



COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARD LEVEL PAPER 1

Friday 16 May 2014 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all questions.
- Section B: answer all questions.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [70 marks].

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SECTION A

Answer all questions.

| 1. | Identify two features that need to be considered when planning a new computing system for an organization. | [2] |
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| 2. | Explain what is meant by beta testing. | [2] |
| 3. | Describe one advantage and one disadvantage of using observations to gather information when planning a new system. | [4] |
| 4. | Outline one usability issue associated with the design of mobile devices. | [2] |
| 5. | Distinguish between the use of two types of primary memory. | [2] |
| 6. | Outline, with an example, one benefit of using computer-aided design (CAD) applications. | [2] |
| 7. | Outline how a colour can be represented in a computer. | [2] |
| 8. | Identify two key features of a peer-to-peer (P2P) network. | [2] |
| 9. | Define the term <i>data packet</i> . | [2] |
| 10. | Explain why the speed of data transmission across a network can vary. | [3] |
| 11. | Explain why an object is an example of abstraction. | [2] |

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SECTION B

Answer all questions.

- **12.** Harry is *Tired* (T) depending on the following three variables:
 - Work (W)
 - Hunger (H)
 - *Sun* (S).

Harry is tired if:

- he works and he is hungry
- he works and it is not sunny
- he does not work and is not hungry.
- (a) Represent, as a single logical expression, the conditions that cause Harry to be tired. [3]
- (b) Construct the truth table to show when Harry is tired. [4]

A professor notices that students are generally very tired and decides to investigate the relationship of tiredness with *Work*, *Hunger* and *Sun*.

Consider the following truth table which shows the conditions for *Tired* based on *Work*, *Hunger* and *Sun*.

| W | Н | S | Т |
|---|-----|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
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The conditions for one of the students to be tired can be expressed in the following array, TIRED, where the index is equivalent to the combination of W, H and S in the truth table.

TIRED

| [0] | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

- (c) Identify a relationship between the value of S and the index of the array TIRED. [1]
- (d) Construct an algorithm, TEST, in pseudocode, to output the conditions W, H and S from the array TIRED for a student who is tired. [4]

A collection, STUDENT, is used to hold the name and the array TIRED for each student.

- (e) Outline the way in which your algorithm could be used to output the names of all those students who are tired due to *Work* and *Hunger*. [3]
- 13. An international organization has offices located across several countries. For some of its activities, for example human resource management, it has been decided to adopt a "Software-as-a-Service" (SaaS) solution in order to keep the running costs low.
 - (a) Describe the features of SaaS. [3]
 - (b) Discuss the limitations of SaaS in relation to security. [6]

Each office makes some data available to external customers through the use of an extranet and allows employees to work from home through a VPN.

- (c) Define the term *extranet*. [2]
- (d) Distinguish between a VPN and an extranet. [4]

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[6]

14. The faceplate of a car stereo has six buttons for selecting one of six preferred radio stations. As part of the internal representation of a microprocessor there is an array with six positions, carrying the information about the radio frequencies, as follows.

Radio

| [0] | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] |
|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 100.4 | 88.7 | 90.2 | 104.5 | 93.8 | 106.2 |

- (a) State the information at Radio [2].
- (b) Outline how a numerical frequency could be stored in a fixed-length string. [2]
- (c) Construct an algorithm, in pseudocode, that calculates the range of frequencies (*ie* the difference between the highest and lowest frequencies) of any set of six selected radio stations.

A display in the faceplate shows the name and frequency of the selected radio station. The name is automatically captured when storing a preference.

- (d) Outline how a collection of objects could be used to store the name and frequency data in the radio. [2]
- (e) Construct an algorithm, in pseudocode, to access and display the name and frequency of a station when a button is pressed. [4]

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