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Computing Science

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SECTION 1—25 marks

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SECTION 2—85 marks

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SECTION 1—25 Marks
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1. State the range of numbers which can be represented using 16-bit two’s complement. **1**

2. During the fetch-execute cycle a binary number is copied from memory to the CPU.

- (a) The binary number might represent data or an instruction. What else could this binary number represent? **1**

- (b) Where would this binary number be stored within the CPU? **1**

3. Two entities from a database design for a hotel room booking system are shown below.

Guest	Room
guestID	roomNumber
name	roomType
email	

- (a) State the *cardinality* of the relationship between these two entities. **1**

- (b) Explain, in detail, how these two tables will be connected in the database. **3**

4. A web page and its associated HTML code are shown below. The main body of text in the HTML has been removed.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <style>
    ...
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Pineapple Farmers in Tanzania</h1>
  <p>How we helped production and sales.</p>
  <p>The Bagamoyo district ... dramatically.
</p>
</body>
</html>
```

Pineapple Farmers in Tanzania

How we helped production and sales.



The Bagamoyo district of coastal Tanzania is well known for fresh pineapple. But a lack of storage facilities and the refusal of fruit processors to buy non-standard fruit meant that often farmers could not sell all the fruit they grew and much was left to rot. With a little education and support the crop losses have been reduced dramatically.

- (a) Complete the missing line of code in the `style` tag.

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- (b) The text is too close to the image. Write the code to suitably alter the image's `margin` property.

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5. Explain the meaning of the term *scope* with reference to the following.

1. A local variable.

1

2. A global variable.

1

6. The algorithm below is to check that the water pressure in a pipe is within acceptable limits and send an appropriate message to a control panel.

```

Line 1  RECEIVE pressure FROM(REAL)SENSOR
Line 2  WHILE pressure > 70 AND pressure < 100 DO
Line 3      IF pressure > 70 AND pressure < 100 THEN
Line 4          SEND "Pipe pressure within limits" TO DISPLAY
Line 5      ELSE
Line 6          SEND "Danger, pipe pressure outwith limits" TO DISPLAY
Line 7      END IF
Line 8  RECEIVE pressure FROM(REAL)SENSOR
Line 9  END WHILE
    
```

(a) State the result if the sensor detects a pressure of 86.

1

(b) State the result if the sensor detects a pressure of 110.

1

(c) Explain why this algorithm is not *fit for purpose*.

1

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7. Explain the difference between a *breakpoint* and a *watchpoint*.

2

8. A company employs a designer to create a new logo. The logo will be used on all its paperwork, promotional pens, identity badges and advertising posters.

(a) State **two** advantages in this case of using a *vector* rather than a *bit-mapped* graphic.

2

Advantage 1 _____

Advantage 2 _____

(b) Describe a situation where the use of a bit-mapped graphic would be more appropriate than a vector.

1

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9. The members of the English department of a school are shown in the table below.

EnglishDept				
staffID	title	forename	surname	salaryPoint
34	Mr	James	McClean	6
35	Ms	Sabrina	Duff	8
36	Mrs	Claire	Norton	6
37	Miss	Sally	Gunn	7

The two new members of staff are joining the school next term. Their details are:

- Mr Jack Collins at salary point 5 and Staff ID 77
- Miss Mary Jackson at salary point 7 and Staff ID 78

Write an SQL statement to include the details of these two new members of staff in the EnglishDept table.

3

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Section 2—85 marks
Attempt ALL questions

10. A furniture sales company uses a relational database to administer all of its customer orders. Customers are restricted to no more than 10 of each item in a single order. Extracts from the database are shown below.

Customer			
custID	customerName	address	phone
1	Ian McNab	2 Park Lane	07443503761
2	Paul Barr	11 Dew Ave	07423608751
3	Lisa Chan	9 Brent Gdns	07343704366
4	Sue Pollock	4 Bell Rd	07313403770
...

Products		
itemID	itemName	price
1	Oak Dining Table	£750
2	Pine Work Desk	£200
3	Carver Chair	£95
4	Corner Table	£120
...

OrderLine		
orderNo	itemID	quantity
100	3	4
100	1	1
100	4	2
103	1	1
...

OrderForm			
orderNo	orderDate	deliveryDate	custID
100	12/02/19	07/03/19	1
101	12/02/19	05/03/19	2
102	13/02/19	12/03/19	4
103	14/04/19	12/05/19	2
...

- (a) Identify the *compound key* in the database.

1

10. (continued)

- (b) An extract from the *data dictionary* is given below. It is incomplete and contains an error.

Entity	Attribute	Key	Data Type	Unique	Validation
OrderLine	orderNo		Number(int)	Y	
	itemID		Number(int)	N	
	quantity		Number(int)	N	

- (i) Complete the data dictionary by adding the missing entries for the OrderLine entity. **4**
- (ii) State the error which has been made in the OrderLine entity above. **1**
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- (c) Draw an *entity relationship diagram* to show the relationships between the four tables. **3**

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10. (continued)

- (d) A query is used to produce the order lines for each customer. The query for Ian McNab is shown below and saved as “Ian McNab Bill”.

customerName	deliveryDate	productName	quantity	cost
Ian McNab	07/03/2019	Carver Chair	4	£380.00
Ian McNab	07/03/2019	Corner table	2	£240.00
Ian McNab	07/03/2019	Oak Dining Table	1	£750.00

- (i) Identify the *calculated field* and state its formula.

2

- (ii) An *alias* has been used in the above query. Write only the first line of SQL which includes the alias.

3

- (iii) An SQL statement is to be written to calculate the final bill for Ian McNab. Using the above query, write this SQL statement below.

2

11. A dog racing track stores details of each greyhound. A sample is shown below. The names of the dogs and their owners, along with their best race times, are stored as three lists.

Dog	Fast Eddie	Jack the Lad	Queenie	Goliath	Mazzie
Times (seconds)	28.55	28.05	27.95	28.01	28.66
Owners	T Wilson	M Jones	D Tong	P Howard	J Grundie

- (a) (i) Use pseudocode to write an algorithm which will display the name of the **fastest** dog, its time, and owner.

4

- (ii) The time for the **slowest** dog is also to be found. Other than changes to any variable names, state **one** simple alteration to your algorithm that would achieve this.

1

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11. (continued)

- (b) The following algorithm is written after a request from the dog owners. There are two errors in the algorithm.

```

Line 1  RECORD greyhounds IS {STRING name,INTEGER time}
Line 2  SET count TO 0
Line 3  RECEIVE target FROM (STRING) KEYBOARD
Line 4  FOR person FROM 0 TO <End of List(owners)> DO
Line 5      IF owners(person) = target THEN
Line 6          count = count + 1
Line 7          SET greyhounds[count] TO (times[person],dog[person])
Line 8      END IF
Line 9  END FOR EACH

```

- (i) Explain the purpose of this algorithm.

3

- (ii) Explain the purpose of line 1 in the algorithm.

1

- (iii) Explain the purpose of line 7 in the algorithm.

1

11. (b) (continued)

(iv) Identify **two** errors in the algorithm.

2

Error 1 _____

Error 2 _____

(c) Two memory locations are shown below, along with their contents.

NumA	NumB
6	2

Write an algorithm which will swap the values in the memory locations **without using another memory location**. The first step has been done for you.

5

		Trace Table	
Step		NumA	NumB
0		6	2
1	NumA = NumA + NumB	8	2
2			
3			
4			
5			

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12. A school allocates a network username to each pupil.

Pupil Name	Primary School	Primary Code	Username
Karen Hunter	Crookston	A	KHunterA12
James Doby	Bridgegate	B	JDobyB10

The function below generates the username.

```

Line 1  FUNCTION generate (STRING Name,STRING PCode) RETURNS STRING
Line 2  DECLARE surname,username,char INITIALLY ""
Line 3  DECLARE found INITIALLY false
Line 4  SET first TO Name[0]
Line 5  SET Addon TO <convert to string>LEN[Name]
Line 6  FOR EACH letter FROM Name DO
Line 7      IF found = false DO
Line 8          SET char TO letter
Line 9          IF char = <space character> THEN
Line 10              SET found TO true
Line 11          END IF
Line 12      ELSE
Line 13          SET surname TO surname & letter
Line 14      END IF
Line 15  END FOR EACH
Line 16  SET username TO first & surname & PCode & Addon
Line 17  RETURN username
Line 18  END FUNCTION
...
...
Line 40  SET username TO generate(Pupil,Primary)
Line 41  SEND username TO DISPLAY

```

- (a) Identify an *actual* and a *formal* parameter used above.

2

Actual parameter: _____

Formal parameter: _____

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12. (continued)

(b) Explain the purpose of the following lines of code.

(i) Line 4

2

(ii) Line 5

3

(c) Examine the code and answer the following.

(i) Explain, in detail, the purpose of the code from line 6 to line 11.

3

(ii) Describe how the code from line 8 to line 11 could be made more efficient.

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12. (continued)		
(d) The function makes use of <i>local</i> variables.		
(i) Identify one local variable.	1	

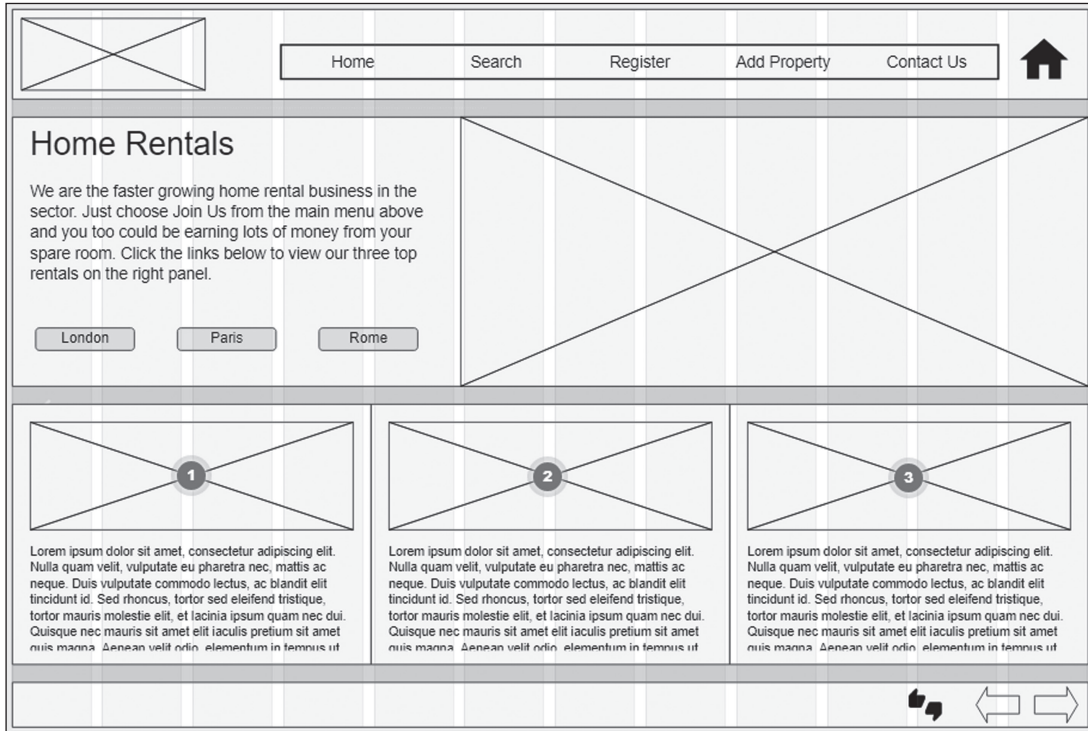
(ii) State two benefits of using local variables in a program.	2	
1 _____		

2 _____		

(e) During debugging, the execution of the program is interrupted at line 9 if the conditional statement is true.		
(i) Identify the name given to this debugging tool.	1	

(ii) State the value of the variable <code>found</code> when the interrupt is made.	1	

13. The design below is the layout of a new website for a home rental agency.



(a) State the name given to this type of design.

1

(b) Identify **three** means of navigating the website, indicated on the design, which will form part of a template for all pages on the site.

3

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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13. (continued)

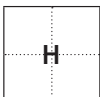
- (c) Write the following CSS code in a more efficient manner in the box below. 4

CSS Code	More efficient version
<pre>{margin-top:20px; margin-bottom:10px; margin-left:5px; margin-right:15px;}</pre>	

- (d) The image and navigation bar must be positioned within the header element. These are shown below, drawn to help with the scale, along with the initial coding and CSS.

```
<header class="top" style="height:80px;">Header text
  <ul class="nav" style="background-color:blue;">
    <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
    <li><a href="#about">About Us</a></li>
    <li><a href="#clients">Our Clients</a></li>
    <li><a href="#contact">Contact Us</a></li>
  </ul>
  
</header>
```

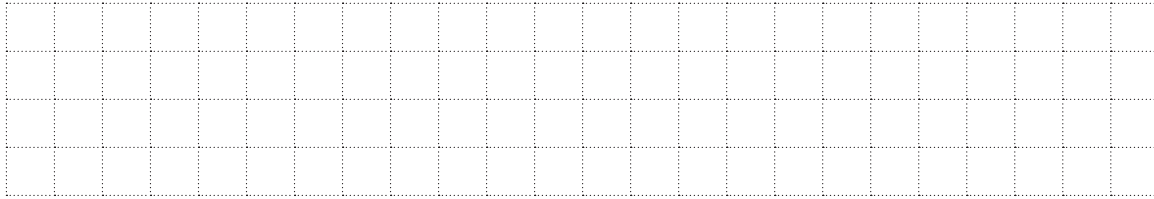
```
.nav{
  float:right;
  height:30px;
  width:400px;
  background-color:black;
  text-align:center;
  margin-top:40px;
  margin-right:20px;
}
.nav li{
  display:inline;
  font-size:18px;
  color:black;
  padding:10px;
}
.imgIconRight{
  height:40px;
  width:40px;
  float:right;
  margin-left:20px;
  margin-top:30px;
}
```



13. (d) (continued)

- (i) Use the CSS, coding and scale indicated opposite to draw the positions of the image and navigation bar on the grid below. **4**

Right-hand part of the header Section



- (ii) State the background colour of the navigation bar. **1**

- (e) The three elements numbered 1, 2 and 3 in the design (shown on *page 17*) have identical properties apart from their background colours, which differ.

- (i) Explain how they can be created most efficiently using external CSS. **2**

- (ii) Explain how the different background colours can be enabled. **2**

- (f) The buttons in the design labelled ‘London’, ‘Rome’ and ‘Paris’, when clicked, change the image displayed on the right. Explain how this is done. **1**

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14. A computer games conference is scheduled in Edinburgh. The organisers have set up a website to allow people to book tickets. The registration page is shown below along with the form code.

Registration Page	Form Code
<p>Name</p> <input type="text" value="Full name"/> <p>Email</p> <input type="text" value="Email Address"/> <p>Number of Passes</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Dietary requirements</p> <input type="text"/> <p>SUBMIT</p>	<pre><form> Name
 <input type="text" value="Full name" maxlength="15"/>
 Email
 <input type="text" value="Email Address" maxlength="15"/>
 Number of Passes
 <input type="text" maxlength="5" "required"/>
 Dietary requirements
 <textarea></textarea>
 <input type="submit" name="submit" onclick="alert('Form Entered')" value="Submit"/> </form></pre>

(a) Describe what happens when the following details are entered and why.

- (i) Name: Michael Peterson
 Email: mp@mymail.com
 Number of passes: 2
 Dietary requirements: none

2

- (ii) Name: Alan Pettie
 Email: ap@mymail.com
 Number of passes: 7
 Dietary requirements: none

2

14. (continued)

- (b) The website is first tested by the developers and then by *persona*.
- (i) State **one** problem that may be identified when performing device type compatibility testing. 1

- (ii) Explain what is meant by “persona” testing. 1

- (c) The developers decide to include ‘receive emails’ as an additional object on the form.
- Suggest the most suitable type of form element and justify your choice. 2

Form element _____

Justification _____

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14. (continued)

(d) The following script is written to improve the form.

```
function check(string){
  var correctformat = /^\\w+([\\.-]?\\w+)*@\\w+([\\.-]?\\w+)*\\.\\w{2,3}+$/;
  if(string.value.match(correctformat))
  {
    return true;
  }
  else
  {
    alert("The value you have entered is invalid!");
    return false;
  }
}
```

Explain the purpose of the function.

3

(e) Once the website is complete, one of the developers suggests using *cookies* to enhance individual user experiences by storing their preferences. However, this raises the issue of sending data in a secure manner.

(i) State the name given to this type of cookie.

1

(ii) Explain how such cookies can be misused and present a security issue.

2

14. (e) (continued)

(iii) State the law which would be broken if cookies did pose a security problem.

1

(iv) Explain how a digital signature is created.

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