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COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Paper 2 Fundamental Problem-solving and Programming Skills

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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 **16** printed pages.

Question 1 begins on the next page.

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- 1 (a) The following table contains statements written in pseudocode.

Show the type of programming construct each statement represents.

Put a tick (✓) in the appropriate column for each statement.

Statement	Selection	Repetition (Iteration)	Assignment
Index ← Index + 5			
FOR Count ← 1 TO 100			
TempValue[Index] ← ReadValue(SensorID)			
IF Index < 30			
UNTIL DayNumber > 7			
OTHERWISE OUTPUT "ERROR"			

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- (b) (i) The following table contains statements written in pseudocode.

Give the most appropriate data type for the variable used in each statement.

Statement	Data type
Revision ← 'B'	
MaxValue ← 13.3	
ArrayFull ← TRUE	
Activity ← "Design"	
NumberOfEdits ← 270	

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- (ii) The following table contains statements written in pseudocode.

Complete the table by evaluating each expression using the values from **part (b)(i)**.
If any expression is invalid, write "ERROR" in the **Evaluates to** column.

For the built-in functions list, refer to the **Appendix** on page 16.

Expression	Evaluates to
MID(Activity, 3, 4) & "ature"	
INT(MaxValue * 2)	
ArrayFull AND NumberOfEdits < 300	
ASC(Revision + 1)	
Activity = "Testing" OR Revision = 'A'	

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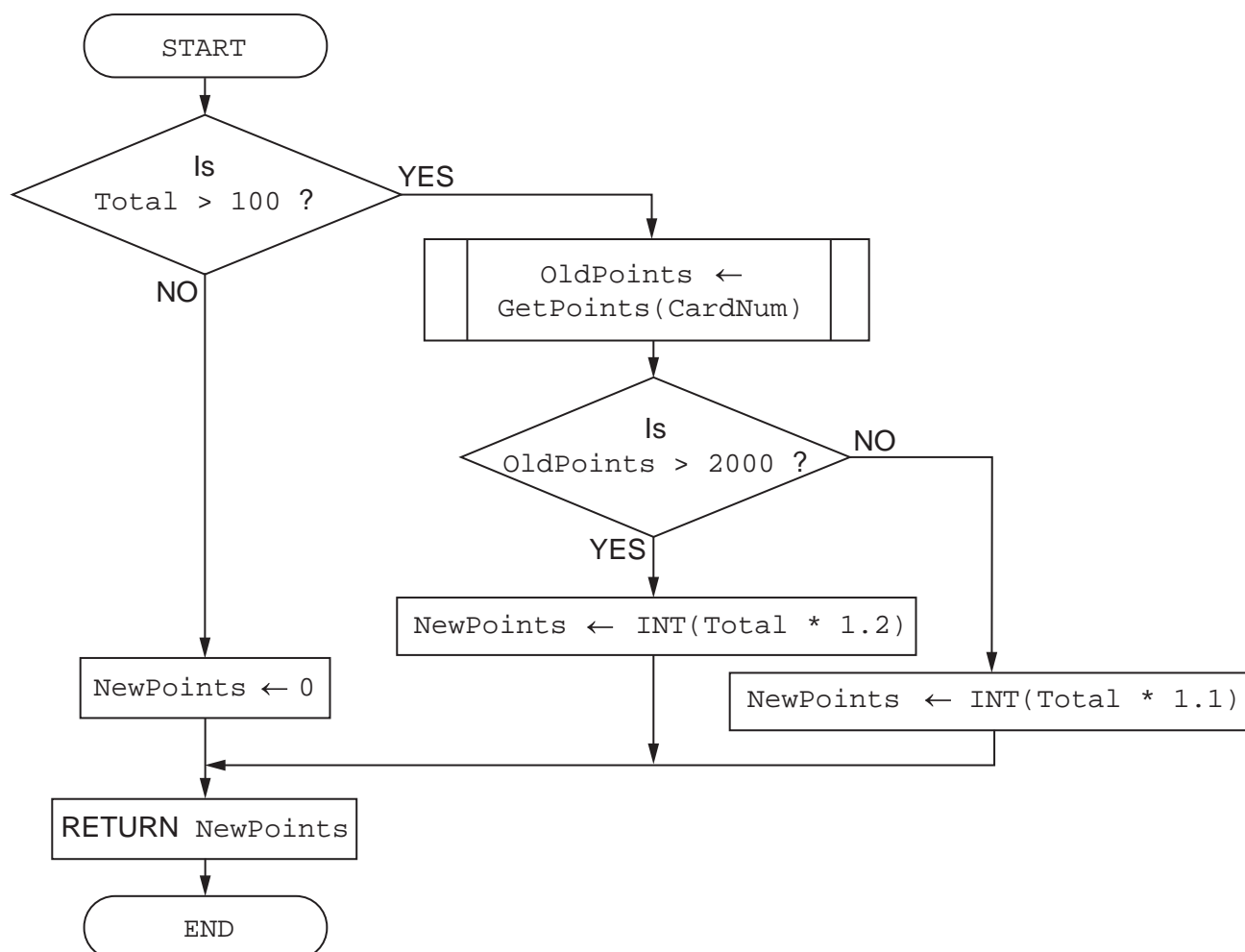
2 Shop customers have a discount card with a unique card number. Customers collect points each time they buy items. The number of points they collect depends on:

- the total amount they spend
- the number of points already collected.

The function `CalcPoints()` takes the card number and the total amount spent as parameters. It returns the number of new points collected. A flowchart for the function is shown.

The function uses the following variables and functions.

Identifier	Data type	Description
CardNum	STRING	A numeric string representing the unique card number
OldPoints	INTEGER	The number of points already collected
NewPoints	INTEGER	The number of new points collected
Total	REAL	The amount spent
GetPoints()	FUNCTION	Takes the card number as a parameter and returns the number of points already collected
INT()	FUNCTION	Refer to the Appendix on page 16



(a) (i) Write **pseudocode** for the CalcPoints() function.

Your solution should follow the flowchart as closely as possible.

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(b) The function `CalcPoints()` is written in a high-level language. It has been checked and it does not contain any syntax or logic errors.

(i) Name **and** describe **one** other type of error that the high-level language code could contain.

Name

Description

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(ii) The function `CalcPoints()` is tested using white-box testing.

State **two** different values of `Total` that could be used to test different paths through the algorithm. Justify your choices.

Value

Justification

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Value

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3 (a) Programming is sometimes referred to as a **transferable skill**.

You are asked to work on a program written in a language you are not familiar with.

Explain how **transferable skills** would help you work on the program.

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(b) Stepwise refinement is often used in the development of an algorithm.

Describe **stepwise refinement**.

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(c) A program needs to search through 1000 elements of an unsorted array to find a given value.

The program will output:

- either the position in the array of the value
- or the message "Not Found"

Outline the steps the program needs to follow.

Do **not** write pseudocode or program code.

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(c) (i) State how structured programming languages support the implementation of sub-tasks.
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(ii) State a benefit of using sub-tasks.
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(d) `ResultArray` is a 1D array of type `STRING`. It contains 100 elements.

Write **program code** to declare `ResultArray` and set all elements to the value "NO DATA".

Programming language

Program code

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Question 5 begins on the next page.

Appendix

Built-in functions (pseudocode)

Each function returns an error if the function call is not properly formed.

MID(ThisString : STRING, x : INTEGER, y : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING
returns a string of length y starting at position x from ThisString

Example: MID("ABCDEFGH", 2, 3) returns string "BCD"

LENGTH(ThisString : STRING) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the integer value representing the length of ThisString

Example: LENGTH("Happy Days") returns 10

LEFT(ThisString : STRING, x : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING
returns leftmost x characters from ThisString

Example: LEFT("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns string "ABC"

RIGHT(ThisString: STRING, x : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING
returns rightmost x characters from ThisString

Example: RIGHT("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns string "FGH"

NUM_TO_STRING(x : REAL) RETURNS STRING
returns a string representation of a numeric value.

Example: If x has the value 87.5 then NUM_TO_STRING(x) will return "87.5"

Note: This function will also work if x is of type integer.

INT(x : REAL) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the integer part of x

Example: INT(27.5415) returns 27

ASC(ThisChar : CHAR) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the ASCII value of character ThisChar

Example: ASC('A') returns 65

Operators (pseudocode)

Operator	Description
&	Concatenates (joins) two strings Example: "Summer" & " " & "Pudding" produces "Summer Pudding"
AND	Performs a logical AND on two Boolean values Example: TRUE AND FALSE produces FALSE
OR	Performs a logical OR on two Boolean values Example: TRUE OR FALSE produces TRUE