

Markscheme

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Computer science

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Paper 2

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General marking instructions

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3. Where a mark is awarded, a tick/check (✓) **must** be placed in the text at the **precise point** where it becomes clear that the candidate deserves the mark. **One tick to be shown for each mark awarded.**
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Subject details: Computer science SL paper 2 markscheme**Mark allocation**

Candidates are required to answer **all** questions in **one** Option. Total 45 marks.

General

A markscheme often has more specific points worthy of a mark than the total allows. This is intentional. Do not award more than the maximum marks allowed for that part of a question.

When deciding upon alternative answers by candidates to those given in the markscheme, consider the following points:

- Each statement worth one point has a separate line and the end is signified by means of a semi-colon (;).
- An alternative answer or wording is indicated in the markscheme by a “/”; either wording can be accepted.
- Words in (...) in the markscheme are not necessary to gain the mark.
- If the candidate’s answer has the same meaning or can be clearly interpreted as being the same as that in the markscheme then award the mark.
- Mark positively. Give candidates credit for what they have achieved and for what they have got correct, rather than penalizing them for what they have not achieved or what they have got wrong.
- Remember that many candidates are writing in a second language; be forgiving of minor linguistic slips. In this subject effective communication is more important than grammatical accuracy.
- Occasionally, a part of a question may require a calculation whose answer is required for subsequent parts. If an error is made in the first part then it should be penalized. However, if the incorrect answer is used correctly in subsequent parts then **follow through** marks should be awarded. Indicate this with “**FT**”.

General guidance

Issue	Guidance
Answering more than the quantity of responses prescribed in the questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the case of an “identify” question, read all answers and mark positively up to the maximum marks. Disregard incorrect answers. • In the case of a “describe” question, which asks for a certain number of facts <i>eg</i> “describe two kinds”, mark the first two correct answers. This could include two descriptions, one description and one identification, or two identifications. • In the case of an “explain” question, which asks for a specified number of explanations <i>eg</i> “explain two reasons ...”, mark the first two correct answers. This could include two full explanations, one explanation, one partial explanation <i>etc.</i>

Option A — Databases

1. (a) Data means the raw facts that make information;
Data is unprocessed values;
Information is data that has value to the user/has been interpreted by the user/processed/put into context; [2]
- (b) CourseID – string;
CourseName – string;
Duration – float/integer; (*do not allow number*)
Cost –float; (*do not accept integer or number but allow decimals*)
Note: Award [3] for all correct. Award [2] for three correct. Award [1] for two correct. [3]
- (c) **Award up to [2 max].**
Data validation is checking to see if the data entered is sensible;
So that it can be processed correctly / maintains the integrity of the data;
It makes sure that the data entered is in the appropriate range and/or type to avoid obtaining incorrect results;
It is performed by the computer which detects if data entered is not in the range/of the type which is defined (by the person who set up the database); [2]
- (d) (i) Only 6 (alphanumeric) characters;
Accept a reasonable example, eg 2 letters followed by 4 integers.
Note: *It is not evident that all courses will have 2 letters followed by 4 integers so accept any reasonable attempt to show there has to be a fixed format.* [1]
- (ii) Only non-negative values should be accepted;
Accept any reasonable example, eg 0–999.0 / not negative [1]
- (e) (i) *Accept logically equivalent answers.*
Example answer:
SELECT CourseName;
FROM CourseTable ; (*allow open CourseTable*)
WHERE Duration >= 40 AND Duration <= 80 ; [3]
- (ii) **Award [1] for stating *any* function and [1] for a short description, up to [2 max]**
Example answers:

Updating;
Adding/deleting/modifying entities;

Inserting;
Adding new records/entities to the table;

Deleting;
Removing entities which are not in use anymore;

Modifying;
Changing information in the table for more recent information; [2]

2. (a) Conceptual;
Describes the data required in the application / preliminary design with basic information, *eg* tables;
- Logical;
Describes how the relationships will be represented in the database (using the attributes/keys/data structures);
- Physical;
Describes how the data will be stored on the physical medium; [6]
- (b) (i) *Award [1] for a responsibility and [1] for expansion, for two responsibilities up to [4 max].*
- Responsibilities*
Installation;
Updating/Upgrading;
Monitoring;
Security;
Backup/Recovery;
Reporting
etc
- Example answer:*
The DBA is responsible for updating/upgrading the database;
This means that new data/new relations/new attributes could be added;
Some data/relations/attributes could be deleted/modified;
- Another responsibility of the DBA is security;
The DBA gives/assigns access levels to users; [4]
- (ii) DDL is used by the database administrator during
It is a subset of database query language;
set up/upgrading/removal phase of database project;
With commands/statements which refer to database elements/only available to the database administrator;
It is used to create, alter and destroy a database and its contents;
Award [1] for any example of a DDL command tem. [3]
- (c) *Award up to [4 max].*
Some data objects required by the database might not be completely and accurately represented/might be missing;
May not be detailed enough to be used by the database developer for building the physical database;
It could create a database that omits data required for various reports;
It could produce results that are incorrect or inconsistent;
It may be unable/difficult to make changes;
Redundant data may be created/present;
Poor modelling may result in the wrong data type being assigned to a field and this would affect queries/searches; [4]

3. (a) Some data in a database can be found in two or more different locations / several copies of the same data;
Which takes up unnecessary space;
Data that is stored could be calculated from other data items;
Unused data; [2]

- (b) *Award up to [2 max].*
A property that ensures relations between tables remain consistent/are not broken;
The rows/entities in relation must be uniquely identified;
Links must be correct / every foreign key must have the actual value of a key in another relation; [2]

- (c) Must first be in 1NF;
No repeated data/description;
Split tables;
E.g. Students and Subjects;
Assign each table a primary key;
StudentID in Students and a compound key in Subjects;
Tables linked ...;
Correctly display the tables with keys identified;

Example 2NF:

Student (StudentID, Name, Gender) ;
SubjectStudent (StudentID, Subject, ExamGrade) ;

[6]

- (d) *Award [1] for any of the following and [1] for description, up to [4 max].*

Access rights;
Audit trails;
Data locking;
Validation;
Encryption;
Backups;

Example answer:

Access rights control;
Passwords and PIN numbers limit the access to private information to authorized users only;

Audit trails;
Records of who accessed data and what changes are made;

[4]

Option B — Modelling and simulation

4. (a) Award [1] for correct substitution and [1] for correct answer:
($P_2 = 100 \times 3^2 =$) 900 [2]

(b) Award marks as follows (must be explained or written on diagram)
Insert initial values;
Use formula to calculate next value; (**Note:** Accept $B2 \times 2^{A3}$)
Copy down for first 10;

	A	B
A	time period	population
time period	0	100
0	1	$B2 \times 3$
1	2	$B3 \times 3$
2
.....	10	$B11 \times 3$

[3]

(c) Award up to [2 max].
Correct application of 0.4; (**Note:** Depending on clear assumption made)
At each time period;
For example:
Assuming that survival rate applies before population increase;
Correct first value;
Apply 0.4 to next value;
And copy down; [2]

(d) Set initial variables for rate and r ;
Loop for first 10 time periods (accept "to 9" or "to 10");
Correct calculation of next rate;
Current rate changed;
Correct output;

Example answer 1:

```

CURRENTRATE = 0.4
R = 3
loop TIMEPERIOD from 0 to 10
    output TIMEPERIOD, CURRENTRATE
    CURRENTRATE = (CURRENTRATE)*(1 - CURRENTRATE)*R
end loop

```

Example answer 2:

```

CURRENTRATE = 0.4
R = 3
output "0", CURRENTRATE
loop TIMEPERIOD from 1 to 10
    CURRENTRATE = (CURRENTRATE)*(1 - CURRENTRATE)*R
    output TIMEPERIOD, CURRENTRATE
end loop

```

[5]

- (e) *Award up to [4 max].*
 The constant rate describes a decreasing population of insects;
 Whereas the changing rate stabilizes;
 Which may be more in line with what actually happens;
 The validity of the models could be seen over time;
 As either the insect will become extinct or it will achieve a stable level; [4]

5. (a) *Award up to [2 max].*
 Details recorded of those ill; (eg a standard form giving age, sex, previous illnesses/allergies)
 Follow up form completed at end of illness; (eg recording a severity rating or details on length of illness)
 Correlation between characteristics of those recorded;
 Access of patients; (eg doctor/hospital/adverts asking for contact if ill etc.) [2]

- (b) *Award marks for each of the following mentioned in the answer:*
 Collate the data collected;
 Mention of the factors: age, gender and previous illnesses;
 To give a model of risk from those who were most affected;
 Apply to records of population to give risk numbers;

For example:
 Using the data collected on those who have already been ill;
 Each factor refined to give a mathematical model;
 For example age >65, gender = male, previous heart attack = true;
 Population divided into those with none, one, two or all three giving number in each category; [4]

- (c) *Award [1] for a limitation and [1] for an expansion*
For example:
 Depends on data considered in the first place;
 And may miss a less obvious factor such as diet/exercise etc. [2]

- (d) *Award [1] for setting up model and predicting/estimating, [1] for changing values if there is a discrepancy and [1] for creating a developing pattern.*

 Set up a model of city eg dividing into grid system or regions;
 Predict spread to adjacent areas;
 Each day the current outbreaks are compared with the estimated ones;
 If there is a large discrepancy the simulation must be re-thought. If the differences are small then the values (coefficients of the variables or variables themselves) can be changed for the next estimation;
 After a few iterations a reliable pattern should emerge (if there is one); [3]

- (e) *Award [2] for discussing advantages of knowing the people at risk and [2] for discussing the advantages of knowing the pattern of spread.*
 The model of patients helps to identify who is at risk if they catch the disease;
 And preventative measures such as vaccination if possible or warnings can be sent to those at risk, saying to take extra care/report immediately if they have the symptoms;
 By knowing the rate and area of spread, institutes in the most vulnerable areas such as schools could be closed, unnecessary movement could be restricted;
 Statistics on the areas affected could identify characteristics of those areas which might call for change in town planning (eg density, pollution etc.) [4]

6. (a) *Award up to [3 max].*
 Shape seen as a set of connecting lines;
 Representing the structure of the bridge and supports, with corresponding variables “thickness”, “length”, “material” *etc*;
 Can use a library of pre-defined shapes that can be added to design;
 Parameters can be applied/changed by the architect to the variables where appropriate;
 Parameters can be changed by entering values in cells/dragging vertices of wireframe;
 By rotating the wireframe all parts of the bridge can be seen; [3]
- (b) Each (vector) representing a line (edge) in the diagram;
 Is held in memory as the two 3D coordinates of the endpoints;
 Mathematical formulae/algorithms used in calculating crossing/touching lines;
 Parameters such as thickness *etc* linked to the list of lines;
 And to define hidden or visible parts from different views;
Note: *Accept answers that reference “primitives”.* [4]
- (c) *Award up to [3 max].*
 Transition from memory of the model into screen representation is fast;
 Allows the architect to make multiple changes with little processing;
 The solid model would need to render each time which is memory and time consuming;
 To rotate the wireframe, processing and memory is minimal, compared with the solid view; [3]
- (d) Use the model and apply conditions such as higher than expected traffic under normal conditions;
 Normal and maximum traffic in extreme weather conditions such as gales, extreme cold and extreme heat;
 Measure the response of the structure on these conditions such as bending *etc*;
 Change and re-test if bridge does not respond well;
Note: *Accept reasonable answers about what may happen to the bridge.* [4]

Option C — Web science

7. (a) Award **[2 max]** for outlining a difference from both the point of view of the internet and WWW.

Internet:

Connects computers / network of networks;

Focuses on physical layer;

A way to transport content/exchange information through languages and protocols;

WWW:

The resources that allow one to connect/aggregate people around an activity/interest (*expressions focusing on a social dimension are fine*);

A way to access/share/exchange information that is built on top of the internet;

A way for applications to communicate/share/exchange;

[2]

- (b) Award up to **[3 max]**.

Divides the file into packets;

Size of which is defined by the IP;

Sends the packets off;

Provides error checking / resends lost packets;

Establishes and maintains a connection to the website in order for the file to be downloaded;

[3]

- (c) More devices/users;

All with their own IP addresses;

Therefore more addresses are needed than provided by original protocol;

[3]

- (d) Entries need to be modified to accommodate the new representation;

[1]

- (e) Award up to **[5]** as follows:

[2] for discussing the trade-off for lossy.

[2] for discussing the trade-off for lossless.

[1] for a justification/conclusion.

Could use lossy;

Results in smaller file sizes and faster transfer speed;

However important data might be lost;

Could use lossless;

Which would result in larger file sizes and slower transfer speed;

This would preserve the integrity of all of the data;

The type of file should be considered to decide suitability of each method;

[5]

8. (a) (i) minerva.hq.acame.net [1]
(ii) /Products/index.html [1]
- (b) **Award [2 max].**
Mail services cannot be treated as a URL because the protocol of the receiver is not known;
Nor are the ports/firewalls;
The control is entirely on the receiver's side; [2]
- (c) **Award up to [2 max] for any two disadvantages, [1] each.**
It does not work if the IP address is public;
It does not work if the IP is dynamically assigned (DHCP);
Somebody may pretend to use a different IP address (spoofing);
Client would not always log in from the same IP; [2]
- (d) (i) **Award [2 max] as follows:**
[1] for identifying an advantage.
[1] for an expansion.

This makes it optimal on any display (eg Smartphone, desktop...)/for printing;
Downloading is faster with CSS;
Because the HTML tags for the layout are not necessary and the pages are smaller;
The CSS file can be shared by several pages of the portal;
And it needs to be downloaded only once;
Ensure page looks as intended regardless of browser;
No need for user to download second web browser to ensure content works correctly; [2]
- (ii) **Award [2 max] as follows:**
[1] for identifying an advantage.
[1] for an expansion.

The same CSS file can be used on many pages in the website;
Thereby saving developing time;
Editing one CSS file means changes can be applied to many webpages in one go;

Content (in HTML) and presentation (in CSS) are separated;
Hence, same content can be re-used in different contexts by changing only the CSS;

Splits the work of web development between those competent for content and those competent for graphics;
This speeds up development/delivery / guarantees overall better quality;

The CSS file can be shared by several pages of the portal;
And it needs to be downloaded only once; [2]

- (e) *Award [5 max] as follows:
up to [2 max] for addressing some technical features.
up to [3 max] for an elaboration.*

Examples of technical features that could be addressed:

The service is mirrored;
Workload is shared;
Quicker to download as the user can be redirected;
To the closest geographical location/the least busy server;
The client's request can be fragmented and made to run in parallel
and this is not visible to the client (P2P);

Possible elaborations:

Servers can store different items based on legality of host country;
Implies it is more difficult to control the whole system;
Hence there is greater overhead in distributing new material;

Servers can store different items based on telecom infrastructure of
host country;
Implies costs of maintenance/delivery may prompt further decentralization;
Hence the system becomes more complex/fragmented;
Quality of service may vary to different users;

[5]

9. (a) *Award up to [3 max].*
When the user selects a country, a script (javascript/JSP/servlet etc) is invoked;
With the selected country as a parameter;
The script contains a list of towns associated with each country;
The list of towns is returned in the window;

[3]

- (b) *Award up to [4 max].*
Open standards establish how the information is passed/exchanged through
the web;
Which is a key feature for services that need to involve different systems/sites;
In particular when using dynamic forms (javascripts etc);
A good web-service provider guarantees interoperability;
Which is successful access to resources/provision of service from
different platforms;
The use of standards/open standards (as approved by W3C;
As opposed to ad hoc solutions) guarantees interoperability;
The use of ad hoc solutions may propagate side effects in searching within a
school web site;
Open standards typically rely on the use of HTTP and XML;
Or on specific web-service design technologies (such as SOAP) that
embed HTTP and XML;

[4]

- (c) Award **[3 max]** as follows:
[1] for naming a feature that characterizes a white hat technique.
up to **[2 max]** for an expansion.

Content of good quality/well organized/with keywords;
And not fragmented into many pages;
Because this maximizes the success of research by keywords and decreases response time;

Meaningful/relevant meta-tags/headers for titles/subtitles;
Make a more straightforward search process;
And augment the chances of being found, given the “semantic web”;
In particular when content and presentation are separated (*ie* use of HTML + CSS);

Prefer the use of keywords that can be used for searching rather than general wording;
Both in content and in key parts of the web page (*eg* title/description/links);
Because this maximizes the success of research by keywords and decreases response time;

Inbound links of good quality;
Because they tell how authoritative the website is;
And this should be observed both for the main access page and the other secondary pages;

Minimize the use of comments to mask old content/text in the website/web page;

Delete obsolete links/orphan pages/text;
Because they are out-of-date and could be retrieved by a web crawler;
Interfering with the response time for the current search;

[3]

- (d) Award **[6 max]**
up to **[4 max]** for describing what Creative Commons is, and
up to **[2 max]** for a good example (award **[1]** for a simple example).

Creative Commons is a way to manage copyrighted material especially on the web;
To the purpose of enabling the sharing and use of copyrighted material in a more friendly way;
Limited to the **purposes** and **conditions** as specified in the licence;
The author of the material maintains the rights on the material through the copyright;

Possible example (accept meaningful examples):
Teachers may produce teaching material/coursework and make them available through their school’s website;
And this guarantees that all students have access to the same quality of resources, that are meant to establish the minimal standard;
To the effect of allowing students to self-assess their level of proficiency;

[6]

Option D — Object-oriented programming

10. (a) The two constructors have different parameter sets (or equivalent);
 Compiler can differentiate between the two;
 The compiler will execute the constructor whose parameter set matches the arguments in the constructor call ;
 This is an example of polymorphism/overloading; [3]
- (b) Access is restricted to;
 (methods that are part of) the same package / project; [2]
11. (a) *Award [2] for all 3 correct and [1] for any 2 correct.*
`routeCode is String`
`delay is int (Note: Allow any numeric)`
`weatherRelated is Boolean` [2]
- (b) “public Journey”;
 Correct parameters (**Note:** Allow FT from part (a));
 Correct assignment statements;
Note: Allow any order. Allow absence of “this”.
- ```
public Journey(String a, int b, Boolean c)
{
 this.routeCode = a;
 this.delay = b;
 this.weatherRelated = c;
}
```
- [3]
- (c) T290;  
 10;  
 1;  
**Note:** The punctuation (“;”) is not output. [3]

12. (a) 4.5; [1]

- (b) *Award marks as follows:*  
 Initializing variables used (e.g.total as a double and count as an integer);  
 Correct loop;  
 Correct comparison\* (allow getJourney[x]);  
 Updating total\*;  
 Updating count (in correct position);  
 Returning average;  
**Note:** \*If "get" methods are **not** used but otherwise correct, award [1] for these two points.

```
public double averageDelay()
{
 int delayTotal = 0; // Allow total as a double with no
 // casting below
 int count = 0;
 for (int x=0; x<numberOfJourneys; x++)
 {
 if (!journeyHistory[x].getWeatherRelated())
 {
 delayTotal = delayTotal +
 journeyHistory[x].getDelay();
 count++;
 }
 }
 return double(delayTotal)/count;
}
```

[6]

13. (a) *Award [1] for each section (award [2] if correct except for +/-).  
 Allow for slight variations of syntax.  
 Allow if constructor missing.  
 Allow public class Codes.*

| Codes                        |
|------------------------------|
| - routeName : String         |
| - routeCode : String         |
| +Codes(a: String, b: String) |
| +getRouteName() : String     |
| +getRouteCode() : String     |

[3]



(b) *Award marks as follows:*

Initialization of `maxDelay` to be a rogue value or 0, or 1<sup>st</sup> value;  
Award {2 marks} for correct comparison (award 1 mark if weather related ignored);  
Updating of `maxDelay`;  
Updating of `maxCode`;  
Both loops correct;  
Searching for route code;  
Return route name;

```
public String longestDelay(Codes [] c)
{
 String route = " ";
 String maxCode = " ";
 int maxDelay = -1;
 for (int x = 0; x < numberOfJourneys; x++)
 {
 if ((journeyHistory[x].getDelay() > maxDelay) &&
 (!journeyHistory[x].getWeatherRelated()))
 {
 maxDelay = journeyHistory[x].getDelay();
 maxCode = journeyHistory[x].getRouteCode();
 }
 }
 for (int y=0; y<c.length; y++)
 {
 if (c[y] != null)
 {
 if (c[y].getRouteCode() == maxCode)
 {
 route = c[y].getRouteName();
 }
 }
 }
 return route;
}
```

[7]

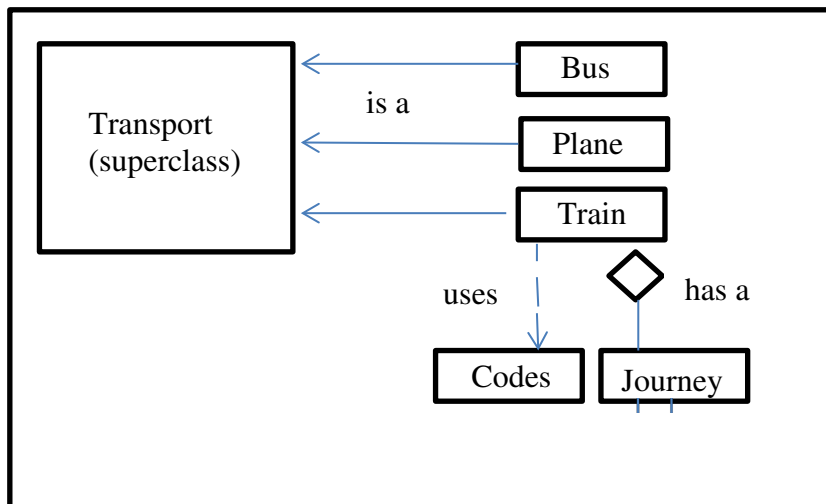
14. (a) A super-class could be created (eg `Transport`);  
 With sub-classes `Bus`, `Train` and `Plane`;  
 Containing variables/methods common to all the different transport  
 classes/examples;  
 The individual sub-classes can inherit these common attributes;  
 Whilst having properties particular to themselves/ can override;

[4]

- (b) (i) Award [1] for a diagram showing five (or more) classes linked in some way.  
 Award [1] for each of the three different dependencies shown, either with the  
 correctly shaped arrow or with a written description, up to [3 max].

The dependencies are:

- Each of the train company, bus and airplane classes “is a” `Transport` class;  
 The train company class “has a” `Journey`;  
 The train company class “uses” the `Codes` class;



[4]

- (ii) Changes in one class in a dependency will/may affect the other class(es) in  
 this dependency;  
 This may cause programs using the second class not to function  
 (correctly)/require modifications to the second class to avoid problems;  
 For example, if the variables in the `Codes` class changed type then the  
`TrainCompany` *etc* methods would have to be changed;

(Less dependencies lead to) reduced maintenance overheads;  
 As a programmer editing one class would not have to be concerned with  
 other classes / allows programmers to focus just on the class they are  
 writing;

[3]

```
(c) public String toString(Codes [] c)
 {
 String d = companyName;
 double e = averageDelay();
 String f = longestDelay(c);
 String result = d + " : Average Delay = " + e + " :
 Longest Delay = " + f;
 return result;
 }
```

**Note:** Can be written in one line. Students may introduce validation on e.

**Award marks as follows:**

Extracting company name;

Correct use of averageDelay() method;

Correct use of longestDelay() method;

Correct result line either returned or output;

**(Note:** Ignore minor punctuation errors/missing parameter);

**[4]**