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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

No calculators allowed.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

The maximum number of marks is 75.

This document consists of **14** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

Throughout the paper you will be asked to write either **pseudocode** or **program code**.

Complete the statement to indicate which high-level programming language you will use.

Programming language

- 1 Horses are entered for a horse race. A horse may have to carry a penalty weight in addition to the rider. This weight is added to the saddle. The penalty weight (if any) depends on the number of wins the horse has achieved in previous races.

The penalty weight is calculated as follows:

Number of previous wins	Penalty weight (kg)
0	0
1 or 2	4
Over 2	8

A program is to be written from the following structured English design.

- 1 INPUT name of horse
- 2 INPUT number of previous wins
- 3 CALCULATE penalty weight
- 4 STORE penalty weight
- 5 OUTPUT name of horse, penalty weight

- (a) Complete the identifier table showing the variables needed to code the program.

Identifier	Data type	Description

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- (b) Line 3 in the algorithm above does not give the detail about how the race penalty weight is calculated; this step in the algorithm must be expressed in more detail.

- (i) The algorithm above currently has five stages. One technique for program design is to further break down, where required, any stage to a level of detail from which the program code can be written.

Name this technique.

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- 2 (a) Two operators available in a programming language are DIV and MOD. They perform integer arithmetic as follows:

Expression	Explanation
X DIV Y	Computes the number of times Y divides into X
X MOD Y	Computes the remainder when X is divided by Y

Calculate the value of the variables shown for the following code fragments.

	Code	Variable	
(i)	NumberLeftOver ← 37 MOD 10	NumberLeftOver	[1]
(ii)	Quantity ← 208 BoxSize ← 100 NumberOfBoxes ← Quantity DIV BoxSize Temp ← (Quantity MOD BoxSize) + 1	NumberOfBoxes Temp	[2]

- (b) Bank customers withdraw money from their account at a cash dispenser machine using their bank card. The machine operates as follows:

- it can dispense the following notes:
 - \$50
 - \$20
 - \$10
- the maximum amount for a single withdrawal is \$500

When a customer withdraws money, they enter the amount to withdraw. (This must be a multiple of \$10).

The machine will always dispense the least possible number of notes.

A program is designed for the machine to process a withdrawal.

The following variables are used:

Identifier	Data type	Description
Amount	INTEGER	Amount to withdraw entered by the user
FiftyDollar	INTEGER	Number of \$50 notes to dispense
TwentyDollar	INTEGER	Number of \$20 notes to dispense
TenDollar	INTEGER	Number of \$10 notes to dispense
Temp	INTEGER	Used in the calculation of the number of each note required

(i) The following four tests have been designed.

Complete the test data table showing the expected results with comments.

Input value	Output			Comment
	FiftyDollar	TwentyDollar	TenDollar	
Amount				
70	1	1	0	Least possible number of notes
85				
130				
600				

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(ii) Complete the pseudocode.

```

INPUT .....
IF Amount > 500
    THEN
        OUTPUT "Refused – amount too large"
    ELSE
        .....

        THEN
            OUTPUT "Refused - not a multiple of $10"
        ELSE
            FiftyDollar ← Amount DIV 50
            Temp ← .....
            TwentyDollar ← .....
            Temp ← .....
            .....
        ENDIF
    ENDIF
ENDIF

```

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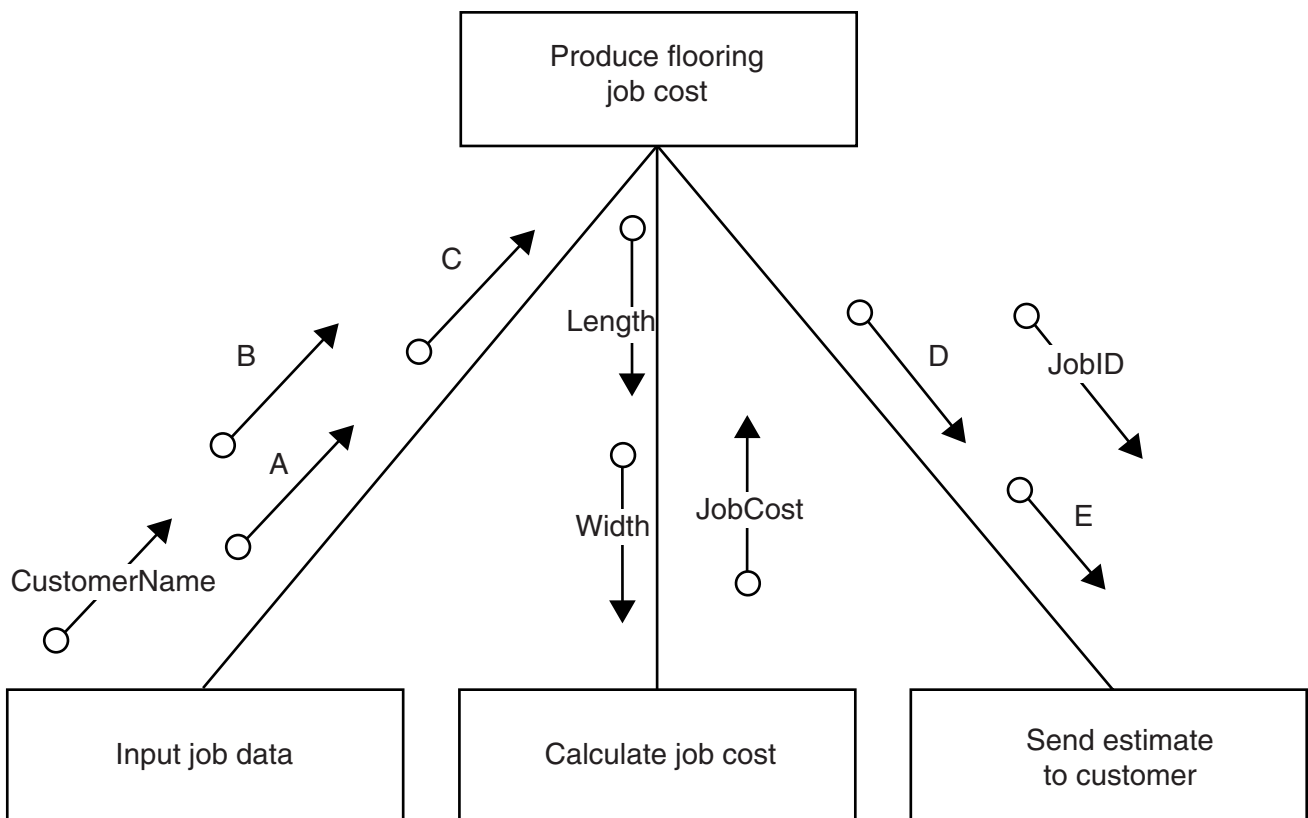
- 3 A flooring company provides for each customer an estimated price for a new job. Each job is given a Job ID.

The job cost is calculated from the length (nearest metre) and width (nearest metre) of the room.

The process for calculating the price is as follows:

- the floor area is calculated with 18% added to allow for wastage
- the job cost is calculated at \$50 per square metre

The structure chart shows the modular design for a program to produce a new job cost.



- (i) Give the data items corresponding to the labels A to E in the structure chart.

A

B

C

D

E

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(ii) The procedure below is one of the modules shown on the structure chart.

Parameters can be passed 'by value' or 'by reference'.

Complete the procedure header below showing for each parameter:

- its parameter passing mechanism
- its identifier
- its data type

```
PROCEDURE CalculateJobCost( .....  
.....  
.....  
..... )
```

```
JobCost ← (Length * Width * 1.18) * 50
```

```
ENDPROCEDURE
```

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4 A programming language has the built-in function CONCAT defined as follows:

```
CONCAT(String1 : STRING, String2 : STRING [, String3 : STRING] ) RETURNS STRING
For example: CONCAT("San", "Francisco") returns "SanFrancisco"
              CONCAT("New", "York", "City") returns "NewYorkCity"
```

The use of the square brackets indicates that the parameter is optional.

(a) State the value returned by the following expressions.

If the expression is not properly formed, write ERROR.

(i) CONCAT("Studio", 54) [1]

(ii) CONCAT("parity", "error", "check") [1]

(iii) CONCAT(CONCAT("Binary", "▼", "Coded"), "▼", "Decimal")

▼ indicates a <Space> character

.....[2]

(b) A country has a number of banks. There are cash dispensers all over the country. Each bank is responsible for a number of dispensers.

- banks have a three digit code in the range 001 – 999
- each dispenser has a five digit code in the range 00001 – 99999

A text file, DISPENSERS, is to be created.

It has one line of text for each dispenser. For example: 00342▼007.

This line in the file is the data for dispenser 00342 which belongs to bank 007.

Incomplete pseudocode follows for the creation of the file DISPENSERS.

For the creation of the file, data is entered by the user at the keyboard.

(i) Complete the **pseudocode**.

```

OPENFILE ..... FOR WRITE
.....

OUTPUT "Enter dispenser code (XXXXX to end)"
INPUT DispenserCode
IF DispenserCode <> "XXXXX"
    THEN
        OUTPUT "Enter bank code"
        INPUT BankCode
        LineString ← CONCAT(....., "▼", BankCode)
        // now write the new line to the file
        .....
    ENDIF
UNTIL .....
.....

OUTPUT "DISPENSERS file now created" [6]

```

(ii) No attempt has been made to validate the data entered by the user.

Describe **two** different types of validation check for the data entry.

- 1 [2]
- 2 [2]

(iii) The programmer coded this algorithm above and the user successfully entered 15 dispenser records into the text file.

There is data for another 546 dispensers which needs to be added.

State the error that will occur if the user runs the program a second time for further data entry.

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(iv) Give the 'file mode' available in the programming language which will be used to address this issue.

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(c) The complete data file is created with the structure shown.

A new program is to be written to search the file.

The program will:

- input a bank code
- output a list of all the dispensers which belong to this bank
- output the total number of dispensers for this bank

An example of a run of the program is shown:

```

Enter bank code 007
00001
00011
00022
00026
00027

There are 5 dispensers for this bank
    
```

```

00001▼007
00002▼001
00003▼002
00004▼003
00005▼101
00006▼004
00007▼004

⋮

00024▼002
00025▼003
00026▼007
00027▼007
00028▼102

⋮

99867▼013
    
```


- 5 A firm employs workers who assemble amplifiers. Each member of staff works an agreed number of hours each day.

The firm records the number of completed amplifiers made by each employee each day.

Management monitor the performance of all its workers.

Production data was collected for 3 workers over 4 days.

Daily hours worked		Production data			
Worker 1	5	Worker 1	Worker 2	Worker 3	
Worker 2	10	Day 1	10	20	9
Worker 3	10	Day 2	11	16	11
		Day 3	10	24	13
		Day 4	14	20	17

A program is to be written to process the production data.

- (a) The production data is to be stored in a 2-dimensional array `ProductionData`, declared as follows:

```
DECLARE ProductionData ARRAY[1:4, 1:3] : INTEGER
```

- (i) Describe **two** features of an array.

1

.....

2

.....[2]

- (ii) Give the value of `ProductionData[3, 2]`.

.....[1]

- (iii) Describe the information produced by the expression:

```
ProductionData[2, 1] + ProductionData[2, 2] + ProductionData[2, 3]
```

.....

.....[2]

- (c) An experienced programmer suggests that the pseudocode would be best implemented as a procedure `AnalyseProductionData`.

Assume that both arrays, `DailyHoursWorked` and `ProductionData`, are available to the procedure from the main program and they are of the appropriate size.

```
PROCEDURE AnalyseProductionData(NumDays : INTEGER, NumWorkers : INTEGER)

  DECLARE .....
  DECLARE .....
  DECLARE .....
  DECLARE .....

  FOR WorkerNum ← 1 TO 3
    WorkerTotal[WorkerNum] ← 0
  ENDFOR

  FOR WorkerNum ← 1 TO 3
    FOR DayNum ← 1 TO 4
      WorkerTotal[WorkerNum] ← WorkerTotal[WorkerNum] +
                               ProductionData[DayNum, WorkerNum]
    ENDFOR
  ENDFOR

  FOR WorkerNum ← 1 TO 3
    WorkerAverage ← WorkerTotal[WorkerNum] /
                    (4 * DailyHoursWorked [WorkerNum])

    IF WorkerAverage < 2
      THEN
        OUTPUT "Investigate", WorkerNum
      ENDFOR
    ENDFOR

ENDPROCEDURE
```

- (i) Complete the declaration statements showing the local variables. [4]
- (ii) The original pseudocode has been ‘pasted’ under the procedure header.
 Circle all the places in the original pseudocode where changes will need to be made.
 Write the changes which need to be made next to each circle. [3]
- (iii) Write the statement for a procedure call which processes data for 7 days for 13 workers.
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