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


| Question | Answer |  | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1(d) | Statement | Error | 5 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Code } \leftarrow \text { RIGHT ("Cap" \& } \\ & \text { "art", 4) } \end{aligned}$ | NO ERROR |  |
|  | ```Status \leftarrow MID("Computer", 7, 5)``` | Not enough characters |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Size } \leftarrow \text { LENGTH("Password") } \\ & * 2 \end{aligned}$ | 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) | Answer |  | 5 |
|  | 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

| Question | Answer | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3(a)(i) | One mark for each: <br> Module... <br> - Hierarchy / relationships <br> - Selection <br> - Repetition / Iteration <br> - Sequence <br> Note: Max 2 marks | 2 |
| 3(a)(ii) | One mark for each of: <br> 1 Diagram with all boxes correctly labelled, positioned as shown <br> 2 Selection diamond as shown <br> 3 (P3 and S2) and (P4 and M4) (Parameters to Create and Delete) <br> 4 S2 and P4 (double arrow) (Parameters to Modify) <br> 5 Return parameter from Delete() | 5 |


| Question |  | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 3(b) |  |  |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4(a) | ```DECLARE Num : INTEGER Num }\leftarrow10 REPEAT OUTPUT Num Num \leftarrow Num + 2 UNTIL Num > 199 Mark as follows: 1 Counter declaration and initialisation to sensible value before the loop 2 REPEAT ... UNTIL <condition> 3 Correct selection of number to be output (use of MOD () or +2 or other) 4 Correct range of numbers output``` | 4 |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4(b) | ```'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix. FUNCTION Search(Par1, Par2 : STRING) RETURNS INTEGER DECLARE Index, RetVal : INTEGER Index }\leftarrow RetVal }\leftarrow- WHILE Index <= 100 AND RetVal = -1 IF XRef[Index, 1] = Par1 _ AND (XRef[Index, 2] = Par2 OR XRef[Index, 3] = Par2) THEN RetVal \leftarrow Index ENDIF Index }\leftarrow Index + 1 ENDWHILE RETURN RetVal 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 Any loop for }100\mathrm{ elements Use of correct XRef 2D array syntax in a loop Logical test of array elements in a loop Exit loop if match found (following attempt at MP5) Return index number or -1 if not found``` | 7 |


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


| Question | Answer | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5(b)(i) | DECLARE Response : BOOLEAN <br> DECLARE Password : STRING <br> OUTPUT "Please Input your password: " <br> INPUT Password <br> Response $\leftarrow$ Validate (UserID, Password) AND Today() <br> RETURN Response <br> One mark per line in bold | 2 |
| 5(b)(ii) | ```'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 }\leftarrow Response \leftarrow FALSE IF UserID = "Guest" THEN Response \leftarrow TRUE ENDIF WHILE Response = FALSE AND Count < 4 OUTPUT "Please input your password: " INPUT Password Response \leftarrow Validate(UserID, Password) AND TODAY() IF Response = FALSE THEN IF Count < 3 THEN OUTPUT "Incorrect password - please try again" ENDIF Count }\leftarrow\mathrm{ Count + 1 ENDIF ENDWHILE RETURN Response ENDFUNCTION 1 mark for each of the following: If parameter matches "Guest" then skip to Return (MP7) Loop for max 3 attempts and terminate if valid password input Prompt and Input first password attempt Evaluate result of Validate() AND TODAY() in a loop... Test result and increment count for incorrect password in a loop... ...output 'try again' message and re-input password in a loop... Return Boolean (correctly in all 3 cases) \\ Note: Max 6 marks``` | 6 |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6(a) | 'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. <br> Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix. ```PROCEDURE StockSummary() DECLARE Index, Count : INTEGER DECLARE Total : REAL Count }\leftarrow Total \leftarrow 0.0 FOR Index }\leftarrow1\mathrm{ TO 10000 IF StockID[Index]) <> "" THEN Count }\leftarrow\mathrm{ Count + 1 Total \leftarrow Total + (Quantity[Index] * Cost[Index]) ENDIF ENDFOR OUTPUT "Total Value is ", Total OUTPUT "Number of Stock Entries is ", Count``` ENDPROCEDURE <br> One mark for each of the following: <br> 1 Declaration and initialisation of Count and Total (by comment in Python) <br> Loop for 10000 elements <br> Skip row when StockID element = "" in a loop <br> Increment Count and sum Total in a loop <br> OUTPUT the total and the count after the loop (following a reasonable attempt at MP4) | 5 |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6(b) | ```FUNCTION Restore(Filename : STRING) RETURNS BOOLEAN DECLARE Index : INTEGER DECLARE FileLine : STRING DECLARE Success : BOOLEAN Success }\leftarrow TRU OPENFILE Filename FOR READ READFILE Filename, FileLine IF FileLine = "" THEN //alt: IF EOF(filename) CLOSEFILE Filename RETURN FALSE //file is empty ENDIF FOR Index \leftarrow 1 TO 10000 //first initialise arrays StockID[Index] \leftarrow "" Description[Index] \leftarrow "" Quantity[Index] \leftarrow 0 Cost[Index] \leftarrow0.0 // 0 ENDFOR Index \leftarrow 1 //starts loop with first FileLine WHILE NOT EOF(Filename) AND Index <= 10000 CALL Unpack(Index, FileLine) Index }\leftarrow Index + 1 READFILE Filename, FileLine ENDWHILE IF Index = 10001 AND NOT EOF(Filename) THEN Success }\leftarrow FALS 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 }10000\mathrm{ 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\mathrm{ lines in file, otherwise returns TRUE``` | 8 |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6(c) | ```'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix. FUNCTION GetValidFilename() RETURNS STRING DECLARE Filename : STRING DECLARE Valid : BOOLEAN DECLARE Index : INTEGER DECLARE NextChar : CHAR REPEAT Valid }\leftarrow TRU OUTPUT "Please input the name for the backup file " INPUT Filename IF LENGTH(Filename) < 4 OR LENGTH(Filename) > 10 THEN Valid \leftarrow FALSE ELSE Index }\leftarrow WHILE Index <= LENGTH(Filename) AND Valid = TRUE NextChar \leftarrow 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 }\leftarrow 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: Conditional loop until valid filename input Prompt and Input of filename in a loop Test length is within range Loop through filename: Extract a single character Test that character is numeric in a loop Test that character is alphabetic in a loop If filename invalid, output warning and repeat, if valid then return filename``` | 8 |

*** End of Mark Scheme - example program code solutions follow ***

## 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
```


## 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] = Parl
            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 + I
    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')
                        Or (NextChar >='A' AND NextChar <='Z')
                                Or (NextChar >='0' AND NextChar <='9')) Then
                        Valid = FALSE //not alphanumeric
                            End If
                Index = Index + I
            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')
                                    Or (NextChar >='A' AND NextChar <='Z'
                                    Or (NextChar >='0' AND NextChar <='9')) then
                                    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
```

