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Paper 2 Fundamental Problem-solving and Programming Skills MARK SCHEME Maximum Mark: 75

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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.

Mechanics of Marking:

Every mark given should have a corresponding tick on the script.

Every part question must be annotated to show that it has been read.

There are <u>four</u> pages that appear at the start of the script (including the Appendix page) that must be annotated with the SEEN icon. The easiest way to do this is to go the first question and select Zoom > 'fit height' then all six can be annotated at the same time without scrolling.

Do not put comments on the scripts. When scripts are returned to centres all the annotations including comments, are visible.

If work has been crossed out and something written in its place, the replacement work is marked even if the crossed-out work is correct. If the crossed-out work has not been replaced, mark the crossedout answer.

For single mark answers, mark the first answer on the line, unless there is a note to the contrary on the mark scheme.

If a candidate writes something that is not enough (NE) for a mark, but is not actually incorrect, continue reading, even if the mark scheme says, for example, mark first two answers.

The use of NR (No Response) is described in this extract from the RM Assessor guide:

(d) Correct use of No Response (NR) and Zero (0) marks

Team Leaders should check that No Response is being used correctly by examiners.

- (i) Award No Response (NR):
 - if there is nothing written at all in the answer space, or
 - if there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do', 'don't know'), or
 - if there is any sort of mark which is not an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

Note: you can press the # or / key to enter NR.

(ii) Award Zero (0):

• if there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.

For questions requiring program code, if the only thing that is written is the name of the program language then award NE.

Annotation requirement for multi-page responses:

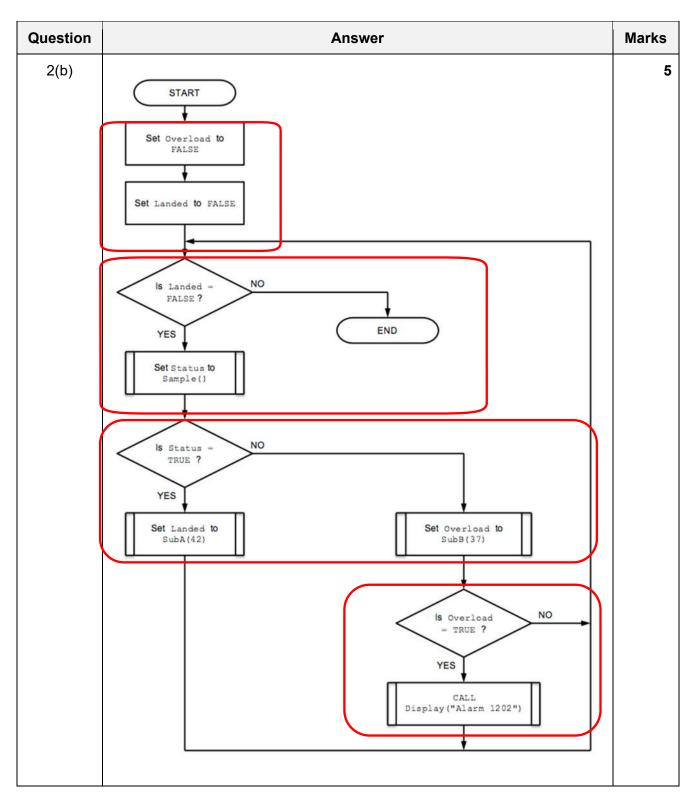
Question 6(b) and Question 6(c)

In each case, if the second page of the response (page 15 and page 17 respectively) is blank then add the annotation 'SEEN' to the second page.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	One mark for each type and one mark for corresponding reason (not dependant)	4
	Type: Corrective Reason: Because the program does not function as intended / contains a bug	
	Type: Adaptive Reason: Change the program due to a requirement / specification / legislative change	
	Type: Perfective Reason: Improve the performance of the program / to enhance the program	
	Type: Preventive Reason: Improve maintainability or reliability	
1(b)	One mark for:	1
	• Program / computer / CPU can only process / store <u>binary</u> values.	
	 Standard encoding recognised by all programs / used to exchange information 	
	Note: Max 1 mark	
1(c)	One mark per bullet point:	2
	 To provide a <u>separator</u> (or implied) between the data items Algorithm to extract / locate individual items from a line of text is simplified The special character does not appear in the data 	
	Note: Max 2 marks	

Question	Ansv	wer	Marks
1(d)	Statement	Error	5
	Code ← RIGHT("Cap" & "art", 4)	NO ERROR	
	Status \leftarrow MID("Computer", 7, 5)	Not enough characters	
	Size ← LENGTH("Password") * 2	NO ERROR	
	NextChar \leftarrow CHR('A')	CHR() param should be integer // CHR() should be ASC()	
	Index \leftarrow Index & 3	3 is not character (should be '3') // and is not an arithmetic operator	
	One mark for each line	+	

Question	Answer		Marks
2(a)			5
		Answer	
	The identifier name of a global variable	Overload	
	The name of the loop structure	Pre-condition loop	
	The identifier involved in a type mismatch	Landed	
	The name of a procedure that takes a parameter	Display()	
	The name of a function	Sample() // SubA() // SubB()	
	One mark per row		



Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	One mark for each: Module	2
	 Hierarchy / relationships Selection Repetition / Iteration Sequence 	
	Note: Max 2 marks	
3(a)(ii)	Membership () P3 O P3 O Create () Modify() Delete ()	5
	 Diagram with all boxes correctly labelled, positioned as shown Selection diamond as shown (P3 and S2) and (P4 and M4) (Parameters to Create and Delete) S2 and P4 (double arrow) (Parameters to Modify) Return parameter from Delete() 	

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	Design Coding	2
	 One mark for: Design, Coding and Testing (in sequence) Arrows as shown // Alternative 'waterfall model' where each stage loops back to the previous stage 	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	DECLARE Num : INTEGER Num ← 101 REPEAT OUTPUT Num	4
	Num ← Num + 2 UNTIL Num > 199	
	 Mark as follows: 1 Counter declaration and initialisation to sensible value before the loop 2 REPEAT UNTIL <condition></condition> 3 Correct selection of number to be output (use of MOD() or +2 or other) 4 Correct range of numbers output 	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)	'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix.	7
	FUNCTION Search(Par1, Par2 : STRING) RETURNS INTEGER	
	DECLARE Index, RetVal : INTEGER	
	Index \leftarrow 1 RetVal \leftarrow -1	
	<pre>WHILE Index <= 100 AND RetVal = -1 IF XRef[Index, 1] = Par1 _ AND (XRef[Index, 2] = Par2 OR XRef[Index, 3] = Par2) THEN</pre>	
	 ENDFUNCTION Mark as follows: 1 Function heading and ending including parameters 2 Declaration of local variable for array index (Index) but not of global XRef array 3 Any loop for 100 elements 	
	 4 Use of correct XRef 2D array syntax in a loop 5 Logical test of array elements in a loop 6 Exit loop if match found (following attempt at MP5) Return index number or -1 if not found 	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	 One mark per point: Pretty print / Colour-coding of keywords / variables (Auto) indentation (Auto) Expansion / collapsing of data structures / code blocks // thumbnail overview 	2
5(a)(ii)	 One mark per point: Dynamic syntax checking / highlighting syntax errors as code is typed Type checking 	2
	 Checking for used variables not declared / unused variables which are declared Max 2 marks 	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)(i)	DECLARE Response : BOOLEAN DECLARE Password : STRING OUTPUT "Please Input your password: " INPUT Password Response ←Validate(UserID, Password) AND Today() RETURN Response One mark per line in bold	2
5(b)(ii)	<pre>'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix. FUNCTION Verify(UserID : STRING) RETURNS BOOLEAN DECLARE Count : INTEGER DECLARE Response : BOOLEAN DECLARE Password : STRING Count ← 1 Response ← FALSE IF UserID = "Guest" THEN Response ← TRUE ENDIF WHILE Response = FALSE AND Count < 4 OUTPUT "Please input your password: " INPUT Password Response ← Validate(UserID, Password) AND TODAY() IF Response = FALSE THEN IF Count < 3 THEN OUTPUT "Incorrect password - please try again" ENDIF Count ← Count + 1 ENDIF ENDIF ENDIF I mark for each of the following: 1 If parameter matches "Guest" then skip to Return (MP7) 2 Loop for max 3 attempts and terminate if valid password input 3 Prompt and Input first password attempt 4 Evaluate result of Validate() AND TODAY() in a loop 5 Test result and increment count for incorrect password in a loop 6output "try again" message and re-input password in a loop 7 Return Boolean (correctly in all 3 cases) Note: Max 6 marks</pre>	6

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix.	5
	PROCEDURE StockSummary() DECLARE Index, Count : INTEGER DECLARE Total : REAL	
	Count $\leftarrow 0$ Total $\leftarrow 0.0$	
	<pre>FOR Index ← 1 TO 10000 IF StockID[Index]) <> "" THEN Count ← Count + 1 Total ← Total + (Quantity[Index] * Cost[Index]) ENDIF ENDFOR OUTPUT "Total Value is ", Total OUTPUT "Number of Stock Entries is ", Count</pre>	
	ENDPROCEDURE	
	One mark for each of the following:	
	 Declaration and initialisation of Count and Total (by comment in Python) Loop for 10000 elements Skip row when StockID element = "" in a loop Increment Count and sum Total in a loop OUTPUT the total and the count after the loop (following a reasonable attempt at MP4) 	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	FUNCTION Restore(Filename : STRING) RETURNS BOOLEAN	8
	DECLARE Index : INTEGER DECLARE FileLine : STRING DECLARE Success : BOOLEAN	
	Success ← TRUE OPENFILE Filename FOR READ READFILE Filename, FileLine IF FileLine = "" THEN //alt: IF EOF(filename) CLOSEFILE Filename RETURN FALSE //file is empty ENDIF	
	<pre>FOR Index ← 1 TO 10000 //first initialise arrays StockID[Index] ← "" Description[Index] ← "" Quantity[Index] ← 0 Cost[Index] ← 0.0 // 0 ENDFOR</pre>	
	<pre>Index ← 1 //starts loop with first FileLine WHILE NOT EOF(Filename) AND Index <= 10000 CALL Unpack(Index, FileLine) Index ← Index + 1 READFILE Filename, FileLine ENDWHILE</pre>	
	IF Index = 10001 AND NOT EOF(Filename) THEN Success ← FALSE ENDIF CLOSEFILE Filename	
	RETURN Success	
	ENDFUNCTION	
	1 mark for each of the following:	
	 Function heading including input parameter and function End Declare local variable for line read from file OPEN file in READ mode and CLOSE Check whether file is empty and return FALSE if it is (no restore Loop through all 10 000 elements initialising arrays Loop until EOF(Filename) OR Index > 10000 Call Unpack () correctly for each line from the file in a loop Return FALSE if more than 10000 lines in file, otherwise returns TRUE 	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix.	8
	FUNCTION GetValidFilename() RETURNS STRING DECLARE Filename : STRING DECLARE Valid : BOOLEAN DECLARE Index : INTEGER DECLARE NextChar : CHAR	
	REPEAT Valid ← TRUE OUTPUT "Please input the name for the backup file " INPUT Filename	
	IF LENGTH(Filename) < 4 OR LENGTH(Filename) > 10 THEN	
	Valid ← FALSE ELSE Index ← 1 WHILE Index <= LENGTH(Filename) AND Valid = TRUE	
	NextChar ← MID(Filename, Index, 1) IF NOT ((NextChar >='a' AND NextChar <='z') OR (NextChar >='A' AND NextChar <='Z') OR (NextChar >='0' AND NextChar <='9')) THEN	
	$Valid \leftarrow FALSE //not alphanumeric ENDIF$	
	Index ← Index + 1 ENDWHILE ENDIF	
	IF Valid = FALSE THEN OUTPUT "Invalid filename - please try again" ENDIF	
	UNTIL Valid = TRUE RETURN Filename ENDFUNCTION	
	One mark for each of the following: 1 Conditional loop until valid filename input 2 Prompt and Input of filename in a loop 3 Test length is within range 4 Loop through filename:	
	 5 Extract a single character 6 Test that character is numeric in a loop 7 Test that character is alphabetic in a loop 8 If filename invalid, output warning and repeat, if valid then return filename *** End of Mark Scheme – example program code solutions follow *** 	

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Program Code Example Solutions

Question 4(b): Visual Basic

Function Search(Par1, Par2 As STRING) As INTEGER
Dim Index, RetVal As INTEGER
Index = 1
RetVal = -1
While Index <= 100 And RetVal = -1
 If XRef(Index, 1) = Par1_______
 AND (XRef(Index, 2) = Par2 OR XRef(Index, 3) = Par2) Then
 RetVal = Index
End If
Index = Index + 1
End While
Return RetVal
End Function</pre>

Question 4(b): Pascal

```
function Search(Par1, Par2 : string) : integer;
var
  Index : integer;
 RetVal : integer;
begin
  Index := 1;
  RetVal := -1;
  While Index <= 100 And RetVal = -1 do
 begin
     if XRef[Index, 1] = Par1
        and (XRef[Index, 2] = Par2 or XRef[Index, 3] = Par2) then
        RetVal := Index;
     Index := Index + 1;
  end;
  Search := RetVal // result := RetVal
end;
```

Question 4(b): Python

```
def Search(Par1, Par2):
    ## Index, RetVal As INTEGER
    Index = 1
    RetVal = -1
    while Index <= 100 and RetVal = -1:
        if XRef[Index][1] == Par1 \
            and XRef[Index][2] == Par2 or XRef[Index][3] == Par2:
            RetVal = Index
        Index = Index + 1</pre>
```

return RetVal

Question 5(b)(ii): Visual Basic

```
Function Verify(UserID As String) As Boolean
 Dim Count As INTEGER
 Dim Response As BOOLEAN
 Dim Password As STRING
 Count = 1
 Response = FALSE
 If UserID = "Guest" Then
       Return TRUE
 End If
 While Response = FALSE And Count < 4
    Console.Writeline("Please input your password: ")
    Password = Console.Readline()
    Response = Validate(UserID, Password) AND TODAY()
    If Response = FALSE Then
        Count = Count + 1
        If Count < 4 Then
           Console.Writeline("Incorrect password - please try again")
       End If
    End If
 End While
```

Return Response

End Function

Question 5(b)(ii): Pascal

```
function Verify(UserID : string) : boolean;
var
   Count : integer;
  Response : boolean;
  Password : string;
begin
   Count := 1;
   if UserID = "Guest" then
      Verify := TRUE // result := TRUE;
   while Response = FALSE And Count < 4
   begin
      writeln('Please input your password: ');
      readln(Password);
      Response := Validate(UserID, Password) and TODAY();
      if Response = FALSE then
      begin
         Count := Count + 1;
         if Count < 4 then
            writeln('Incorrect password - please try again');
      end;
   end;
   Verify := Response // result := Response
```

```
end;
```

Question 5(b)(ii): Python

```
def Verify(UserID):
    ## Count As INTEGER
    ## Response As BOOLEAN
    ## Password As STRING
    Count = 1
    if UserID == "Guest":
        return TRUE
while Response == FALSE and Count < 4:
    Password = input("Please input your password: ")
    Response = Validate(UserID, Password) and TODAY()
    if Response == FALSE:
        Count = Count + 1
        if Count < 4:
            print("Incorrect password - please try again")
```

return Response

Question 6(a): Visual Basic

```
Sub StockSummary()
Dim Index, Count As Integer
Dim Total As Real
Count = 0
Total = 0.0
For Index = 1 To 10000
If StockID(Index) <> "" then
Count = Count + 1
Total = Total + (Quantity(Index)) * Cost(Index))
End If
Next Index
Console.writeline("Total Value is " & Total.toString)
Console.writeline("Number of Stock Entries is " & Count.toString)
```

End Sub

Question 6(a): Pascal

```
procedure StockSummary();
var
  Index, Count : Integer;
  Total : Real;
begin
  Count := 0;
  Total := 0.0;
  for Index := 1 TO 10000 do
  begin
     if StockID[Index] <> "" then
     begin
        Count := Count + 1;
        Total := Total + (Quantity[Index]) * Cost[Index]);
     end;
  end;
  writeln('Total Value is ', Total);
  writeln('Number of Stock Entries is ', Count);
end;
```

Question 6(a): Python

```
def StockSummary():
    ## Index, Count : Integer
    ## Total : Real
    Count = 0
    Total = 0.0
    for Index in range(1, 10001):
        if StockID[Index] <> "":
            Count = Count + 1
            Total = Total + (Quantity[Index]) * Cost[Index])
    print("Total Value is ", Total)
    print("Number of Stock Entries is ", Count)
```

Question 6(c): Visual Basic

```
Function GetValidFilename() As String
 Dim Filename As String
 Dim Valid As Boolean
 Dim Index As Integer
 Dim NextChar as Char
 Valid = FALSE
 Do
     Valid = TRUE
     Console.writeline("Please input the name for the backup file ")
     Filename = Console.readline()
     If Len(Filename) < 4 Or Len(Filename) > 10 Then
        Valid = FALSE
     Else
        Index = 1
        While Index <= Len(Filename) And Valid = TRUE
           NextChar = MID(Filename, Index, 1)
              If Not ((NextChar >='a' AND NextChar <='z') _</pre>
                 Or (NextChar >= 'A' AND NextChar <= 'Z')
                 Or (NextChar >='0' AND NextChar <='9')) Then
                 Valid = FALSE //not alphanumeric
              End If
           Index = Index + 1
        End While
     End If
     If Valid = FALSE Then
           Console.writeline("Invalid filename - please try again")
     End If
 Loop Until Valid = TRUE
 Return Filename
End Function
```

Question 6(c): Pascal

```
function GetValidFilename() : String;
var
   Filename : String;
  Valid : Boolean;
   Index : Integer;
  NextChar : Char;
begin
  Valid := FALSE;
   repeat
      Valid := TRUE;
      writeln('Please input the name for the backup file ');
      readln(Filename);
      if length(Filename) < 4 Or length(Filename) > 10 then
         Valid := FALSE
      else
         begin
            Index := 1;
               while Index <= length(Filename) And Valid = TRUE do
               begin
                  NextChar := MidStr(Filename, Index, 1);
                  if Not ((NextChar >='a' AND NextChar <='z')
                          (NextChar >='A' AND NextChar <='Z'
                      Or
                      Or (NextChar >='0' AND NextChar <='9')) then</pre>
                          Valid := FALSE; //not alphanumeric
                  Index := Index + 1;
               end;
         end;
      If Valid = FALSE then
         writeln('Invalid filename - please try again');
   until Valid = TRUE;
   result := Filename; // GetValidFilename := Filename
end;
Question 6(c): Python
def GetValidFilename():
  ## Filename As String
```

```
## Valid As Boolean
## Index As Integer
## NextChar As Char
Valid = FALSE
while not Valid:
   Valid = TRUE
   Filename = input("Please input the name for the backup file ")
   if Len(Filename) < 4 or Len(Filename) > 10:
      Valid = FALSE
   else:
      Index = 0
      while Index <= Len(Filename) and Valid = TRUE:
         NextChar = FileName[Index]
         if not ((NextChar >= '0' and NextChar <= '9'
            or (NextChar >= 'a' and NextChar <= 'z')
            or (NextChar >= 'A' and NextChar <= 'Z'):
```

Valid = FALSE Index = Index + 1 if Valid == FALSE: print("Invalid filename - please try again")

return Filename