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It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of students' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

No student should be disadvantaged on the basis of their gender identity and/or how they refer to the gender identity of others in their exam responses.

A consistent use of 'they/them' as a singular and pronouns beyond 'she/her' or 'he/him' will be credited in exam responses in line with existing mark scheme criteria.

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The following annotation is used in the mark scheme:

- ; means a single mark
- // means alternative response
- means an alternative word or sub-phrase
- means acceptable creditworthy answer. Also used to denote a valid answer that goes beyond the expectations of the GCSE syllabus.
- **R** means reject answer as not creditworthy
- **NE** means not enough
- means ignore
- DPT in some questions a specific error made by a candidate, if repeated, could result in the candidate failing to gain more than one mark. The DPT label indicates that this mistake should only result in a candidate losing 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.

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Note to Examiners

In the real-world minor syntax errors are often identified and flagged by the development environment. To reflect this, all responses in a high-level programming language will assess a candidate's ability to create an answer using precise programming commands/instructions but will avoid penalising them for minor errors in syntax.

When marking program code, examiners must take account of the different rules between the languages and only consider how the syntax affects the logic flow of the program. If the syntax is not perfect but the logic flow is unaffected then the response should not be penalised.

The case of all program code written by students is to be ignored for the purposes of marking. This is because it is not always clear which case has been used depending on the style and quality of handwriting used.

Examiners must ensure they follow the mark scheme instructions exactly. If an examiner is unsure as to whether a given response is worthy of the marks they must escalate the question to their team leader.

Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity, you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level, you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
01	1	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		<pre>D value ← LEN(film);</pre>	
		R. If more than one lozenge shaded	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
01	2	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		POSITION(film, letter);	
		I. Case	
		R. Quotes	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
01	3	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		C integer;	
		R. If more than one lozenge shaded	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
01	4	Mark is for AO1 (understanding)	1
		When a value is given to a variable;	
		//	
		When a variable is assigned a value;	

Question	Part	Marking guidance		Total marks
01	5	2 marks for AO3 (program)		2
		Program Logic		
		Mark A for using user input and storing the result in a varia	ble;	
		Mark B for displaying You entered followed by the name entered by the user in the appropriate place;	of the film	
		 I. Case I. Indentation I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it in 		
		Maximum 1 mark if any errors in code.		
		Note to examiners In C#/VB.NET examples, explicit variable declarations are refer to the specific language type issues section of the ap Marking guidance document. Any correct variable declaration student answers should be accepted.	propriate	
		C# Example 1 (fully correct)		
		<pre>film = Console.ReadLine();</pre>	(A)	
		Console.WriteLine("You entered " + film);	(B)	
		A. Write in place of WriteLine		
		C# Example 2 (fully correct)		
		<pre>film = Console.ReadLine();</pre>	(A)	
		Console.Write("You entered ");	(Part B)	
		Console.WriteLine(film);	(Part B)	
		Python Example 1 (fully correct)		
		<pre>film = input()</pre>	(A)	
		<pre>print("You entered", film)</pre>	(B)	
		Python Example 2 (fully correct)		
		<pre>film = input()</pre>	(A)	
		print("You entered " + film)	(B)	

Python Example 3 (fully correct)	
<pre>film = input() print(f"You entered {film}")</pre>	(A) (B)
VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)	
<pre>film = Console.ReadLine() Console.WriteLine("You entered " & film)</pre>	(A) (B)
A. Write in place of WriteLine	
VB.NET Example 2 (fully correct)	
<pre>film = Console.ReadLine() Console.WriteLine("You entered " + film)</pre>	(A) (B)
A. Write in place of WriteLine	
VB.NET Example 3 (fully correct)	
film = Console.ReadLine()	(A)
Console.Write("You entered ")	(Part B)
Console.WriteLine(film)	(Part B)
A. Write in place of WriteLine	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
02	1	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		B Line number 2;	
		R. If more than one lozenge shaded	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
02	2	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		A Almost;	
		R. If more than one lozenge shaded	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
02	3	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		C 20;	
		R. If more than one lozenge shaded	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
02	4	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		1 mark for either of the following:	
		IF num ≤ 1 OR num > 20 THEN	
		//	
		IF num < 2 OR num > 20 THEN	
		Case A. answers that use an alternative style of pseudo-code	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
02	5	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		16 / 17 / 18 / 19;	
		R. If more than one value given and one of the values is not correct.A. If more than one value given and all are correct.	

Question	Part	Marking guidance		Total marks				
03	1	2 marks for AO3 (refine)		2				
		Mark A for using the correct variable name and assign value to it;	Mark A for using the correct variable name and assigning a numeric value to it;					
		Mark B for using correct code to generate a random n	umber;					
		Maximum 1 mark if any errors in code.						
		 I. Case I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect 						
		<pre>C# randomNumber = rGen.Next(1, 101)</pre>						
		<pre>Python randomNumber = random.randrange(1, 101)</pre>	,					
		<pre>VB.NET randomNumber = rGen.Next(1, 101)</pre>						

Question	Part		Marking guidance					
03	2	2 marks for A	O2 (apply)			2		
		Test number	Test type	Test data	Expected result			
		1	Erroneous	150	Invalid number			
		2	Boundary	0/1/100/101	Invalid number / Valid number entered			
		3	Normal	Anything between 1 and 100 inclusive	Valid number entered			
		1 mark for cor if 0 or 101 give Invalid nu	rect Boundary en as Boundar umber, if 1 or	Test data and y test data then	ult and Normal Test data; Boundary Expected result - n expected result must be oundary test data then entered;			

Question	Part		Marking guidance						
03	3	2 marks for AO2	2 (apply)	2					
		Error type	Description						
		Syntax error	whil/while is spelt incorrectly;						
		Logic error	>=100 should be >100;						
			ers that just include the incorrect / corrected code sponse is given for both errors						

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
04	1	Mark is for AO1 (recall)	1
		Removing unnecessary detail/information/data from the problem/task; R. references to code/programs	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
04	2	Mark is for AO1 (recall)	1
		Decomposition;	
		I. minor spelling errors	

Question	Part		Marking guidance							
05		3 marks for AO2 (apply	/)		3					
		Input value for numberOfGuests	Input value for numberOfRooms	Output						
		50	30	3200;						
		20	10	1125;						
		500	5	1500;						
		DPT. Quotes around out	•							

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
06		2 marks for AO3 (design), 5 marks for AO3 (program)	7
		Program Design Note that AO3 (design) marks are for selecting appropriate techniques to use to solve the problem, so should be credited whether the syntax of programming language statements is correct or not and regardless of whether the solution works.	
		Mark A for using meaningful variable names throughout;	
		Mark B for the use of a selection structure to check the total mark is less than zero or equivalent;	
		Program Logic	
		Mark C for using user input and storing the result in a numeric variable for the number of late essays;	
		Mark D for correctly summing the total marks using the contents of variables e1, e2 and e3 in all circumstances and either reducing the total by 10 or halving the total mark	
		Mark E for two expressions / a combined expression that checks the number of late essays correctly;	
		Mark F for a correct expression(s) that prevents the total mark being less than 0 (eg by resetting the total mark to 0 or preventing it going below 0);	
		Mark G for outputting total mark in the correct place; R. if any required calculations are performed on total mark after the last time the variable is output.	
		Maximum 6 marks if any errors in code.	
		I. Case I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect	
		Note to examiners In C#/VB.NET examples, explicit variable declarations are not shown. Refer to the specific language type issues section of the appropriate Marking guidance document. Any correct variable declarations in student answers should be accepted.	

```
C# Example 1 (fully correct)
lateCount = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
                                                      (C)
total = e1 + e2 + e3;
                                                      (Part D)
if (lateCount == 1)
                                                      (Part E)
    total = total - 10;
                                                      (Part D)
if (lateCount > 1)
                                                      (Part E)
    total = total / 2;
                                                      (Part D)
if (total < 0)
                                                      (Part F)
    total = 0;
                                                      (Part F)
Console.WriteLine(total);
                                                      (G)
I. Indentation
A. Write in place of WriteLine
Python Example 1 (fully correct)
lateCount = int(input())
                                                      (C)
total = e1 + e2 + e3
                                                      (Part D)
if lateCount == 1:
                                                      (Part E)
    total = total - 10
                                                      (Part D)
if lateCount > 1:
                                                      (Part E)
    total = total / 2
                                                      (Part D)
if total < 0:
                                                      (Part F)
    total = 0
                                                      (Part F)
print(total)
                                                      (G)
Python Example 2 (fully correct)
lateCount = int(input())
                                                      (C)
total = e1 + e2 + e3
                                                      (Part D)
if lateCount == 1 and total >= 10:
                                                      (Part E.
                                                      Part F)
    total = total - 10
                                                      (Part D)
elif lateCount == 1 and total < 10:</pre>
                                                      (Part E,
                                                      Part F)
    total = 0
                                                      (Part F)
elif lateCount > 1:
                                                      (Part E)
    total = total * 0.5
                                                      (Part D)
print(total)
                                                      (G)
```

VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)	
<pre>lateCount = Console.ReadLine() total = e1 + e2 + e3 If lateCount = 1 Then total = total - 10 End If If lateCount > 1 Then total = total / 2</pre>	(C) (Part D) (Part E) (Part D) (Part E) (Part D)
<pre>End If If total < 0 Then total = 0 End If Console.WriteLine(total)</pre>	(Part F) (Part F) (G)
I. Indentation A. Write in place of WriteLine	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
07		1 mark for AO3 (design), 3 marks for AO3 (program)	4
		Program Design Note that AO3 (design) marks are for selecting appropriate techniques to use to solve the problem, so should be credited whether the syntax of programming language statements is correct or not and regardless of whether the solution works. Mark A for the idea of using concatenation to create the stock code;	
		Program Logic	
		Mark B for using user input correctly for the sweetID, sweetName and brand; A. similar distinct/meaningful variable names.	
		Mark C for correctly creating each part of the stock code; A. if stock code is output instead of assigned to variable.	
		Mark D for assigning the stock code / three string variables representing sweetID, sweetName and brand correctly to the variable code (even if the generated stock code is not correct); R. any other variable name for code	
		Maximum 3 marks if any errors.	
		I. print / Console.WriteLine statements I. Case I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect R. commas used to show concatenation	

Note to examiners

In C#/VB.NET examples, explicit variable declarations are not shown. Refer to the specific language type issues section of the appropriate Marking guidance document. Any correct variable declarations in student answers should be accepted.

C# Example 1 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
sweetID = Console.ReadLine();
sweetName = Console.ReadLine();
brand = Console.ReadLine();
code = sweetID + sweetName[0] + sweetName[1]
+ brand[0];
(Part B)
(C, D)
```

A. sweetID.Substring(0, 2)

I. Indentation

C# Example 2 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
code = Console.ReadLine() +
Console.ReadLine().Substring(0, 2) +
Console.ReadLine()[0];
(B,C,D)
```

I. Indentation

Python Example 1 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
sweetID = input()
sweetName = input()
brand = input()
code = sweetID + sweetName[0] + sweetName[1]
+ brand[0]
(Part B)
(C, D)
```

A. sweetID[0:2]

Python Example 2 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
code = input() + input()[0:2] + input()[0] (B, C, D)
```

Python Example 3 (partially correct – 3 marks)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
code = input() + input() (B, D)
```

```
VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)
Design mark is achieved (Mark A)
sweetID = Console.ReadLine()
                                                    (Part B)
sweetName = Console.ReadLine()
                                                    (Part B)
brand = Console.ReadLine()
                                                    (Part B)
code = sweetID + sweetName(0) + sweetName(1)
                                                    (C, D)
+ brand(0)
A. sweetID.Substring(0, 2)
I. Indentation
VB.NET Example 2 (fully correct)
Design mark is achieved (Mark A)
code = Console.ReadLine() &
                                                   (B, C, D)
Console.ReadLine().Substring(0, 2) &
Console.ReadLine()(0)
I. Indentation
```

Question	Part			N	larking	g guida	nce		Tota mark	
08		6 mark	6 marks for AO2 (apply)							
		1 mark	for th	ne i column cor	rect;					
		1 mark I. prece		ne first value in t zeroes	the day	ysTota	al colu	mn correct;		
		1 mark	for th	ne rest of days	rotal	columr	corre	ot;		
		1 mark	for th	ne second value	of wee	eks[0]	colum	nn correct;		
		1 mark	for th	ne rest of weeks	s colum	nns cor	rect;			
		I. prece A. follow values	the final column and no other value ; I. preceding zeroes A. follow through value as long as the total is correct for the three final values the student has written in the weeks columns. Maximum of 5 marks if any errors.							
			i	daysTotal		weeks		weeksTotal		
					[0]	[1]	[2]			
					0	0	0			
			0	30	4	0	0			
			1	48	4	6	0			
			2	16	4	6	2			
								12		
				ows used so lon values on conse				columns is clear column		

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
09	1	Mark is for AO1 (understanding)	1
		D An organised collection of values;	
		R. If more than one lozenge shaded	

Question	Part		Marking guidance					
09	2	3 ma	rks for AO2 (apply)	3				
		3 marks if all four are correct: • Book on line 1 • author on line 3 • Real on line 4 • Book on line 7 2 marks if any three are correct 1 mark if any two are correct						
		1	RECORD Book					
		2	bookName : String					
		3	author : String					
		4	price : Real					
		5	5 ENDRECORD					
		6	6 B1 ← Book("The Book Thief", "M Zusak", 9.99)					
		7	7 B2 ← Book("Divergent", "V Roth", 6.55)					
		I. Ca	se					

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
09	3	3 marks for AO2 (apply)	3
		<pre>IF B1.price > B2.price THEN OUTPUT B1.bookName ELSEIF B1.price < B2.price THEN OUTPUT B2.bookName ELSE OUTPUT "Neither" ENDIF 1 mark for correctly using a selection structure with multiple conditions // use of multiple selection structures to compare B1 and B2 in some way (even if Boolean conditions incorrect);</pre>	
		1 mark for correct Boolean conditions throughout to compare the prices;	
		1 mark for displaying the correct output in each case;	
		Max 2 marks if any errors	
		I. Case A. Pseudo-code statements written using different syntax as long as the logic is still correct.	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
10	1	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		11;	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
10	2	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		17;	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
11		2 marks for AO3 (design), 5 marks for AO3 (program)	7
		Program Design Note that AO3 (design) marks are for selecting appropriate techniques to use to solve the problem, so should be credited whether the syntax of programming language statements is correct or not and regardless of whether the solution works.	
		Mark A for using meaningful variable names throughout;	
		Mark B for the use of an indefinite iteration structure that exists within their language, for validation of the inputs;	
		Program Logic Mark C for using user input and storing the result in two variables correctly for the username and password;	
		Mark D for using correct Boolean expressions to check if the username and password entered matches at least one of the valid pairs; A. if the only error is missing quotes around string values	
		Mark E for using correct Boolean expressions to check if the username and password entered matches both of the valid pairs; R. if any quotes missing around string values	
		Mark F for allowing the user to enter the username and password again in an appropriate place (even if the Boolean expression is not correct); DPT. If mark C not awarded due to incorrect syntax.	
		Mark G for displaying Access granted or Access denied in the appropriate places;	
		I. Case I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect	
		Maximum 6 marks if any errors in code.	

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C# Example 1 (fully correct)

All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)

```
username = Console.ReadLine();
                                              (Part C)
password = Console.ReadLine();
                                              (Part C)
                                              (D, E)
while ((username != "Yusuf5" || password
!= "33kk") && (username != "Mary80" ||
password != "af5r"))
    Console.WriteLine("Access denied");
                                              (Part G)
    username = Console.ReadLine();
                                              (Part F)
                                              (Part F)
    password = Console.ReadLine();
Console.WriteLine ("Access granted");
                                              (Part G)
```

I. Indentation in C#

A. Write in place of WriteLine

```
C# Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
valid = false;
do {
    username = Console.ReadLine();
                                            (Part C, Part F)
    password = Console.ReadLine();
                                            (Part C, Part F)
    if (username == "Yusuf5" &&
                                            (Part D, Part E)
password == "33kk") {
       valid = true;
                                            (Part D)
                                            (Part D, Part E)
    else if (username == "Mary80" &&
password == "af5r") {
        valid = true;
                                            (Part D)
    if (!valid) {
                                            (Part G)
       Console.WriteLine("Access
                                            (Part G)
denied");
} while (!valid);
Console.WriteLine ("Access granted"); (Part G)
I. Indentation in C#
A. Write in place of WriteLine
C# Example 3 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
 do {
    username = Console.ReadLine();
                                            (Part C, Part F)
    password = Console.ReadLine();
                                            (Part C, Part F)
                                            (D, E)
    access = (username == "Yusuf5" &&
 password == "33kk") \mid \mid (username ==
 "Mary80" && password == "af5r");
     if (access == false) {
       Console.WriteLine("Access
                                            (Part G)
 } while (!access);
 Console.WriteLine ("Access
                                            (Part G)
I. Indentation in C#
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

```
Python Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
 username = input()
                                                  (Part C)
 password = input()
                                                  (Part C)
 while (username != "Yusuf5" or password != (D, E)
 "33kk") and (username != "Mary80" or
 password != "af5r"):
     print("Access denied")
                                                  (Part G)
     username = input()
                                                  (Part F)
     password = input()
                                                  (Part F)
 print("Access granted")
                                                  (Part G)
Python Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
 access = False
                                                  (Part F)
 while access == False:
                                                  (Part F)
    username = input()
                                                  (Part C)
    password = input()
                                                  (Part C)
     if (username == "Yusuf5" and password
                                                  (D, E)
 == "33kk") or (username == "Mary80" and
 password == "af5r"):
        print("Access granted")
                                                  (Part G)
        access = True
    else:
        print("Access denied")
                                                  (Part G)
```

```
VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
username = Console.ReadLine()
                                                    (Part C)
password = Console.ReadLine()
                                                    (Part C)
                                                    (D, E)
While (username <> "Yusuf5" Or password <>
"33kk") And (username <> "Mary80" Or
password <> "af5r")
     Console.WriteLine("Access denied")
                                                    (Part G)
     username = Console.ReadLine()
                                                    (Part F)
     password = Console.ReadLine()
                                                    (Part F)
End While
Console.WriteLine ("Access granted")
                                                    (Part G)
I. Indentation in VB.NET
A. Write in place of WriteLine
VB.NET Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
valid = False
Do
                                                   (Part C,
    username = Console.ReadLine()
                                                   Part F)
                                                   (Part C,
    password = Console.ReadLine()
                                                   Part F)
    If username = "Yusuf5" And password =
                                                   (Part D,
 "33kk" Then
                                                   Part E)
       valid = True
                                                   (Part D)
    ElseIf username = "Mary80" And password
                                                   (Part D.
= "af5r" Then
                                                   Part E)
        valid = True
                                                   (Part D)
    End If
    If Not valid Then
                                                   (Part G)
       Console.WriteLine("Access denied")
                                                  (Part G)
    End If
Loop Until valid
Console.WriteLine ("Access granted")
                                                  (Part G)
I. Indentation in VB.NET
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

Question	Part	ı	Markin	g guida	ance		Total marks
12	1	2 marks for AO2 (apply)					2
		,	0	1	2	1	
		0	1	8	3		
		1	4	7	5		
		2	2		6		
		1 mark for 4 in the correct p 1 mark for 2 in the correct p Maximum 1 mark if any er A. 0 instead of blank space space. A. unaffected cell contents blank space. A. answers written on Figure	oositior rors. or any	n; other sown as	long as	it is clear which is the	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
12	2	2 marks for AO2 (apply)	2
		 A Nested iteration is used; C The number of comparisons made between getTile(i, j) and 0 will be nine; 	
		R. if more than two lozenges shaded	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
12	3	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		(The first iteration structure) is used to iterate through the rows;	
		Note to examiners: award both marks (Q12.3 and Q12.4) if the student answers are correct but the opposite way around, ie 'columns' for Q12.3 and 'rows' for Q12.4	

12	4	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		(The second iteration structure) is used to iterate through the columns;	
		Note to examiners: award both marks (Q12.3 and Q12.4) if the student answers are correct but the opposite way around, ie 'columns' for Q12.3 and 'rows' for Q12.4	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
12	5	Mark is for AO2 (apply)	1
		To find/store the position/coordinates of the blank space	
		to find the tile/value of getTile that is blank/0;	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
12	6	1 mark for AO3 (design), 3 marks for AO3 (program)	4
		Program Design Note that AO3 (design) marks are for selecting appropriate techniques to use to solve the problem, so should be credited whether the syntax of programming language statements is correct or not and regardless of whether the solution works. Mark A for the use of a selection structure with multiple conditions // use of multiple selection structures // an iteration structure containing one selection structure;	
		Program Logic Mark B for correctly checking three consecutive values in getTile (even if the wrong row/column); Mark C for fully correct indices used in getTile for the first row;	
		Mark D for a structure that would output either Yes or No correctly in all circumstances, but never both; A. if conditions are not fully correct	
		I. Case I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect	
		Maximum 3 marks if any errors in code.	
		Note to examiners In C#/VB.NET examples, explicit variable declarations are not shown. Refer to the specific language type issues section of the appropriate Marking guidance document. Any correct variable declarations in student answers should be accepted.	

```
C# Example 1 (fully correct)
Design mark is achieved (Mark A)
                                                      (Part B,
if (getTile(0, 0) + 1 == getTile(0, 1)) {
                                                      Part C)
                                                      (Part B,
    if (getTile(0, 1) + 1 == getTile(0, 2)) { Part C)
                                                      (Part D)
       Console.WriteLine("Yes");
    }
    else {
                                                      (Part D)
       Console.WriteLine("No");
    }
}
else {
                                                      (Part D)
 Console.WriteLine("No");
I. Indentation in C#
A. Write in place of WriteLine
Note to examiners: in a nested if statement, all pathways must be
present to award Mark D (including the part shaded yellow above).
```

```
C# Example 2 (fully correct)
Design mark is achieved (Mark A)
                                                     (Part B,
if (getTile(0, 0) + 1 == getTile(0, 1)) {
                                                      Part C)
                                                     (Part B,
    if (getTile(0, 0) + 2 == getTile(0, 2)) {
                                                      Part C)
                                                     (Part D)
       Console.WriteLine("Yes");
    }
    else {
                                                     (Part D)
       Console.WriteLine("No");
    }
}
else {
                                                     (Part D)
   Console.WriteLine("No");
I. Indentation in C#
A. Write in place of WriteLine
Note to examiners: in a nested if statement, all pathways must be
present to award Mark D (including the part shaded yellow above).
C# Example 3 (fully correct)
Design mark is achieved (Mark A)
if ((getTile(0, 1) - getTile(0, 0) == 1) &&
                                                      (Part B,
(getTile(0, 2) - getTile(0, 1) == 1)) {
                                                      Part C)
    Console.WriteLine("Yes");
                                                      (Part D)
else {
    Console.WriteLine("No");
                                                      (Part D)
}
I. Indentation in C#
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

Python Example 1 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
(Part B,
if getTile(0, 0) + 1 == getTile(0, 1):
                                                  Part C)
                                                 (Part B,
   if getTile(0, 1) + 1 == getTile(0, 2):
                                                 Part C)
      print("Yes")
                                                 (Part D)
   else:
      print("No")
                                                 (Part D)
else:
```

print("No") (Part D)

Note to examiners: in a nested if statement, all pathways must be present to award Mark D (including the part shaded yellow above).

Python Example 2 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

print("No")

```
(Part B,
if getTile(0, 0) + 1 == getTile(0, 1):
                                                 Part C)
                                                 (Part B,
   if getTile(0, 0) + 2 == getTile(0, 2):
                                                 Part C)
      print("Yes")
                                                 (Part D)
   else:
      print("No")
                                                 (Part D)
else:
```

(Part D)

Note to examiners: in a nested if statement, all pathways must be present to award Mark D (including the part shaded yellow above).

```
Python Example 3 (fully correct)
Design mark is achieved (Mark A)
                                                      (Part B,
if getTile(0, 1) - getTile(0, 0) == 1 and
                                                      Part C)
getTile(0, 2) - getTile(0, 1) == 1:
                                                      (Part D)
    print("Yes")
else:
                                                      (Part D)
    print("No")
VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)
Design mark is achieved (Mark A)
                                                      (Part B,
If getTile(0, 0) + 1 = getTile(0, 1) Then
                                                      Part C)
                                                      (Part B,
    If getTile(0, 1) + 1 = getTile(0, 2) Then
                                                      Part C)
       Console.WriteLine("Yes")
                                                      (Part D)
    Else
       Console.WriteLine("No")
                                                      (Part D)
    End If
Else
 Console.WriteLine("No")
                                                      (Part D)
End If
I. Indentation in VB.NET
A. Write in place of WriteLine
Note to examiners: in a nested if statement, all pathways must be
present to award Mark D (including the part shaded yellow above).
```

VB.NET Example 2 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
(Part B,
If getTile(0, 0) + 1 = getTile(0, 1) Then
                                                  Part C)
                                                  (Part B,
   If getTile(0, 0) + 2 = getTile(0, 2) Then
                                                  Part C)
      Console.WriteLine("Yes")
                                                  (Part D)
   Else
      Console.WriteLine("No")
                                                  (Part D)
   End If
Else
```

Console.WriteLine("No")

(Part D)

End If

I. Indentation in VB.NET

A. Write in place of WriteLine

Note to examiners: in a nested if statement, all pathways must be present to award Mark D (including the part shaded yellow above).

VB.NET Example 3 (fully correct)

Design mark is achieved (Mark A)

```
If getTile(0, 1) - getTile(0, 0) = 1 And
                                                 (Part B,
getTile(0, 2) - getTile(0, 1) = 1 Then
                                                 Part C)
   Console.WriteLine("Yes")
                                                 (Part D)
Else
   Console.WriteLine("No")
                                                 (Part D)
End If
```

I. Indentation in VB.NET

A. Write in place of WriteLine

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
12	7	2 marks for AO3 (design), 4 marks for AO3 (program)	6
		Program Design Note that AO3 (design) marks are for selecting appropriate techniques to use to solve the problem, so should be credited whether the syntax of programming language statements is correct or not and regardless of whether the solution works.	
		Mark A for the use of an indefinite iteration structure that exists within their language;	
		Mark B for the use of a selection structure or equivalent to check for a blank space;	
		Program Logic Mark C for using user input and storing the result in two variables correctly for the row and column;	
		Mark D for code that uses both the solved subroutine and the checkSpace subroutine in logically correct locations;	
		Mark E for calling the move subroutine in a pathway following an = True condition (or equivalent) with the row and column from the user input as parameters;	
		Mark F for outputting Invalid move when the tile does not get moved and asking the user to input row and column again in logically correct locations; R. if user is asked to re-input after the problem is solved.	
		I. Case I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect	
		Maximum 5 marks if any errors in code.	
		Note to examiners In C#/VB.NET examples, explicit variable declarations are not shown. Refer to the specific language type issues section of the appropriate Marking guidance document. Any correct variable declarations in student answers should be accepted.	

```
C# Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
while (!solved()) {
                                                     (Part D)
                                                     (Part C)
    row =
Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
    col =
                                                     (Part C)
Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
    if (checkSpace(row, col)) {
                                                     (Part D)
       move(row, col);
                                                     (E)
    else {
       Console.WriteLine("Invalid move");
                                                     (F)
 }
I. Indentation in C#
A. Write in place of WriteLine
C# Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
do {
    row =
                                                     (Part C)
Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
    col =
                                                     (Part C)
Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
                                                     (Part D)
    if (checkSpace(row, col)) {
       move(row, col);
                                                     (E)
    else {
       Console.WriteLine("Invalid move");
                                                     (F)
 } while (!solved);
                                                     (Part D)
I. Indentation in C#
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

```
Python Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
while not solved():
                                                     (Part D)
   row = int(input())
                                                     (Part C)
    col = int(input())
                                                     (Part C)
    if checkSpace(row, col):
                                                     (Part D)
       move(row, col)
                                                     (E)
    else:
       print("Invalid move")
                                                     (F)
Python Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
while solved() == False:
                                                     (Part D)
    row = int(input())
                                                     (Part C)
    col = int(input())
                                                     (Part C)
    if checkSpace(row, col) == True:
                                                     (Part D)
       move(row, col)
                                                     (E)
    else:
       print("Invalid move")
                                                     (F)
```

```
VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
While Not solved()
                                                     (Part D)
    row = Console.ReadLine()
                                                     (Part C)
    col = Console.ReadLine()
                                                     (Part C)
    If checkSpace(row, col) Then
                                                     (Part D)
       move(row, col)
                                                     (E)
    Else
       Console.WriteLine("Invalid move")
                                                     (F)
    End If
End While
I. Indentation in VB.NET
A. Write in place of WriteLine
VB.NET Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
Do
                                                     (Part D)
    row = Console.ReadLine()
                                                     (Part C)
    col = Console.ReadLine()
                                                     (Part C)
    If checkSpace(row, col) Then
                                                     (Part D)
       move(row, col)
                                                     (E)
    Else
       Console.WriteLine("Invalid move")
                                                     (F)
    End If
                                                     (Part D)
Loop Until solved()
I. Indentation in VB.NET
A. Write in place of WriteLine
VB.NET Example 3 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
Do While Not solved()
                                                     (Part D)
    row = Console.ReadLine()
                                                     (Part C)
    col = Console.ReadLine()
                                                     (Part C)
    If checkSpace(row, col) Then
                                                     (Part D)
       move(row, col)
                                                     (E)
    Else
       Console.WriteLine("Invalid move")
                                                     (F)
    End If
Loop
I. Indentation in VB.NET
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
13		3 marks for AO1 (understanding)	3
		Maximum 3 marks from the following:	
		 start at the beginning/end of a list/array; iterates sequentially through the list; compare the contents of each position with the data being searched; if it matches, the item has been found (and the search ends); if the end/beginning of the list/array is reached without finding the search term then item is not in the list/array; 	
		Max 2 marks if any errors such as referring to binary search or having the items in order	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
14	1	Mark is for AO1 (recall)	1
		Maximum 1 mark from:	
		 They are only accessible within the subroutine; They only exist/use memory while the subroutine is executing; They have limited scope; 	
		A. Can have the same identifier as other variables outside of the subroutine	

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
14	2	2 marks for AO3 (design), 4 marks for AO3 (program)	6
		Program Design Note that AO3 (design) marks are for selecting appropriate techniques to use to solve the problem, so should be credited whether the syntax of programming language statements is correct or not and regardless of whether the solution works.	
		Mark A for the use of a definite iteration structure, or similar, that exists within their language to carry out the requirements of the task;	
		Mark B for the use of a selection structure to check visitor numbers;	
		Program Logic Mark C for correctly defining the subroutine and parameter;	
		Mark D for accepting user input multiple times as per the parameter or equivalent, representing the number of days; R. if iteration syntax or boundaries are not fully correct	
		Mark E for adding one to a counter variable inside a selection structure under the correct conditions, which has been appropriately initialised (to 0);	
		Mark F for returning the counter value calculated within the subroutine;	
		Maximum 5 marks if any errors in code.	
		 I. Case I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect 	
		Note to examiners In C#/VB.NET examples, explicit variable declarations are not shown. Refer to the specific language type issues section of the appropriate Marking guidance document. Any correct variable declarations in student answers should be accepted.	

```
C# Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
 static int countDays(days) {
                                                         (C)
    count = 0;
                                                         (Part E)
    visitors = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < days; i++) {
                                                         (Part D)
       visitors =
                                                         (Part D)
Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
       if (visitors > 200) {
                                                         (Part E)
          count = count + 1;
                                                         (Part E)
       }
    }
    return count;
                                                         (F)
}
A. with or without static
A. Alternative numerical data type for return value
I. Indentation in C#
Python Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
  def countDays(days):
                                                       (C)
      count = 0
                                                       (Part E)
      for i in range(days):
                                                       (Part D)
         visitors = int(input())
                                                       (Part D)
          if visitors > 200:
                                                       (Part E)
             count = count + 1
                                                       (Part E)
      return count
                                                       (F)
```

```
Python Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
  def countDays(days):
                                                     (C)
     count = 0
                                                     (Part E)
      i = 0
                                                     (Part D)
     while (i < days):
                                                     (Part D)
                                                      (Part D)
         if int(input()) > 200:
                                                     (Part E)
            count += 1
                                                     (Part E)
         i += 1
                                                     (Part D)
     return count
                                                     (F)
VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
  Function countDays(days) As Integer
                                                     (C)
      count = 0
                                                     (Part E)
     For i = 1 To days
                                                     (Part D)
         visitors = Console.ReadLine()
                                                     (Part D)
         If visitors > 200 Then
                                                     (Part E)
             count = count + 1
                                                     (Part E)
         End If
     Next
     Return count
                                                     (F)
  End Function
A. Alternative numerical data type for return value
I. Indentation in VB.NET
```

VB.NET Example 2 (fully correct) All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)		
Function countDays(days) As Integer	(C)	
Dim count As Integer	(Part E)	
For i = 1 To days	(Part D)	
If Console.ReadLine() > 200 Then	(Part E)	
count += 1	(Part E)	
End If		
Next		
Return count	(F)	
End Function		
A. Alternative numerical data type for return value I. Indentation in VB.NET		

Question	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks
15		2 marks for AO3 (design), 6 marks for AO3 (program)	8
		Program Design Note that AO3 (design) marks are for selecting appropriate techniques to use to solve the problem, so should be credited whether the syntax of programming language statements is correct or not and regardless of whether the solution works.	
		Mark A for the use of a selection structure which outputs Bad move;	
		Mark B for the use of a nested selection structure // a selection structure with multiple conditions // use of multiple selection structures	
		Program Logic Mark C for correctly inputting a move in an appropriate place within the while loop;	
		Mark D for correctly checking the input for a move is either 1 or 2; I. data validation attempts	
		Mark E for adding the input value for a move to pos once per move;	
		Mark F for resetting pos to 0 if the move takes a player beyond the end of the row; A. if the index used could go out of range.	
		Mark G for a condition equivalent to row() == "X" that checks for the character X in row and resets pos to 0 if appropriate;	
		I. missing or incorrect index number on row.A. if the index used could go out of range.	
		Mark H for the correct use of indices to access the elements in the array row and the index does not go out of range;	
		Maximum 7 marks if any errors in code.	
		I. Case I. Messages or no messages with input statements I. Gaps/spaces throughout the code, except where to do so would explicitly alter the logic of the code in a way that makes it incorrect	
		Note to examiners In C#/VB.NET examples, explicit variable declarations are not shown. Refer to the specific language type issues section of the appropriate Marking guidance document. Any correct variable declarations in student answers should be accepted.	

```
C# Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
    move =
                                                   (C)
 Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
     if (move == 1 || move == 2) {
                                                   (D)
        pos += move;
                                                    (E)
     if (pos > lastPos) {
                                                   (Part F)
        pos = 0;
                                                    (Part F)
        Console.WriteLine("Bad move");
     else if (row[pos] == "X") {
                                                   (Part G, H)
        pos = 0;
                                                    (Part G)
        Console.WriteLine("Bad move");
     }
I. Indentation
A. Write in place of WriteLine
C# Example 2 (7 marks)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
No Mark D as program also adds numbers other than 1 or 2 to pos.
    move =
                                                    (C)
 Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
    if (pos + move > lastPos || row[pos +
                                                    (Part F,
 move] == "X") {
                                                    Part G, H)
        Console.WriteLine("Bad move");
                                                    (Part F,
        pos = 0;
                                                    Part G)
     }
    else {
        pos = pos + move;
                                                    (E)
 }
I. Indentation
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

```
C# Example 3 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
                                                     (C)
 Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
     if (move == 1) {
                                                     (Part D)
        if (row[pos + 1] == "X") {
                                                     (Part G)
            pos = 0;
                                                     (Part G)
             Console.WriteLine("Bad move");
        }
        else {
            pos = pos + 1;
                                                     (Part E)
        }
     if (move == 2) {
                                                      (Part D)
                                                      (Part F,
        if (pos + move > lastPos || row[pos +
                                                      Part G,
 2] == "X") {
                                                      H)
            pos = 0;
                                                      (Part F)
             Console.WriteLine("Bad move");
        }
        else {
            pos = pos + 2i
                                                     (Part E)
        }
     }
I. Indentation
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

```
Python Example 1 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
     move = int(input())
                                                 (C)
     if move == 1 or move == 2:
                                                 (D)
         pos += move
                                                 (E)
     if pos > lastPos:
                                                 (Part F)
         pos = 0
                                                 (Part F)
         print("Bad move")
     elif row[pos] == "X":
                                                 (Part G, H)
         pos = 0
                                                 (Part G)
         print("Bad move")
Python Example 2 (fully correct)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
     move = int(input())
                                                (C)
     if move == 1:
                                                (Part D)
         if row[pos + 1] == 'X':
                                                (Part G)
             print("Bad move")
             pos = 0
                                                (Part G)
         else:
             pos = pos + 1
                                                (Part E)
     if move == 2:
                                                (Part D)
         if pos + 2 > lastPos or row[pos
                                                (Part F, Part
  + 2] == 'X':
                                                G, Part H)
             print("Bad move")
             pos = 0
                                                (Part F, Part
                                                G)
         else:
             pos = pos + 2
                                                (Part E)
```

Python Example 3 (7 marks) All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B) No Mark D as program also adds numbers other than 1 or 2 to pos. move = int(input()) (C) if pos + move > lastPos or row[pos + (Part F, move] == 'X': Part G, H) print("Bad move") (Part F, pos = 0Part G) else: pos = pos + move (E) **VB.NET Example 1 (fully correct)** All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B) move = (C) Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) If move = 1 Or move = 2 Then (D) (E) pos += move End If If pos > lastPos Then (Part F) pos = 0(Part F) Console.WriteLine("Bad move") ElseIf row(pos) = "X" Then (Part G, H) pos = 0(Part G) Console.WriteLine("Bad move") End If I. Indentation A. Write in place of WriteLine

```
VB.NET Example 2 (7 marks)
All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)
    move =
                                                    (C)
 Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine())
     If move = 1 Then
                                                    (Part D)
        If row(pos + 1) = "X" Then
                                                    (Part G)
            Console.WriteLine("Bad move")
            pos = 0
                                                    (Part G)
        Else
            pos = pos + 1
                                                    (Part E)
        End If
    End If
     If move = 2 Then
                                                    (Part D)
                                                    (Part F,
        If pos + move > lastPos Or row(pos +
 2) = "X" Then
                                                    Part G)
            Console.WriteLine("Bad move")
                                                    (Part F.
            pos = 0
                                                    Part G)
        Else
            pos = pos + 2
                                                    (Part E)
        End If
     End If
I. Indentation
A. Write in place of WriteLine
```

VB.NET Example 3 (6 marks)

All design marks are achieved (Marks A and B)

No Mark D as program also adds numbers other than 1 or 2 to pos.

I. Indentation

A. Write in place of WriteLine