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Friday 24 May 2019 – Morning

AS Level Computer Science

H046/02 Algorithms and problem solving

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **70**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **16** pages.



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1 Janet is designing a piece of software for a furniture company.

The software will allow a user to plan the position of furniture in a room. Users will be able to set the size and shape of a room, and then choose furniture from a library of furniture items. These pieces of furniture will have set sizes and designs and the user will be able to view the room in 3D to see how it looks from a variety of angles.

(a) Janet is using computational thinking techniques during the design process.

(i) Janet is removing some aspects during the design of the software to simplify it and to make it easier to produce.

State the name of the computational thinking technique that Janet is using.

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(ii) The computational thinking technique in **part (a)(i)** makes it easier to produce the software.

Identify **one** additional reason why this technique is necessary.

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(iii) Explain, with examples, **two** ways in which Janet will apply the computational thinking technique in **part (a)(i)** to this project.

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(b) Janet is planning the inputs and outputs for the software.

(i) Identify **two** inputs that the software will need to take.

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(ii) Identify **two** outputs that the software will need to produce.

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(c) Janet is going to decompose the problem to produce a set of subprograms.

Explain the benefits of using subprograms to produce this software.

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(d) The program allows the user to enter dimensions of the room and the furniture. There are preconditions that must be met before the software will draw the room and furniture.

Suggest **two** preconditions that must be met before the software will run.

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2 A procedure is shown in the following pseudocode.

The arrays that are passed to the procedure store integer values.

length returns the total number of elements the array can hold.

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01 procedure calculateOnce(data[]:byRef, nextData[]:byRef)
02     if data.length > nextData.length then
03         loopCount = nextData.length - 1
04     else
05         loopCount = Data.length - 1
06     endif
07     count = 0
08     while count <= loopCount
09         data[count] = data[count] + nextData[count]
10         count = count + 1
11     endwhile
12 endprocedure

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(a) A decision is made on line 02.

(i) Identify the line where the second decision is made.

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(ii) Explain the purpose of the code in lines 02 to 06.

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(b) The procedure has parameters passed by reference.

(i) Give the identifiers of the **two** parameters.

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3 The current contents of a queue, `colours`, implemented in an array is shown in Fig. 3.1.

red	yellow	green	blue	grey			
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`front = 0`

`end = 4`

Fig. 3.1

(a) Describe the purpose of `front` and `end`.

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(b) The queue has the subprograms `enqueue` and `dequeue`. The subprogram `enqueue` is used to add items to the queue and the subprogram `dequeue` removes items from the queue.

(i) Use the following diagram to show the queue shown in Fig. 3.1 after the following program statements have run:

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enqueue ( "orange" )
dequeue ( )
enqueue ( "maroon" )
dequeue ( )
dequeue ( )
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`front =`

`end =`

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(ii) `enqueue` and `dequeue` are both functions.

State the difference between a procedure and a function.

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(iii) Describe the steps involved in the enqueue algorithm.

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