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Paper 1 Programming
Mark scheme

## Specimen

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Mark schemes are prepared by the Lead Assessment Writer and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation events which all associates participate in and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation process ensures that the mark scheme covers the students' responses to questions and that every associate understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for standardisation each associate analyses a number of students' scripts. Alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed and legislated for. If, after the standardisation process, associates encounter unusual answers which have not been raised they are required to refer these to the Lead Examiner.

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## How to mark

## Aims

When you are marking your allocation of scripts your main aims should be to:

- recognise and identify the achievements of students
- where relevant, place students in the appropriate mark band and in the appropriate part of that mark band (high, low, middle) for each assessment objective
- record your judgements with brief notes, annotations and comments that are relevant to the mark scheme and make it clear to other associates how you have arrived at the numerical mark awarded for each assessment objective
- ensure comparability of assessment for all students, regardless of question or examiner.


## Approach

It is important to be open minded and positive when marking scripts.
The specification recognises the variety of experiences and knowledge that students will have. It encourages them to study computer science in a way that is relevant to them. The questions have been designed to give them opportunities to discuss what they have found out about computer science. It is important to assess the quality of what the student offers.

Do not mark scripts based on the answer you would have written. The mark schemes have been composed to assess quality of response and not to identify expected items of knowledge.

## Assessment Objectives

This component requires students to:
AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understand of the key concepts and principles of computer science.
AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of key concepts and principles of computer science.
AO3: Analyse problems in computational terms in order to develop and test programmed solutions and demonstrate an understanding of programming concepts.

The following annotation is used in the mark scheme.
; means a single mark
// means alternative response
/ means an alternative word or sub-phrase
A means acceptable creditworthy answer
R means reject answer as not creditworthy
NE means not enough
I means ignore
DPT in some questions a specific error made by a student, if repeated, could result in the student failing to achieve multiple marks. The DPT label indicates that this mistake should result in a student not achieving only one mark, on the first occasion that the error is made.

Provided that the answer remains understandable, subsequent marks should be awarded as if the error was not being repeated.

| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total <br> marks |
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| 01 | 1 | Item Code; <br> I. missing space, minor misspelling | 1 <br> AO3 $=1$ |


| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total <br> marks |  |
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| 01 | 2 | Total; <br> I. minor misspelling |  | 1 <br> AO3 $=1$ |


| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total <br> marks |
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| 01 | 3 | A loop // code is repeated; | 1 |
| AO3 $=1$ |  |  |  |


| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total <br> marks |
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| $\mathbf{0 2}$ | Problem definition; <br> Requirements specification // list of objectives; <br> Feedback about requirements specification from end user; <br> Data model / ER diagram; <br> Analysis data dictionary; <br> Interviews; <br> Questionnaires; <br> Observations; <br> Examination of documents; <br> Research existing solutions; <br> Acceptable limitations / constraints; <br> Max 2 | AO3=2 |  |



| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total <br> marks |
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| 03 | 2 | Converts a (binary) number to decimal / denary; | 1 |
| $\mathrm{AO} 3=1$ |  |  |  |


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|  | Mark against whichever method gives the highest mark. <br> Method 1 <br> 1. Check the queue is not already full; <br> 2. Compare the value of the (rear) pointer with the maximum size of <br> the array; <br> 3. If equal then (rear) pointer becomes zero; A. index of the first <br> position in the array instead of zero <br> 4. Otherwise, add one to the (rear) pointer; <br> 5. Insert new item in position indicated by (rear) pointer; <br> Method 2 <br> 1. Check the queue is not already full; | AO3=5 | $\mathbf{5}$ |


|  | 2. Compare the value of the (rear) pointer with the maximum size of <br> the array minus one; <br> 3. If equal then (rear) pointer becomes one; A. index of the first <br> position in the array instead of one <br> 4. Otherwise, add one to the (rear) pointer; <br> 5. Insert new item in position indicated by (rear) pointer; <br> Method 3 <br> 1. Check the queue is not already full; <br> 2. Add one to the (rear) pointer; <br> 3. Compare the value of the (rear) pointer with the maximum size of <br> the array; <br> 4. If equal then (rear) pointer becomes zero; A. index of the first <br> position in the array instead of zero <br> 5. Insert new item in position indicated by (rear) pointer; <br> Method 4 <br> 1. Check the queue is not already full; <br> 2. Add one to the (rear) pointer; <br> 3. Compare the value of the (rear) pointer with the maximum size of <br> the array plus one; <br> 4. If equal then (rear) pointer becomes one; A. index of the first <br> position in the array instead of one <br> 5. Insert new item in position indicated by (rear) pointer; <br> Method 5 <br> 1. Check the queue is not already full; <br> 2. Add one to the (rear) pointer; <br> 3. Use modulus/modulo operator/function with new value of (rear) <br> pointer; <br> 4. Use modulus/modulo operator/function with maximum size of <br> array; <br> 5. Insert new item in position indicated by (rear) pointer; <br> Max 4 if any errors |
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| $\mathbf{0 5}$ | 1 | 1. Suitable prompt asking user to enter the test score. <br> 2. User input assigned to appropriate variable. <br> 3. Use of selection structure. <br> 4. One of the four levels (distinction, merit, pass, fail) output under <br> the correct circumstances. | AO3 =8 |
| 5. All four of the levels output under the correct circumstances. |  |  |  |




| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total marks |
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| 05 | 2 | Evidence must match code from 05.1, including prompts matching those in code. Code for 05.1 must be sensible. <br> Test evidence shows: <br> - 84 input and Distinction output <br> - 60 input and Merit output <br> - 120 input and message output to say percentage invalid or user forced to re-input score. I. if message does not match question paper as long as it matches 05.1 <br> - Hippo input and message output to say not a number or user forced to re-input score. l. if message does not match question paper as long as it matches 05.1 <br> Exemplar Test Results <br> Enter percentage score: 84 <br> Distinction <br> >>> <br> == RESTART: testscore.py == <br> Enter percentage score: 60 <br> Merit <br> >>> <br> == RESTART: testscore.py == <br> Enter percentage score: 120 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3=1 \end{gathered}$ |


|  | Invalid percentage <br> Enter percentage score: Hippo <br> Not a number |  |
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| 06 | 1 | 1. Suitable prompts asking user to enter forename and surname of student and these values assigned to appropriate variables. I. order these are input in <br> 2. Use of a method such as character indexing or substring to isolate at least one character. <br> 3. First two letters of forename isolated. <br> 4. First and last letters of surname isolated. <br> 5. A random number is generated. <br> 6. Random number is in correct range. <br> 7. Program displays an identity code and stores it in the variable idcode. I. minor misspellings of idcode I. if the identity code is correct or not <br> 8. Program always either displays or stores a valid identity code for the entered forename and surname. <br> DPT. mixing up forename and surname <br> Max 7 if code contains any errors <br> Exemplar Solutions <br> Python <br> import random <br> forename = input("Enter forename: ") <br> surname = input("Enter surname: ") <br> idcode $=$ forename[0] + forename[1] + <br> surname[0] + surname[(len(surname) - 1)] <br> number $=$ random.randint $(100,999)$ <br> idcode $=$ idcode + str (number) <br> print(idcode) <br> C\# <br> Console.Write("Enter forename: "); <br> string forename = Console.ReadLine(); | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ \text { AO3 }=8 \end{gathered}$ |


|  | Console.Write("Enter surname: "); <br> string surname = Console.ReadLine(); <br> string idcode = forename.Substring(0, 2) + surname[0] + <br> surname[surname.Length - 1]; <br> Random stream = new Random(); <br> idcode += stream.Next(100, 1000).ToString(); <br> Console.WriteLine(idcode); <br> VB.Net <br> Console.Write("Enter forename: ") <br> Dim Forename As String = Console.ReadLine() <br> Console.Write("Enter surname: ") <br> Dim Surname As String = Console.ReadLine() <br> Dim IDCode As String = Forename.Substring(0, 2) + Surname(0) + <br> Surname(Surname.Length - 1) <br> Dim Stream As Random = New Random() <br> Dim Number As Integer = Stream.Next(100, 1000) <br> IDCode = IDCode + Number. ToString <br> Console.WriteLine(IDCode) |  |
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| 06 | 2 | Evidence must match code from 06.1, including prompts matching those in code. Code for 06.1 must be sensible. <br> Test evidence shows: <br> - DYLAN and WINSER input <br> - A seven-character identity code output that starts with DYWR and ends with a three-digit number. <br> Exemplar Test Results <br> Enter forename: DYLAN <br> Enter surname: WINSER <br> DYWR440 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3=1 \end{gathered}$ |


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| 07 | 1 | 1. Suitable data structure created to store English or Spanish <br> words. <br> 2. Suitable data structure(s) created to store both English and <br> Spanish words and correct values stored in them. I. minor <br> spelling errors |  |


| 07 | 1 | 3. Suitable prompt asking user to input an English word and this word assigned to an appropriate variable. <br> 4. Corresponding Spanish word found and displayed, if in list. <br> 5. Message displayed to indicate word not in list, if it is not. I. message does not match question paper. <br> The following mark points should only be awarded if the binary search method is used: <br> 6. Use of variables to indicate both start and end of region currently being searched. I. if incorrect values stored <br> 7. Start and end of region variables assigned correct initial values. <br> 8. Middle of region correctly calculated for odd and even length regions. <br> 9. Comparison made between value at calculated middle of list and English word entered. I. if middle incorrectly calculated <br> 10. Variable storing start of search region updated to value of middle +1 or middle if English word being searched for is after the middle of the region. I. if middle incorrectly calculated <br> 11. Variable storing end of search region updated to value of middle - 1 or middle if English word being searched for is before the middle of the region. I. if middle incorrectly calculated <br> Max 10 if code contains any errors <br> Exemplar Solutions <br> Python ```dictionary = [ ["apple", "manzana"], ["cat", "gato"], ["food", "alimento"], ["moon", "luna"], ["paint", "pintar"], ["school", "escuela"], ["water", "agua"]] searchword = input("English word: ") start = 0 end = len(dictionary) - 1 finished = False while finished == False: middle = (start + end) // 2 if dictionary[middle][0] == searchword: print("The Spanish word is", dictionary[middle][1]) finished = True``` | $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3=11 \end{gathered}$ |
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| 07 | 2 | Evidence must match code from 07.1, including prompts matching those in code. Code for 07.1 must be sensible. <br> Test evidence shows: <br> - moon input and luna output <br> - cat input and gato output <br> - paint input and pintar output <br> - ball input and message indicating word not known output. I. if message does not match question paper as long as it matches 07.1 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3=1 \end{gathered}$ |


|  | Exemplar Test Results <br> English word: moon <br> The spanish word is luna <br> $\ggg$ <br> $=$ RESTART: binarysearch.py <br> English word: cat <br> The spanish word is gato <br> $\ggg$ <br> $=$ RESTART: binarysearch.py <br> English word: paint <br> The spanish word is pintar <br> $\ggg$ <br> $=$ RESTART: binarysearch.py <br> English word: ball <br> Word not found |  |
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| 08 | 1 | 1. Suitable prompts asking user to enter the number of numbers in the list followed by user input being assigned to appropriate variable. R. if inside or after iterative structure <br> 2. Use of loop that repeats a number of times determined by the first number entered by the user. <br> 3. Correct number of numbers obtained from the user. <br> 4. Use of appropriate data structure(s) to store frequencies. <br> 5. Adds one to correct frequency count for first number input. <br> 6. Data structure stores correct frequencies of all numbers input. <br> 7. Selection structure, inside iterative structure, that correctly compares calculated frequency (I. incorrect frequency) of a number with the lowest frequency found so far. <br> 8. Use of loop and selection structure or function such as count to attempt to identify if there is more than one least-frequent number. <br> 9. Selection structure that either outputs a calculated number (I. incorrectly calculated) or a message saying "More than one least-frequent number ". A. any suitable message <br> 10. Program outputs the correct least-frequent number. I. if done when there is more than one least-frequent number <br> 11. Program outputs the correct least-frequent number count. I. if done when there is more than one least-frequent number | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3=12 \end{gathered}$ |



|  |  | ```} } if (multiple) { Console.WriteLine("More than one least-frequent number"); } else { Console.WriteLine("Least: " + leastPos); Console.WriteLine("Count: " + leastCount); } VB.Net Console.Write("How many items in list? ") Dim ListLen As Integer = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) Dim NumCount As New List(Of Integer)({0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}) For i = 1 To ListLen Console.Write("Type a number: ") Dim Num As Integer = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) NumCount(Num) += 1 Next Dim LeastCount = 10000 Dim LeastPos = -1 For i = 0 To 9 If NumCount(i) <= LeastCount And NumCount(i) > 0 Then LeastCount = NumCount(i) LeastPos = i End If Next If NumCount.IndexOf(LeastCount) = NumCount.LastIndexOf(LeastCount) Then Console.WriteLine("Least:" & LeastPos) Console.WriteLine("Count:" & LeastCount) Else Console.WriteLine("More than one least-frequent number") End If``` |  |
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| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total marks |
| 08 | 2 | Evidence must match code from 08.1, including prompts matching those in code. Code for 08.1 must be sensible. <br> Test evidence shows: <br> - the number 6 being entered followed by the numbers $5,3,4$, $5,4,5$ (I. order of these six numbers) and then a message displayed saying 3 is the least-frequent number with a count of 1 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3=1 \end{gathered}$ |



| Question | Part | Marking guidance | Total <br> marks |
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| $\mathbf{0 9}$ | 1 | For the menu and key: <br> 1. Menu displayed containing all four / five options. I. order or <br> options <br> 2. User input of option to execute and selection statement uses <br> user input to determine block of code to run. I. not all options <br> implemented | 3. Loop repeatedly displays menu and executes selected option <br> until exit option chosen by user, at which point program <br> terminates. <br> 4. Key value input and stored in a variable. <br> For one of encryption or decryption: <br> 5. Loop iterates through each character in plaintext or ciphertext. |




```
class Program
{
    static int InputKey()
    {
        Console.Write("Enter the key: ");
        int key = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
        return key;
        }
        static void EncryptMessage(int key)
        {
        Console.Write("Enter the message to encrypt: ");
        string plainText = Console.ReadLine();
        string cipherText = "";
        for (int pos = 0; pos < plainText.Length; pos++)
            {
                int letterCode = plainText[pos];
                letterCode += key;
                if (letterCode > 90) letterCode -= 26;
                            cipherText += (char)letterCode;
            }
            Console.WriteLine("The encrypted message is " +
cipherText);
        }
        static void DecryptMessage(int key)
        {
        Console.Write("Enter the message to decrypt: ");
        string cipherText = Console.ReadLine();
        string plainText = "";
        for (int pos = 0; pos < cipherText.Length; pos++)
            {
                int letterCode = cipherText[pos];
                letterCode -= key;
                if (letterCode < 65) letterCode += 26;
                plainText += (char)letterCode;
            }
        Console.WriteLine("The decrypted message is " +
plainText);
    }
    static void CrackMessage()
    {
        Console.Write("Enter the message to decrypt: ");
        string cipherText = Console.ReadLine();
        for (int key = 1; key < 26; key++)
            {
            string plainText = "";
            for (int pos = 0; pos < cipherText.Length; pos++)
            {
            int letterCode = cipherText[pos];
            letterCode -= key;
            if (letterCode < 65) letterCode += 26;
            plainText += (char)letterCode;
        }
        Console.WriteLine("Possible plaintext " + key + " " +
plainText);
    }
```

|  |  | ```} static void Main(string[] args) { int option; int key = 0; do { Console.WriteLine("1. Input key"); Console.WriteLine("2. Encrypt message"); Console.WriteLine("3. Decrypt message"); Console.WriteLine("4. Crack message"); Console.WriteLine("5. Exit"); Console.Write("Select option: "); option = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine()); if (option == 1) key = InputKey(); else if (option == 2) EncryptMessage(key); else if (option == 3) DecryptMessage(key); else if (option == 4) CrackMessage(); } while (option != 5); } }``` <br> VB.Net <br> Dim Alphabet As New List(Of Char)(\{"A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "O", "P", "Q", "R", "S", "T", "U", "V", "W", "X", "Y", "Z"\}) <br> Function InputKey() As Integer <br> Console.Write("Enter the key: ") <br> Dim Key As Integer = Convert. ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) <br> Return Key <br> End Function <br> Sub EncryptMessage(Key As Integer) <br> Console.Write("Enter the message to encrypt: ") <br> Dim PlainText As String = Console.ReadLine() <br> Dim CipherText As String = "" <br> For Pos = 0 To PlainText.Length - 1 <br> Dim Letter As Char = PlainText(Pos) <br> Dim LetterCode As Integer = Alphabet.IndexOf(Letter) <br> LetterCode += Key <br> If LetterCode >= 26 Then <br> LetterCode -= 26 <br> End If <br> CipherText += Alphabet(LetterCode) <br> Next <br> Console.WriteLine("The encrypted message is " \& CipherText) <br> End Sub <br> Sub DecryptMessage(Key As Integer) <br> Console.Write("Enter the message to decrypt: ") <br> Dim CipherText As String = Console.ReadLine() <br> Dim PlainText As String = "" <br> For Pos $=0$ To CipherText.Length - 1 <br> Dim Letter As Char $=$ CipherText(Pos) |  |
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| 09 | 2 | Evidence must match code from 09.1, including prompts matching those in code. Code for 09.1 must be sensible. <br> 1 mark: Test evidence shows: <br> - PLUM input and TPYQ output I. key not visible <br> - UDLUXJ input and OXFORD output I. key not visible <br> 1 mark: Test evidence shows: <br> - WIGJONYL input and all 25 possible plaintexts shown. <br> Exemplar Test Results <br> 1. Input key <br> 2. Encrypt message <br> 3. Decrypt message <br> 4. Crack message <br> 5. Exit <br> Select option: 1 <br> Enter the key: 4 <br> 1. Input key <br> 2. Encrypt message <br> 3. Decrypt message <br> 4. Crack message <br> 5. Exit <br> Select option: 2 <br> Enter the message to encrypt: PLUM <br> The encrypted message is TPYQ <br> 1. Input key <br> 2. Encrypt message <br> 3. Decrypt message <br> 4. Crack message <br> 5. Exit <br> Select option: 1 <br> Enter the key: 6 <br> 1. Input key <br> 2. Encrypt message <br> 3. Decrypt message <br> 4. Crack message <br> 5. Exit <br> Select option: 3 <br> Enter the message to decrypt: UDLUXJ <br> The decrypted message is OXFORD <br> 1. Input key <br> 2. Encrypt message <br> 3. Decrypt message <br> 4. Crack message | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3=2 \end{gathered}$ |


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