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Paper 2
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.

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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 MP has ellipsis at the beginning, but there is no ellipsis on the MP before it, then this is just a follow-on sentence and **can** be awarded **without** the previous mark point.

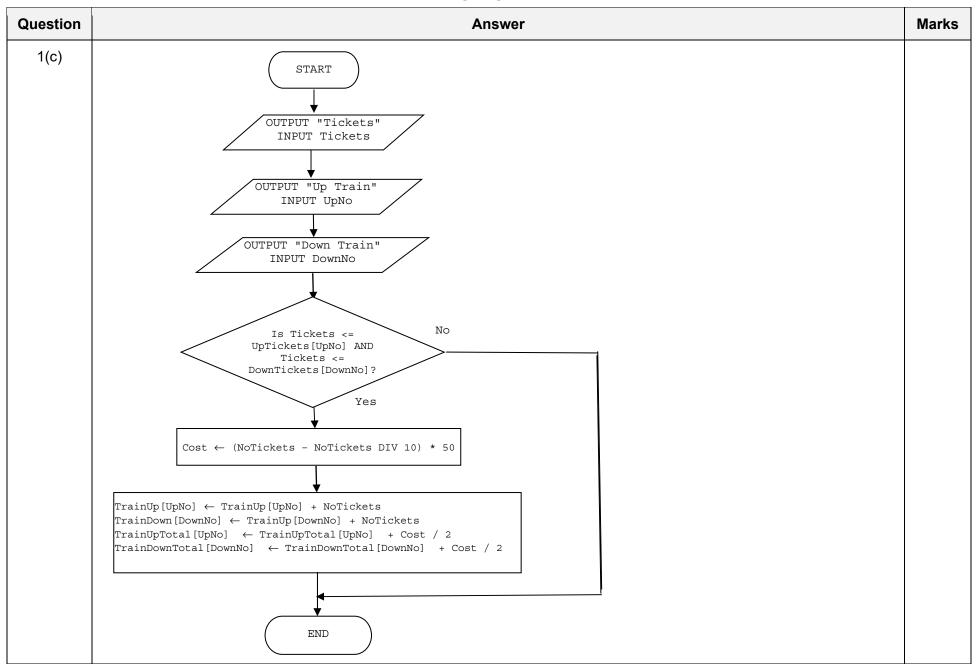
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Question	Answer					
		Section A				
1(a)	Array TrainUpPassengers // TrainUpPassengers[] Data type Integer/int Use storing the number of passengers on the train journeys up Many correct answers, this is an example.					
1(b)	Validation check Normal data Erroneous data Validation check Normal data Erroneous data Validation check Normal data Erroneous data Validation check Normal data Erroneous data	(type check) to check that the number entered is a whole number / integer 34 two // 1.5 (range check) to check that the value of the number entered is between 1 and 80 / 480 inclusive 34 99 // 500 (presence check) to check that a value has been entered 34 // any data entered "" // blank // no data entered (length check) to check that a value has 3 digits or fewer // between 1 and 3 digits 345 3456 wers, the data are examples only.	6			

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Question	Answer	Marks			
1(c)	Any six from: MP1 Input number of tickets MP2 Input train up mountain and train down mountain MP3 Suitable prompts seen for inputs that are included MP4 Check that tickets are available on selected train(s) MP5 If available calculate price of tickets MP6 calculation includes discount if required MP7 Update total passengers / seats available for a train MP8 Update total passengers / seats available for up train and down train MP9 Update total cost for a train MP10 Update total cost for up train and down train				
	Example answers OUTPUT "How many tickets" INPUT NoTickets OUTPUT "Which Train up the mountain? 1, 2, 3 or 4" INPUT UpNumber OUTPUT "Which Train down the mountain? 1, 2, 3 or 4" INPUT DownNumber IF (DownNumber = 4 AND TrainUp[UpNumber] + NoTickets <= 480 AND TrainDown[DownNumber] + NoTickets <= 640) OR (TrainUp[UpNumber] + NoTickets <= 480 AND TrainDown[DownNumber] + NoTickets <= 480) THEN Cost \(\to \text{(NoTickets} - \text{NoTickets} \text{DIV 10} \) \(\text{50} \) TrainUp[UpNumber] \(\text{TrainUp[UpNumber]} + \text{NoTickets} \) TrainUp[UpNumber] \(\text{TrainUp[DownNumber]} + \text{NoTickets} \) TrainUpTotal[UpNumber] \(\text{TrainUpTotal}[UpNumber] + \text{NoTickets} \) TrainUpTotal[UpNumber] \(\text{TrainUpTotal}[UpNumber] + \text{Cost} / 2 TrainDownTotal[DownNumber] \(\text{TrainDownTotal}[DownNumber] + \text{Cost} / 2				

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)	Explanation Any five from: MP1 How the program displayed the number of passengers for a journey MP2 how completed for all trains MP3 How the program displayed the amount of money taken for a journey MP4 how completed for all trains MP5 How the program calculated the total number of passengers MP6 How the program calculated the total money taken MP7 How the program attempted to select the train journey with the most passengers MP8 How the program attempted to dealt with more than one train being the most popular MP9 How the program displayed the results with suitable messages Programming statements must be given with each explanation.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Section B	
2(a)	Any six from: MP1 Initialisation of large and small variables e.g. Large ← 0 Small ← 1000 MP2 Use of a loop for 500 entries // or 499 if initialisation done on first correct entry MP3 Input with prompt MP4 Attempt at checking the range of 1 to 999 for input MP5 working range check MP6 Checking for a whole number MP7 Selecting largest number MP8 Selecting smallest number MP9 Calculating the range MP10 Outputting the largest, smallest and range with message Large ← 0 Small ← 1000 FOR Count ← 1 TO 500 REPEAT OUTPUT "Enter a whole number between 1 and 999" INPUT Number UNTIL Number >= 1 AND Number < 1000 AND Number = Number DIV 1 IF Number < Small THEN Small ← Number ENDIF IF Number > Large THEN Large ← Number ENDIF NEXT Range ← Large - Small OUTPUT "Largest number is ", Large, " Smallest number is ", Small, " Range of numbers is ", Range ", Range"	6

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Question	Answer				
2(b)	One mark for action required and one mark for method used Reduce the amount of numbers entered By decreasing the final value of the loop or Remove the need to input values By using random numbers / a previously populated array				
3(a)	Pseudocode statement IF Number = 20 PRINT Number Number ← Number + 1	Flowchart symbol	3		
3(b)	IF Number = 20 selection PRINT Number output Number ← Number + 1 counting		3		

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uestion	Answer					
4(a)	One mark for each correct column					
	Password	PasswordRepeat	ОИТРИТ			
			(Please enter password)			
	Secret		Reject			
			(Please enter password)			
	Secret		Reject			
			(Please enter password)			
	VerySecret	VerySecret	Accept			
			(Please enter password)			
	Pa55word	Pa55word	Accept			
			(Please enter password)			
	999		Reject			

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)	Any four from: Position: before INPUT PasswordRepeat // at start use a (variable) counter (for number of tries) or flag initialise variable counter or flag Position after IF Length (Password) >= 8 THEN or after INPUT PasswordRepeat insert REPEAT/WHILE/(conditional) loop	4
	 Position after OUTPUT "Reject" add one to counter (for number of tries) output a message "Try again" add INPUT PasswordRepeat 	
	 Position after OUTPUT "Accept" reset flag to show password matched 	
	 Position after ENDIF (insert UNTIL/ENDWHILE) to exit the loop after three tries or if the repeated password matches the original 	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	 One mark for: Use of FOR loop Working loop with correct number of Iterations Correct assignment FOR Count ← 1 TO 20 dataArray[Count] ← 0 NEXT (Count) 	3
5(b)	(A FOR loop has) a fixed number of repetitions // No need to manage the loop counter // no need to use another variable for the array index	1

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Question	Answer							Marks
6	Any three from: TABLE row not completed POSITION column not required // POSITION criteria not required No criteria set in the size column No criteria set in the flower column							5
	Field:	SIZE	PRICE	FLOWER	NUMBERSOLD	NAME		
	Table:	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT		
	Sort:							
	Show:		Ø		Image: section of the content of the	Ø		
	Criteria:	="small"		False				
	or:							
	OR							
	Field:	SIZE	PRICE	FLOWER	NUMBERSOLD	NAME	POSITION	
	Table:	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	
	Sort:							
	Show:		Ø		Ø	Ø		
	Criteria:	="small"		= False				
	or:							
		for correct rows for correct Crite	Field, Table and S	Show				