLength, 1) * ROUND(RoomWidth, 1) RoomArea ← ROUND (RoomArea + 0.5, 0) // show the wood available and prices OUTPUT "the wood choices available are:" OUTPUT "Number Wood Type Price(\$)" FOR Count ← 1 TO 3 OUTPUT Count, " ", WoodType[Count], " ",</pre>	

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11	<pre> Price[Count] Next Count // input wood choice OUTPUT "Input a number from 1 to 3 " INPUT WoodChoice // validate wood choice WHILE WoodChoice < 1 OR WoodChoice > 3 OUTPUT "Your input is out of range, please try again " INPUT WoodChoice ENDWHILE // to calculate the total cost of the wood WoodCost ← RoomArea * Price[WoodChoice] // to store the relevant data in Quotations[] Quotations[CurrentCustomer, 1] ← RoomLength Quotations[CurrentCustomer, 2] ← RoomWidth Quotations[CurrentCustomer, 3] ← RoomArea Quotations[CurrentCustomer, 4] ← WoodChoice Quotations[CurrentCustomer, 5] ← WoodCost // final output of quotation OUTPUT "Customer name: ", Customers[CurrentCustomer] OUTPUT "The wood you have chosen is: ", WoodType[WoodChoice] OUTPUT "Your total price is: ", Quotations[CurrentCustomer, 5] // ready for next customer CurrentCustomer ← CurrentCustomer + 1 // resets CurrentCustomer to beginning of array when array // limit reached IF CurrentCustomer > 100 THEN CurrentCustomer ← 1 ENDIF ENDWHILE </pre>	

Marking Instructions in italics

AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of computer science to a given context, including the analysis and design of computational or programming problems

0	1-3	4-6	7-9
No creditable response.	At least one programming technique has been used. <i>Any use of selection, iteration, counting, totalling, input and output.</i>	Some programming techniques used are appropriate to the problem. <i>More than one technique seen applied to the scenario, check the list of techniques needed.</i>	The range of programming techniques used is appropriate to the problem. <i>All criteria stated for the scenario have been covered by the use of appropriate programming techniques, check the list of techniques needed.</i>
	Some data has been stored but not appropriately. <i>Any use of variables or arrays or other language dependent data structures e.g. Python lists.</i>	Some of the data structures chosen are appropriate and store some of the data required. <i>More than one data structure used to store data required by the scenario.</i>	The data structures chosen are appropriate and store all the data required. <i>The data structures used store all the data required by the scenario.</i>

Marking Instructions in italics**AO3: Provide solutions to problems by:**

- **evaluating computer systems**
- **making reasoned judgements**
- **presenting conclusions**

0	1-2	3-4	5-6
No creditable response.	Program seen without relevant comments.	Program seen with some relevant comment(s).	The program has been fully commented.
	Some identifier names used are appropriate. <i>Some of the data structures used have meaningful names.</i>	The majority of identifiers used are appropriately named. <i>Most of the data structures used have meaningful names.</i>	Suitable identifiers with names meaningful to their purpose have been used throughout. <i>All of the data structures used have meaningful names.</i>
	The solution is illogical.	The solution contains parts that may be illogical.	The program is in a logical order.
	The solution is inaccurate in many places. <i>Solution contains few lines of code with errors that attempt to perform a task given in the scenario.</i>	The solution contains parts that are inaccurate. <i>Solution contains lines of code with some errors that logically perform tasks given in the scenario. Ignore minor syntax errors.</i>	The solution is accurate. <i>Solution logically performs all the tasks given in the scenario. Ignore minor syntax errors.</i>
	The solution attempts at least one of the requirements. <i>Solution contains lines of code that attempt at least one task given in the scenario.</i>	The solution attempts to meet most of the requirements. <i>Solution contains lines of code that perform most tasks given in the scenario.</i>	The solution meets all the requirements given in the question. <i>Solution performs all the tasks given in the scenario.</i>