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Computer Science

PAPER 1: Principles of Computer Science

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*
- You are not allowed to use a calculator.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 Computational thinking

(a) Identify the term that means breaking a problem or solution down into smaller parts.

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☒ **A** Abstraction

☒ **B** Computation

☒ **C** Decomposition

☒ **D** Evaluation

(b) State **two benefits** of subprograms.

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(c) Here is an algorithm that uses colours.

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1  # ------------------------------------------------------
2  # Global variables
3  # ------------------------------------------------------
4  theColours = ["Green", "Blue", "Yellow", "Red", "Purple"]
5  colour = ""
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7  # ------------------------------------------------------
8  # Main program
9  # ------------------------------------------------------
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11 for item in theColours:
12     print (item)
13
14 colour = input ("Enter a colour: ")
15 while (colour != ""):
16     if (colour == "Green"):
17         print ("Green is my favourite colour")
18     else:
19         print (colour + " is a good colour")
20
21     colour = input ("Enter a colour: ")
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(i) Give the first line number of a condition-controlled loop.

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(ii) Give the first line number of iteration over every item in a data structure.

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(iii) Give the line numbers of a selection.

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(d) Programs can have syntax errors and runtime errors.

(i) Define the term 'syntax error'.

(1)

(ii) Runtime errors happen when a program is executing.

Explain a runtime error.

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(e) Algorithms use relational and arithmetic operators.

(i) Here is a relational operator used in a conditional test.

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count > index
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State the **two** different results of evaluating a conditional test.

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(ii) Identify the result of 5 // 2

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☒ **A** 0.5

☒ **B** 1

☒ **C** 2

☒ **D** 2.5

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(f) Programmers consider algorithm efficiency when they write code.

(i) Sorting and searching use algorithms.

Complete the table with the name of a search algorithm and a sort algorithm.

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Algorithm type	Characteristic	Algorithm name
Search	Is a divide and conquer algorithm	
Sort	Is **not** a divide and conquer algorithm	

(ii) Explain **one** effect the number of comparisons has on the execution time of a sorting algorithm.

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2 Data

(a) The ASCII system is used to represent letters and symbols.

(i) State the number of bits used to represent each letter or symbol in ASCII.

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(ii) The ASCII code 65 represents the letter A.

Give the letter represented by the ASCII code 68.

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(b) Sound waves are converted to binary using sample intervals.

Define the term 'sample interval'.

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(c) Give an expression to calculate the size of a bitmap image, not the size of the file that stores the image.

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(d) Computers manipulate binary patterns.

(i) Complete the table with the result of applying the shift to the binary pattern.

(2)

Binary pattern	Shift	8-bit binary result
1010 0011	Logical shift left by 3	
1100 1010	Arithmetic shift right by 2	

(ii) Identify the correct statement about overflow.

(1)

- ☒ **A** Causing the program to crash during an arithmetic operation
- ☒ **B** Requiring more bits to store a result than are available to store it
- ☒ **C** Switching between binary and hexadecimal number systems
- ☒ **D** Using an index less than 0 or greater than the length of an array

(iii) Convert the denary value +112 to 8-bit binary representation.

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(iv) Give the 8-bit binary two's complement representation of denary –73

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(e) The number of bits determines the number of patterns that can be represented.

(i) Identify the number of symbols available in the hexadecimal system.

(1)

- ☒ **A** 2
- ☒ **B** 8
- ☒ **C** 10
- ☒ **D** 16

(ii) The address bus of a computer is 8-bits wide.

State the number of unique addresses that can be accessed.

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(f) Construct an expression to convert 40 681 930 227 712 bytes to tebibytes.

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3 Networks

(a) Networks are described in many different ways.

(i) Give the type of network that covers a small geographical area.

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(ii) Name the characteristic of a wireless network that is measured in metres.

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(iii) Give **two disadvantages** of a bus network topology.

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(b) Describe penetration testing.

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(c) Network protocols control the rules of communication.

(i) Name a network protocol that transmissions from other electrical devices can interfere with and that can be blocked by walls.

(1)

(ii) Name the network protocol used to download a music file from a server.

(1)

(d) Describe how the link layer of the TCP/IP protocol stack works.

(2)

(e) Construct an expression to calculate the transmission rate, in megabits per second, required to transmit a 1.4 gibibyte file in 13 minutes.

You do not need to do the calculation.

(4)

(Total for Question 3 = 14 marks)

4 Computers

(a) A compiler translates source code to machine code. If the source code is edited, it must be recompiled.

Give **two other** characteristics of a compiler.

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(b) Describe how an operating system organises files and folders.

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(c) Explain **one** way an audit trail helps programmers create robust software.

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(d) Parking at an airport is controlled by computers.

No paper tickets are issued.

Here is an image of the control system at the exit.

The control system uses sensors, a camera and a database.

The barrier lifts if the parking fee has been paid.

Describe what the system does when the exit sensor is activated by a car driving towards it.

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(e) The components of a computer carry out the fetch-decode-execute cycle.

Complete the diagram with:

- the names of **two** buses
- a directional connection from the clock to the correct component.

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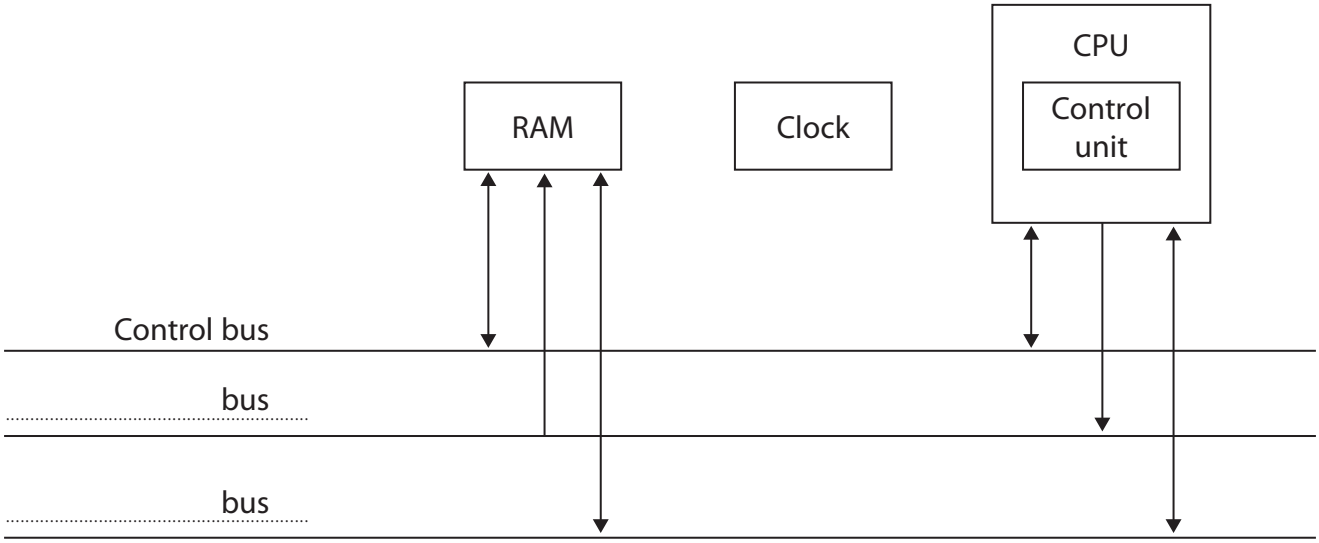

(f) A company is developing a new smartphone.

The smartphone has built-in devices, including a camera and a sound recorder.

The smartphone has applications, including one to edit pictures, one to translate speech to a text file and one for email.

Discuss the characteristics of high-level and low-level programming languages that make them suitable for developing software for the smartphone.

You should consider:

- the built-in devices
- the applications.

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5 Issues and impact

(a) A replacement cycle is the time between the purchase of a device and the purchase of its replacement.

Describe **one** impact the length of replacement cycles has on the environment.

(2)

(b) Intellectual property is protected by different methods.

Complete the table with the method of protection for **each** type of intellectual property.

(2)

Intellectual property	Method of protection
A hardware invention	
An advertising slogan	

(c) Robots use sensors to collect data about their surroundings in order to carry out actions independently.

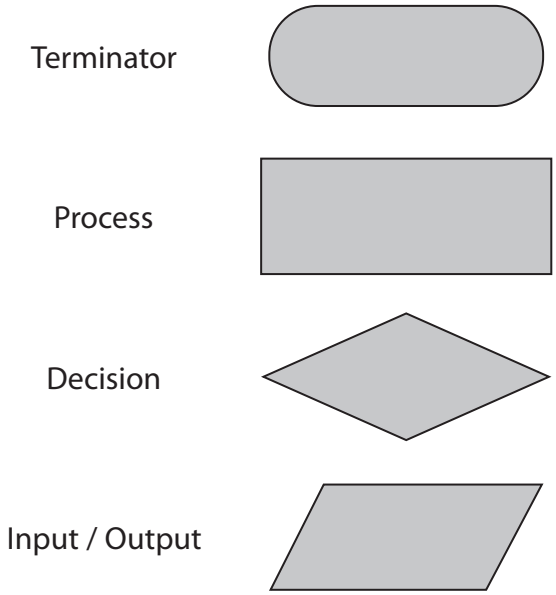
Explain **one** way that a modern car is a robot.

(2)

(d) Anti-malware protects systems from viruses.

Draw a flowchart in the box provided to show how anti-malware detects a virus in a file and what it does with the file.

Here are some flowchart symbols:



You may not need to use all the flowchart symbols.

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(Total for Question 5 = 12 marks)

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