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Students did not sit exam papers in the June 2020 series due to the Covid-19 global pandemic.

This mark scheme is published to support teachers and students and should be read together with the question paper. It shows the requirements of the exam. The answer column of the mark scheme shows the proposed basis on which Examiners would award marks for this exam. Where appropriate, this column also provides the most likely acceptable alternative responses expected from students. Examiners usually review the mark scheme after they have seen student responses and update the mark scheme if appropriate. In the June series, Examiners were unable to consider the acceptability of alternative responses, as there were no student responses to consider.

Mark schemes should usually be read together with the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers. However, because students did not sit exam papers, there is no Principal Examiner Report for Teachers for the June 2020 series.

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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.

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.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	It is an unplanned event // an event not wanted	1
1(b)	 1 mark per example to max 3 e.g. Division by zero Invalid array index File does not exist Run-time error Invalid input Invalid argument/value Stack overflow Memory leakage Hardware failure/error 	3
1(c)	 1 mark per bullet point to max 2 The program will not crash // more robust // program will continue Result does not cause further errors/problems later Appropriate error messages/result Exceptional conditions are identified Improve readability 	2

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Question		Ansv	ver	Marks
2(a)	1 mark for the first 3 rows1 mark for the last 2 rows			2
	Feature	Must be included		
	Incrementation			
	General case	\checkmark		
	Base case	✓		
	Selection case			
	It calls itself	✓		
2(b)	1 mark for each of the spaces filled in			5
	PROCEDURE Count(BYVALUE Number IF MOD (Number, 2) <> 0 THEN	: INTEGER)		
	$\begin{array}{rl} \text{Number} \leftarrow \text{Number} & - \\ \text{ENDIF} \end{array}$	1		
	OUTPUT Number			
	IF Number > 0 THEN			
	CALL Count(Number	- 1)		
	ENDIF			
	ENDEROCEDORE			

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	 1 mark per bullet point Recursive call with correct parameters in correct working place(s) Removal of loop Remainder of program in correct place 	5
	<pre>PROCEDURE MealsCount(BYREF MealOption1 : INTEGER, MealOption2 : INTEGER) DECLARE MealOption IF MealOption = 1 THEN MealOption1 ← MealOption1 + 1 CALL MealsCount(MealOption1, MealOption2) ELSE IF MealOption = 2 THEN MealOption2 ← MealOption2 + 1 CALL MealsCount(MealOption2 + 1) CALL MealsCount(MealOption2 + 1) CALL MealsCount(MealOption2 + 1) CALL MealsCount(MealSON CALL MealSON CALL MEALS</pre>	
	ELSE OUTPUT MealOption1, " ", MealOption2 ENDIF ENDIF ENDPROCEDURE	

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	1 mark for each statement	4
	 person(elle). sport(rugby). plays(elle, rugby). will_not_play(elle, hockey). 	

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	johann, jessica	1
3(c)	<pre>1 mark per bullet point • person(Y) • AND // , • sport(X) • AND NOT // , NOT • will_not_play(Y, X) mightplay(Y, X) IF person (Y) AND sport (X) AND NOT(will_not_play(Y, X))</pre>	5

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	1 mark per bullet point to max 2	2
	 Can use the properties from the parent/super class (without redeclaring them) Can use the methods from the parent/super class (without redeclaring them) Can extend the properties from the parent/super class Can extend the methods from the parent/super class 	
4(b)	1 mark per feature to max 2	2
	 Polymorphism Encapsulation Containment Aggregation Composition 	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	1 mark per bullet point	3
	 Method header and close (where applicable) with correct parameters (LessonType, Instructor) Initialised LessonType and Instructor to parameter values 	
	PYTHON	
	<pre>definit(self, LType, LInstructor) : self LessonType = LType selfInstructor = LInstructor</pre>	
	<pre>PASCAL Constructor Lesson.Create(LType, LInstructor); begin LessonType:= LType; Instructor: = LInstructor; end;</pre>	
	<pre>VB.net Public Sub New(ByVal LType As String, ByVal LInstructor As String) LessonType = LType Instructor = LInstructor End Sub</pre>	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	1 mark per bullet point	2
	 function header and close (where applicable) returns Fee 	
	PYTHON	
	<pre>def GetLessonType(self) : return selfLessonType</pre>	
	VB.net Function GetLessonType () As Single Return LessonType End Function	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(c)	1 mark per bullet point	5
	 Function header and close (where applicable) Takes a parameter value Check parameter value is valid returns the correct fee Returns -1 if value not valid 	
	<pre>PYTHON def GetFee(self, Level) : if Level == 'B' : return 45 elif Level == 'I' : return 50 elif Level == 'A' : return 55 else : return -1</pre>	
	<pre>VB.NET Public Sub GetFee(PLevel) if PLevel = "B" Then return 45 elseif PLevel = "I" Then return 50 elseif PLevel = "A" Then return 55 else return -1 endif End Sub</pre>	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(d)	1 mark per bullet point	2
	 Array declaration with identifier LessonArray and size 9 Correct data type used 	
	DECLARE LessonArray : ARRAY[0:8] OF Lesson	
5(e)	1 mark per bullet point	3
	 Object is created Correct parameters passed Stored in correct index of LessonArray 	
	PYTHON LessonArray[2] = Lesson("Improve Your Serve", "David")	
	VB.net LessonArray[2] = New Lesson("Improve Your Serve", "David")	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	1 mark per bullet point to max 4	4
	 Procedure header and end Loop 6000 times Access the UserID and PINNumber for each element in CustomerDetails Correct initialisation of UserID to "" and PINNumber to 0 PROCEDURE InitialiseHashTable() <pre>FOR x ← 0 TO 5999 CustomerDetails[x].UserID ← "" CustomerDetails[x].PINNumber ← 0 ENDFOR ENDFROCEDURE</pre>	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	1 mark for each completed missing statement	7
	<pre>FUNCTION InsertRecord(NewRecord) RETURNS INTEGER DECLARE Count : INTEGER DECLARE Index : INTEGER Count ← 0 Index ← Hash(NewRecord.UserID)</pre>	
	WHILE (CustomerDetails[Index].UserID <> "") AND (Count <= 5999)	
	Index \leftarrow Index + 1	
	Count ← Count + 1 IF Index > 5999	
	$\operatorname{Index} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}$	
	ENDWHILE	
	IF Count > 5999	
	THEN	
	RETURN -1	
	ELSE	
	CustomerDetails[Index]	
	RETURN Index	
	ENDIF	
	ENDFUNCTION	



Question	Answer										Marks	
7(b)(ii)	1 mark per bullet point to max 2									2		
	SequentialRandom											
7(c)	1 mark per completed statement									3		
	<pre>PROCEDURE UpdateTelephone(BYREF ThisCustomer : Customer, BYVALUE NewTelephoneNumber : STRING) ThisCustomer.TelephoneNumber</pre>											
7(d) 1 mark per column pair										4		
	Conditions	Order over \$50	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Ν	N		
		Monday	Y	Y	N	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	N		
		Loyalty card	Y	Ν	Y	Ν	Y	Ν	Y	N		
		Additional 5% discount	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N		
		10% discount	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		
	tions	Free gift	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N		
	Ac	Free delivery	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N		
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