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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	1 mark per bullet point	2
	Declaring record/class with name node	
	declaring data and next node (both as Integers)	
	Example code:	
	Visual Basic	
	Structure node	
	Dim Data As Integer	
	Dim nextNode As Integer	
	End Structure	
	Python	
	class node:	
	<pre>definit(self, theData, nextNodeNumber):</pre>	
	self. Data = theData	
	self.nextNode = nextNodeNumber	
	Java	
	<pre>class node{</pre>	
	private Integer Data;	
	<pre>private Integer nextNode;</pre>	
	<pre>public node(Integer dataP, Integer nextNodeP){</pre>	
	this.Data = dataP;	
	this.nextNode = nextNodeP;	
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Question	Answer	Marks
1(b)	1 mark per bullet point	4
	Declaring array named linkedList with data type node	
	Assigning all nodes correctly as record/object nodes	
	with correct values stored	
	declaring startPointer as 0, emptyList as 5	
	Example code:	
	Visual Basic	
	Dim linkedList(9) As node	
	linkedList(0).data = 1	
	linkedList(0).nextNode = 1	
	<pre>linkedList(1).data = 5</pre>	
	linkedList(1).nextNode = 4	
	linkedList(2).data = 6	
	linkedList(2).nextNode = 7	
	linkedList(3).data = 7	
	<pre>linkedList(3).nextNode = -1 linkedList(4).data = 2</pre>	
	linkedList(4).data = 2 linkedList(4).nextNode = 2	
	linkedList(5).data = 0	
	linkedList(5).nextNode = 6	
	linkedList(6).data = 0	
	linkedList(6).nextNode = 8	
	linkedList(7).data = 56	
	linkedList(7).nextNode = 3	
	linkedList(8).data = 0	
	linkedList(8).nextNode = 9	
	linkedList(9).data = 0	
	linkedList(9).nextNode = -1	
	Dim startPointer As Integer = 0	
	Dim emptyList As Integer = 5	

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  1(b)
         Python
         linkedList = [node(1,1), node(5,4), node(6,7), node(7,-1), node(2,2), node(0,6),
                       node(0,8), node(56,3), node(0,9), node(0,-1)
         startPointer = 0
         emptyList = 5
         Java
         public static void main(String[] args){
              node[] linkedList = new node[10];
              linkedList[0] = new node(1,1);
              linkedList[1] = new node(5, 4);
              linkedList[2] = new node(6, 7);
              linkedList[3] = new node(7,-1);
              linkedList[4] = new node(2,2);
              linkedList[5] = new node(0,6);
              linkedList[6] = new node(0,8);
              linkedList[7] = new node(56, 3);
              linkedList[8] = new node(0,9);
              linkedList[9] = new node(0,-1);
               Integer startPointer = 0;
              Integer emptyList = 5;
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Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)(i)	 1 mark per bullet point Procedure outputNodes taking linked list and start pointer as parameters Looping until nextNode/pointer is -1 Outputting the node data in the correct order, i.e. following pointers Updating pointer to current node's nextNode Using the correct record/class field/properties throughout 	6
	Example code:	
	<pre>Visual Basic Sub outputNodes(ByRef linkedList, ByVal currentPointer) While (currentPointer <> -1) Console.WriteLine(linkedList(currentPointer).data) currentPointer = linkedList(currentPointer).nextNode End While End Sub</pre>	
	<pre>Python def outputNodes(linkedList, currentPointer): while(currentPointer != -1): print(str(linkedList[currentPointer].data)) currentPointer = linkedList[currentPointer].nextNode</pre>	
	<pre>Java public static void outputNodes(node[] linkedList, Integer currentPointer){ while(currentPointer != -1){ System.out.println(linkedList[currentPointer].data); currentPointer = linkedList[currentPointer].nextNode; } }</pre>	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)(ii)	Screenshot showing: 1 5 2 6 56 7	1
1(d)(i)	 1 mark per bullet point to max 7 Function taking list and both pointers as parameters Taking (integer) data as input Checking if list is full and returning False Insert the input data to the empty list node's data Following pointers to find last node in Linked List and updating last node's pointer to empty list/location where new node is added Updating empty list to it's first elements pointer Returning true when added successfully Example code: 	7
	<pre>Visual Basic Function addNode(ByRef linkedList() As node, ByVal currentPointer As Integer, ByRef emptyList As Integer)</pre>	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)(i)	<pre>linkedList(emptyList) = newNode previousPointer = 0 While (currentPointer <> -1)</pre>	
	Return True End If End Function	
	<pre>Python def addNode(linkedList, currentPointer, emptyList): dataToAdd = input("Enter the data to add")</pre>	
	<pre>if emptyList <0 or emptyList > 9: return False else: newNode = node(int(dataToAdd), -1) linkedList[emptyList] = (newNode)</pre>	
	<pre>previousPointer = 0 while(currentPointer != -1): previousPointer = currentPointer currentPointer = linkedList[currentPointer].nextNode linkedList[previousPointer].nextNode = emptyList emptyList = linkedList[emptyList].nextNode</pre>	
	return True	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)(i)	<pre>Java public static Boolean addNode(node[] linkedList, Integer currentPointer,</pre>	
	}	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)(ii)	 1 mark per bullet point Call addNode() with list, start and empty pointers and store/check return value output appropriate message if True returned and if False returned Calling outputNodes() with list and start pointer before and after addNode() 	3
	Example code:	
	<pre>Visual Basic Sub Main() Dim linkedList(10) As node linkedList(0).data = 1 linkedList(1).data = 5 linkedList(1).nextNode = 4 linkedList(1).nextNode = 4 linkedList(2).data = 6 linkedList(3).data = 7 linkedList(3).data = 7 linkedList(3).nextNode = -1 linkedList(4).data = 2 linkedList(4).data = 2 linkedList(5).data = -1 linkedList(5).data = -1 linkedList(6).data = -1 linkedList(6).data = -1 linkedList(7).data = 56 linkedList(7).nextNode = 3 linkedList(7).nextNode = 3 linkedList(8).data = -1 linkedList(8).data = -1 linkedList(9).data = -1 linkedList(9).data = -1 linkedList(9).tata = -1 linkedList(8).tata = -1 linkedList(8)</pre>	

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1(d)(ii)
           If returnValue = True Then
              Console.WriteLine("Item successfully added")
           Else
              Console.WriteLine("Item not added, list full")
           End If
           outputNodes(linkedList, startPointer)
           Console.ReadLine()
         End Sub
         Python
         linkedList = [node(1,1), node(5,4), node(6,7), node(7,-1), node(2,2), node(-1,6),
                       node(-1,7), node(56,3), node(-1,9), node(-1,-1)]
         startPointer = 0
         emptvList = 5
         outputNodes(linkedList, startPointer)
         returnValue = addNode(linkedList, startPointer, emptyList)
         if returnValue == True:
             print("Item successfully added")
         else:
             print("Item not added, list full")
         outputNodes(linkedList, startPointer)
         Java
         public static void main(String[] args){
              node[] linkedList = new node[10];
              linkedList[0] = new node(1,1);
              linkedList[1] = new node(5, 4);
              linkedList[2] = new node(6, 7);
              linkedList[3] = new node(7,-1);
              linkedList[4] = new node(2,2);
              linkedList[5] = new node(-1,6);
              linkedList[6] = new node(-1,7);
              linkedList[7] = new node(56, 3);
              linkedList[8] = new node(-1,9);
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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)(ii)	<pre>linkedList[9] = new node(-1,-1); Integer startPointer = 0; Integer emptyList = 5; outputNodes(linkedList, startPointer); Boolean returnValue; returnValue = addNode(linkedList, startPointer, emptyList); if (returnValue == true){ System.out.println("Item successfully added"); }else{ System.out.println("Item not added, list full"); } outputNodes(linkedList, startPointer); }</pre>	
1(d)(iii)	1 mark for screenshot showing: Linked list output 5 input Message saying Successfully added or equivalent Linked list output with 5 at the end. Example: 1 5 2 6 56 7 5 (being input) 1 5 2 6 56 7 5 (being input) 1 5 2 6 56 7 5 (being input)	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	1 mark per bullet point	2
	Array with identifier arrayData	
	correct 10 data items added	
	Example code:	
	Visual Basic	
	Dim arrayData(9) As Integer	
	Sub Main()	
	arrayData(0) = 10	
	<pre>arrayData(1) = 5 arrayData(2) = 6</pre>	
	arrayData(2) = 0 $arrayData(3) = 7$	
	arrayData(4) = 1	
	arrayData(5) = 12	
	arrayData(6) = 13	
	arrayData(7) = 15	
	arrayData(8) = 21	
	arrayData(9) = 8	
	End Sub	
	Python	
	arrayData = [10, 5, 6, 7, 1, 12, 13, 15, 21, 8]	
	Java	
	<pre>int[] arrayData = new int[];</pre>	
	<pre>public static void main(String[] args){</pre>	
	arrayData[0] = 10;	
	arrayData[1] = 5;	
	<pre>arrayData[2] = 6; arrayData[3] = 7;</pre>	
	arrayData[3] = 7; $arrayData[4] = 1;$	
	arrayData[5] = 12;	
	arrayData[6] = 13;	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	<pre>arrayData[7] = 15; arrayData[8] = 21; arrayData[9] = 8; }</pre>	
2(b)(i)	 1 mark per bullet point function linearSearch with correct identifier taking integer search value as a parameter Searching 10 times/through all array elements comparing each element to search value returning True if found returning False if not found 	6
	Example code:	
	<pre>Visual Basic Function linearSearch(ByRef searchValue As Integer) For x = 0 To 9 If arrayData(x) = searchValue Then Return True End If Next Return False</pre>	

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End Function

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(i)	<pre>Python def linearSearch(searchValue): for x in range(0, 10): if arrayData[x] == searchValue: return True return False</pre>	
	<pre>Java public static Boolean linearSearch(Integer searchValue){ for (int x = 0; x < 10; x++){ if(arrayData[x] == searchValue){ return true; } } return false; }</pre>	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(ii)	1 mark per bullet point to max 4	4
	Taking value as input	
	checking/casting to Integer	
	Calling linearSearch and sending input as parameter	
	Storing and checking return value	
	outputting appropriate message if found and if not found	
	Example code:	
	Visual Basic	
	Dim arrayData(10) As Integer	
	Sub Main()	
	arrayData(0) = 10	
	arrayData(1) = 5	
	arrayData(2) = 6	
	<pre>arrayData(3) = 7</pre>	
	<pre>arrayData(4) = 1</pre>	
	arrayData(5) = 12	
	arrayData(6) = 13	
	arrayData(7) = 15	
	arrayData(8) = 12	
	<pre>arrayData(9) = 8 Console.WriteLine("Enter a number to search for")</pre>	
	Dim searchValue As Integer = Console.ReadLine()	
	Dim returnValue As Boolean = linearSearch(searchValue)	
	If returnValue = True Then	
	Console.WriteLine("Found it")	
	Else	
	Console.WriteLine("Didn't find it")	
	End If	
	End Sub	

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 2(b)(ii)
         Python
         arrayData = [10, 5, 6, 7, 1, 12, 13, 15, 21, 8]
         searchValue = int(input("Enter the number to search for"))
         returnValue = linearSearch(searchValue)
         if returnValue == True:
             print("It was found")
         else:
             print("It was not found")
         Java
         Integer[] arrayData = new Integer[10];
         public static void main(String[] args){
              arrayData[0] = 10;
              arrayData[1] = 5;
              arrayData[2] = 6;
              arrayData[3] = 7;
              arrayData[4] = 1;
              arrayData[5] = 12;
              arrayData[6] = 13;
              arrayData[7] = 15;
              arrayData[8] = 12;
              arrayData[9] = 8;
              System.out.println("Enter the number to search for");
              Integer searchValue;
              Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
              searchValue = in.nextInt();
              Boolean returnValue;
              returnValue = linearSearch(searchValue);
              if (returnValue == true){
                    System.out.println("It was found");
               }else{
                    System.out.println("It was not found");
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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(iii)	mark for screenshot showing input and output for number found mark for screenshot showing input and output for number not found	2
2(c)	 1 mark per bullet point Correct outer loop stop Correct inner loop stop Correct < in the IF Correct theArray(y + 1) Correct temp Remainder matching pseudocode Example code: 	6
	<pre>Visual Basic Sub bubbleSort() Dim temp As Integer = 0 For x = 0 To 9 For y = 0 To 8 If theArray(y) < theArray(y + 1) Then temp = theArray(y) theArray(y) = theArray(y + 1) theArray(y + 1) = temp End If Next</pre>	

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Next End Sub

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2(c)	Python	
	<pre>def bubbleSort():</pre>	
	for x in range $(0, 10)$:	
	for y in range(0, 9):	
	<pre>if theArray[y] < theArray[y + 1]:</pre>	
	<pre>temp = theArray[y]</pre>	
	theArray[y] = theArray[y + 1]	
	theArray[y + 1] = temp	
	Java	
	<pre>public static void bubbleSort(){</pre>	
	int temp;	
	for (int $x = 0$; $x < 10$; $x++$) {	
	for (int $y = 0$; $y < 9$; $y++$) {	
	<pre>if(theArray[y] < theArray[y+1]){</pre>	
	<pre>temp = theArray[y];</pre>	
	<pre>theArray[y] = theArray[y+1];</pre>	
	theArray[y+1] = temp;	
	}	
	}	
	}	

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	1 mark per bullet point	5
	Class named treasureChest and end	
	Question declared as string as a class attribute	
	Answer declared as integer as a class attribute	
	Points declared as integer as a class attribute	
	All 3 attributes are private	
	Example code:	
	Visual Basic	
	Class treasureChest	
	Private question As String	
	Private answer As Integer Private points As Integer	
	Sub New(questionP, answerP, pointsP)	
	question = questionP	
	answer = answerP	
	points = pointsP End Sub	
	End Class	
	Python	
	class treasureChest:	
	#Private question : String	
	#Private answer : Integer #Private points : Integer	
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	<pre>definit(self, questionP, answerP, pointsP):</pre>	
	selfquestion = questionP	
	<pre>selfanswer = answerP selfpoints = points</pre>	
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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	Java import java.util.Scanner;	
	<pre>class treasureChest{ private String question; private Integer answer; private Integer points;</pre>	
	<pre>public treasureChest(String questionP, Integer answerP, Integer pointsP){ question = questionP; answer = answerP; points = pointsP; } }</pre>	
3(b)	1 mark per bullet point to max 8 • procedure declared as readData • declare array arrayTreasure with 4 elements type treasureChest • opening correct file for read • looping until EOF/5 questions •reading in and storing each group of 3 lines appropriately • creating object of type treasureChest •with question, answer and points from file as parameters •adding to next array element/appending • repeatedly for all 5 questions in correct order • Use of appropriate exception handler •appropriate output if file not found • Closing correct file	8

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  3(b)
         Example code:
         Visual Basic
         Sub readData()
           Dim arrayTreasure(4) as treasureChest
           Dim filename As String = "treasureChestData.txt"
           Try
             Dim fileReader As New System.IO.StreamReader(filename)
             Dim question As String
             Dim answer, points As Integer
             Dim numberQuestions as Integer = 0
             While fileReader.Peek <> -1
               question = fileReader.ReadLine()
               answer = fileReader.ReadLine()
               points = fileReader.ReadLine()
                arrayTreasure(numberQuestions) = New treasureChest(question, answer, points)
               numberQuestions += 1
             End While
             fileReader.Close()
           Catch ex As Exception
             Console.WriteLine("Invalid file")
           End Try
         End Sub
         Python
         # arrayTreasure(5) as treasureChest
         def readData():
             filename = "treasureChestData.txt"
             try:
                 file= open(filename, "r")
                 dataFetched = (file.readline()).strip()
                 while(dataFetched != "" ):
                     question = dataFetched
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answer = (file.readline()).strip()

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                     points = (file.readline()).strip()
                     arrayTreasure.append(treasureChest(question, answer, points))
                     dataFetched = (file.readline()).strip()
                 file.close()
             except IOError:
                 print("Could not find file")
         Java
         public static void readData(){
                treasureChest[] arrayTreasure = new treasureChest[5]:
              String filename = "treasureChestData.txt";
              String dataRead;
              String question;
              String answer;
              String points;
                Integer numberQuestions = 0;
              try{
                    FileReader f = new FileReader(filename);
                    BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(f);
                    dataRead = reader.readLine();
                    while (dataRead != null){
                          question = dataRead;
                          answer = reader.readLine();
                          points = reader.readLine();
                          arrayTreasure[numberQuestions] = new treasureChest(question,
                                             Integer.parseInt(answer), Integer.parseInt(points));
                          numberOuestions++;
                          dataRead = reader.readLine();
                    reader.close();
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Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	<pre>catch(FileNotFoundException ex){</pre>	
3(c)(i)	1 mark for getQuestion returning the value of question Example code: Visual Basic Function getQuestion() Return question End Function Python	1
	<pre>def getQuestion(self): return selfquestion Java public String getQuestion(){ return question; }</pre>	

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3(c)(ii)	1 mark per bullet point	3
	Function checkAnswer taking in the parameter, returning Boolean	
	Comparing parameter to that object's answer	
	returning True if correct and False otherwise	
	Example code:	
	Visual Basic	
	Function checkAnswer(answerP)	
	If answer = answerP Then	
	Return True	
	Else	
	Return False	
	End If End Function	
	End Function	
	Python	
	<pre>def checkAnswer(self, answerP):</pre>	
	<pre>if int(selfanswer) == answerP:</pre>	
	return True	
	else:	
	return False	
	Java	
	<pre>public Boolean checkAnswer(Integer answerP){</pre>	
	<pre>if (answer == answerP){</pre>	
	return true;	
	}else{	
	return false;	
	}	

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)(iii)	 1 mark per bullet point Function getPoints taking attempts as parameter and returning integer If attempts is 1 returning points If attempts is 2 returns points DIV 2 If attempts is 3 or 4 returns points DIV 4 otherwise returns 0 	
	Example code:	
	<pre>Visual Basic Function getPoints(attempts) If attempts = 1 Then Return points ElseIf attempts = 2 Then Return points \ 2 ElseIf attempts = 3 Or attempts = 4 Then Return points \ 4 Else Return 0 End If End Function</pre>	
	<pre>Python def getPoints(self, attempts): if attempts == 1: return int(selfpoints) elif attempts == 2: return int(selfpoints) // 2 elif attempts == 3 or attempts == 4: return int(selfpoints) // 4 else: return 0</pre>	

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)(iii)	<pre>Java public Integer getPoints(Integer attempts){ if (attempts == 1){ return points; }else if(attempts == 2){ return Math.round(points/2); }else if(attempts == 3 attempts == 4){ return Math.round(points/4); }else{ return 0; } }</pre>	
3(c)(iv)	 1 mark per bullet point to max 7 Call the procedure readData() Take the question number as input from user validated between 1 and 5 Output the question stored at user's input value Read answer from user Check the answer input against question's answer looping until the answer is correct Keeping track of the number of attempts using a variable Using getPoints() and sending the number of attempts as a parameter outputting the number of points returned Using .getQuestion and .checkAnswer to access question number input by user and answer input by used 	7

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3(c)(iv)
         Example code:
         Visual Basic
         Sub Main()
           readData()
           Console.WriteLine("Pick a treasure chest to open")
           Dim choice As Integer = Console.ReadLine()
           Dim result As Boolean
           Dim answer As Integer
           Dim attempts As Integer = 0
           If choice > 0 And choice < 6 Then
             result = False
             attempts = 0
             While result = False
               Console.WriteLine(arrayTreasure(choice - 1).getQuestion())
               answer = Console.ReadLine
               result = arrayTreasure(choice - 1).checkAnswer(answer)
               attempts = attempts + 1
             End While
             Console.WriteLine(arrayTreasure(choice - 1).getPoints(attempts))
           End If
         End Sub
         Pvthon
         readData()
         choice = int(input("Pick a treasure chest to open"))
         if choice > 0 and choice < 6:
             result = False
             attempts = 0
             while result == False:
               answer = int(input(arrayTreasure[choice-1].getQuestion()))
                result = arrayTreasure[choice-1].checkAnswer(answer)
                attempts = attempts + 1
              print(int(arrayTreasure[choice-1].getPoints(attempts)))
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Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)(iv)	<pre>Java public static void main(String[] args){ readData(); Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in); System.out.println("Pick a treasure chest to open"); Integer answer; Integer choice; choice= Integer.parseInt(scanner.nextLine()); Integer attempts; if (choice> 0 && choice < 6){ Boolean result = false; attempts = 0; while (result == false){ System.out.println(arrayTreasure[choice-1].getQuestion()); answer = Integer.parseInt(scanner.nextLine()); result = arrayTreasure[choice-1].checkAnswer(answer); attempts++; } System.out.println(arrayTreasure[choice-1].getPoints(attempts)); }</pre>	
3(c)(v)	1 mark per screenshot Screenshot: outputting 2*2 entering 4 outputting 10 Screenshot: outputting 3000+4000 entering an incorrect value entering 7000 outputting 9	2

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