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MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Please note the following further points:

The words in **bold** in the mark scheme are important text that needs to be present, or some notion of it needs to be present. It does not have to be the exact word, but something close to the meaning.

If a word is underlined, this **exact** word must be present.

A single forward slash means this is an alternative word. A double forward slash means that this is an alternative mark point.

Ellipsis (...) on the end of one-mark point and the start of the next means that the candidate **cannot** get the second mark point without being awarded the first one. If a mark point has an ellipsis at the beginning, but there is no ellipsis on the mark point before it, then this is just a follow-on sentence and **can** be awarded **without** the previous mark point.

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Question	Answer						
	Section A						
1(a)(i)	Many correct answers, the name used must be meaningful. The name given is an example only.	;					
	One mark per mark point, max three						
	Constant name BasicClean						
	Value 10.00						
	Reason this number will not change whilst the program is running						
1(a)(ii)	Description Many correct answers, the name used must be meaningful. The name is an example only.						
	One mark per mark point, max three						
	MP1 name e.g. NameAddress						
	MP2 appropriate data type e.g. string						
	MP3 sample data for the array e.g. Mrs Singh, Park View						
1(b)	One mark per mark point, max three						
	MP1 use a conditional statement // an example of conditional statement used //						
	use an input statement with validation// an example of input statement used MP2 any working method – for example, to only store True in the three floors array if the two floors array has not bee set to True	n					
	MP3 output an appropriate error message when an error condition has occurred // choose appropriate routes through the program depending upon the choice of floors						

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Question	Answer	Marks				
1(c)	One mark per mark point, max six					
	MP1 initialise bill total to 10					
	MP1 check for additional windows					
	MP2 and add in amount to total if required MP3 check for 2 floors or 3 floors					
	MP4 multiply by 1.1 or 1.15 as required					
	MP5 check for inside and multiply by 1.25 if required					
	MP6 check for polish and multiply by 1.05 if required					
	MP7 MP2 to MP7 completed in correct order					
	MP8 check for solar panels and add 20.00 if required					
	Sample					
	Total ← 10.00					
	ExtraWindowsCost ←INT((NumberExtraWindows[Bill] -1) / 5) * 5.00					
	Total ← Total + ExtraWindowsCost					
	CASE NumberOfFloors[Bill] OF // check number of floors					
	2 : Total ← Total * 1.1					
	3 : Total ← Total * 1.15					
	ENDCASE					
	IF Inside[Bill] // check for cleaning inside windows THEN					
	Total ← Total * 1.25					
	ENDIF					
	IF Polish[Bill] // check for polishing windows					
	THEN					
	Total ← Total * 1.05 ENDIF					
	IF Solar[Bill] // check for cleaning solar panels					
	THEN					
	Total ← Total + 20.00					
	ENDIF					

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Question	Answer	Marks							
1(d)	Explanation								
	One mark per mark point, max five								
	MP1 how the program counted the number of customers using a service MP1 how the program counted this for all services MP2 excluding basic windows and additional windows MP3 how the program identified the service with the largest number of customers MP4 how the program identified the service with the smallest number of customers MP5 how the program calculated a percentage of the total number of bills stored MP6 for largest and smallest								
	MP7 how the program displayed these percentages with suitable messages								
	Programming statements when used must be explained.								

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Question	Answer	Marks			
Section B					
2(a)	One mark per mark point in the correct position, max six	6			
	• line 01 50				
	• line 08 Value > 50				
	• line 12 Reading[Value] + 1				
	• line 18 INPUT Value				
	• line 23 Reading[Count]				
	• line 24 Count + 1				
2(b)	One mark per place in code and action, max three	;			
	• line 21 set Count to 50 / Count ← 50				
	• line 24 subtract 1 from Count / Count ← Count −1				
	• line 25 check for Count equal to 34 / check for Count less than 35 / UNTIL Count = 34 / UNTIL Count < 35				
	or				
	One mark per place in code and action, max three				
	• line 21 set up FOR loop stating at 50 and finishing at 35 / FOR Count ← 50 TO 35 STEP −1				
	Remove lines 22 and 24				
	line 25 End FOR loop / NEXT Count				
	Examples				
	21 Count ← 50				
	22 REPEAT				
	23 OUTPUT "There are ", Reading[Count], " readings, " of ", Count				
	24 Count ← Count −1 25 UNTIL Count = 34				
	23 ONITH COURT - 34				
	21 FOR Count ← 50 TO 35 STEP -1				
	23 OUTPUT "There are ", Reading[Count], " readings, " of ", Count				
	25 NEXT Count				

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	• 1	1
3(a)(ii)	One mark for each correct letter seen, max two C	2
	• D	
3(b)(i)	One mark per mark point, max two	2
	two or more digitstransposed	
3(b)(ii)	One mark per mark point, max two	2
	 multiply each digit by a different number / its place value before adding them together and dividing by a number 	
3(c)	One mark per mark point, max two	2
	 length check type check presence check format check 	

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Question				Answer		1	Marks
4(a)	One mark for each correct column, max four						4
		Stock	Total	Sale	OUTPUT		
		10	0				
		9	1	Y			
		8	2	Y			
		7	3	Y			
		6	4	Y			
		5	5	Y			
		4	6	Y			
		14					
				N	Add new stock		
					6		
4(b)	One mark per mark point, max three						3
	 input a number / quantity check that the number is less than (or equal to) the number in stock after checking for N update Stock by that number / Stock ← Stock - Number 						
	• update Total by that						

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Question	Answer						
5(a)	One mark per mark point, max two						2
	ItemCodeuniquely identifies each item						
5(b)	One mark per mark point, max three						3
	 correct rows Field, Table and Sort correct row Show correct Criteria row 						
	Field:	Description	Country	InStore			
	Table:	MUSEUM	MUSEUM	MUSEUM			
	Sort:						
	Show:	Ø	Ø				
	Criteria:			N			
	or:						

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