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    REPEAT
        n ← n + 1
        x ← n
        y ← 1
        WHILE MID(String1, x, 1) = MID(String2, y, 1)

            IF y = LENGTH(String2)
                THEN
                    f ← n
                ELSE
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State the value and its meaning.

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QUESTION 6.



4 A company employs Ahmed as a programmer.

- (a) At College, before joining the company, Ahmed used two items of software for programming.
- a text editor
 - a compiler

Describe how he could have developed programs using these software tools.

Include in the description the terms 'object code' and 'source code'.

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(b) Ahmed now uses an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for programming.

- (i) State **one** feature an IDE provides to help with the identification of syntax errors.

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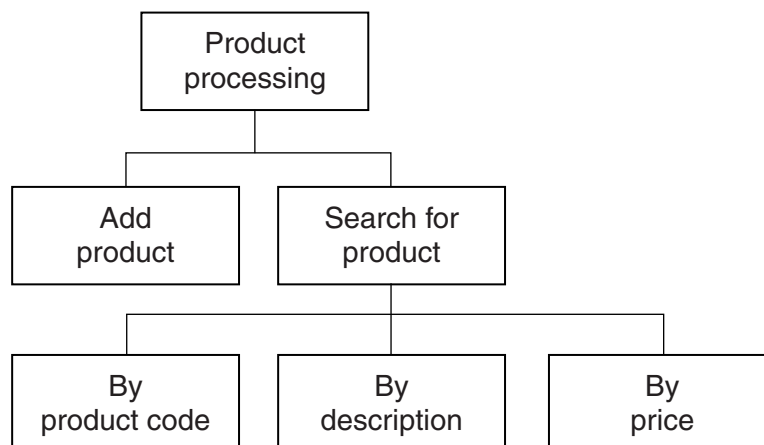
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(ii) State **one** feature an IDE provides to carry out white box testing.

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(c) The company maintains a file of product data. Ahmed is to write a program to add a new product and search for a product based on the structure diagram shown:





The program records the following data for each product:

- product code
- product description
- product retail price

The text file `PRODUCTS` stores each data item on a separate line, as shown below:

File `PRODUCTS`

0198
Plums (10kg)
11.50
0202
Onions (20kg)
10.00
0376
Mango chutney (1kg)
02.99
0014
Mango (10kg)
12.75

The program uses the variables shown in the identifier table.

Identifier	Data type	Description
<code>PRODUCTS</code>	TEXT FILE	Storing the code, description and retail price for all current products
<code>PCode</code>	ARRAY[1:1000] OF STRING	Array storing the product codes
<code>PDescription</code>	ARRAY[1:1000] OF STRING	Array storing the product descriptions
<code>PRetailPrice</code>	ARRAY[1:1000] OF REAL	Array storing the product retail prices
<code>i</code>	INTEGER	Array index used by all three arrays



- (i) The first operation of the program is to read all the product data held in the file `PRODUCTS` and write them into the three 1D arrays.

Complete the pseudocode below.

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OPEN .....
i ← 1
WHILE .....
    READFILE ("PRODUCTS", ..... )
    READFILE ("PRODUCTS", ..... )
    READFILE ("PRODUCTS", ..... )
    .....
    .....
ENDWHILE
CLOSE "PRODUCTS"
OUTPUT "Product file contents written to arrays"
    
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When Ahmed designed the `PRODUCTS` file, he considered the alternative file structure shown opposite.

It stores one product per line in the text file.

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- (ii) State **one** benefit and **one** drawback of this file design.

Benefit

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Drawback

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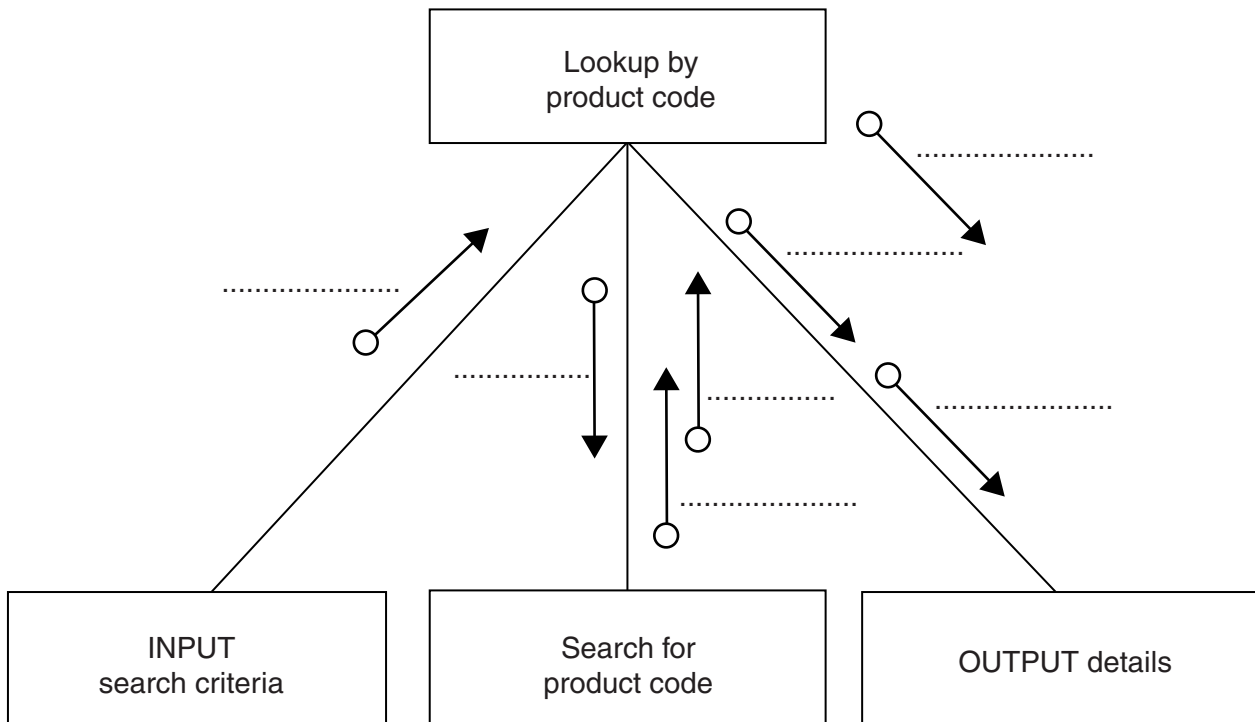
(d) To code the 'Search by product code' procedure, Ahmed draws a structure chart with different stages.

The procedure uses the variables shown in the identifier table.

Identifier	Data type	Description
SearchCode	STRING	Product code input by the user
ThisIndex	INTEGER	Array index position for the corresponding product
ThisDescription	STRING	Product description found
ThisRetailPrice	REAL	Product retail price found

You can assume that before the procedure is run, all the product data is read from file PRODUCTS and then stored in three 1D arrays as described in **part (c)(i)**.

Label the structure chart to show the input(s) and output(s).



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QUESTION 7.



5 A team keeps a record of the scores made by each of their eight players in a number of games.

The data in the two tables below shows:

- the scores of the eight players after twenty games
- the eight player names.

	1	2	3	8
1	12	17	67	31
2	35	82	44	29
3	61	39	80	17
4	81	103	21	11
5	56	0	98	4
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19	45	6	81	77
20	12	11	3	6

1	Vorma
2	Ravi
3	Chada
4	Nigam
5	Bahri
6	Smith
7	Goyal
8	Lata

The team wants a computer program to input and record the player data.

(a) A programmer designs the following pseudocode for the input of a player's score from one game.

```
01 INPUT GameNumber
02 INPUT PlayerNumber
03 INPUT PlayerGameScore
04 PlayerScore[GameNumber, PlayerNumber] ← PlayerGameScore
```

Describe the data structure the programmer has used for the storage of all player scores.

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(c) The team wants the program to produce a report, with the following specifications:

The program outputs the total number of player scores that are:

- 50 and over but less than 100
- 100 or higher.

You can assume that before the section runs, the program has assigned all eight player scores to the `PlayerScore` data structure.

A first attempt at the pseudocode is shown below:

```

01 Total150 ← 0
02 Total100 ← 0
03 FOR PlayerIndex ← 1 TO 8
04   FOR GameIndex ← 1 TO 20
05     IF PlayerScore[GameIndex, PlayerIndex] > 100
06       THEN
07         Total100 ← Total100 + 1
08       ELSE
09         IF PlayerScore[GameIndex, PlayerIndex] > 50
10           THEN
11             Total150 ← Total150 + GameIndex
12           ENDIF
13         ENDIF
14       ENDFOR
15     ENDFOR
16 OUTPUT Total150
17 OUTPUT Total100

```

(i) Describe the control structure used in lines 03 and 04 and lines 14 and 15.

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(ii) Consider the following two statements.

Write either TRUE or FALSE next to each statement.

Statement	TRUE or FALSE
The pseudocode considers all the scores for a player, before progressing to the next player.	
The pseudocode considers all scores in a game, before progressing to the next game.	

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(iii) The programmer has made logic errors in the design.

State a line number at which an error occurs.

Explain the error or write the corrected pseudocode statement.

Line number

Explanation

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QUESTION 8.

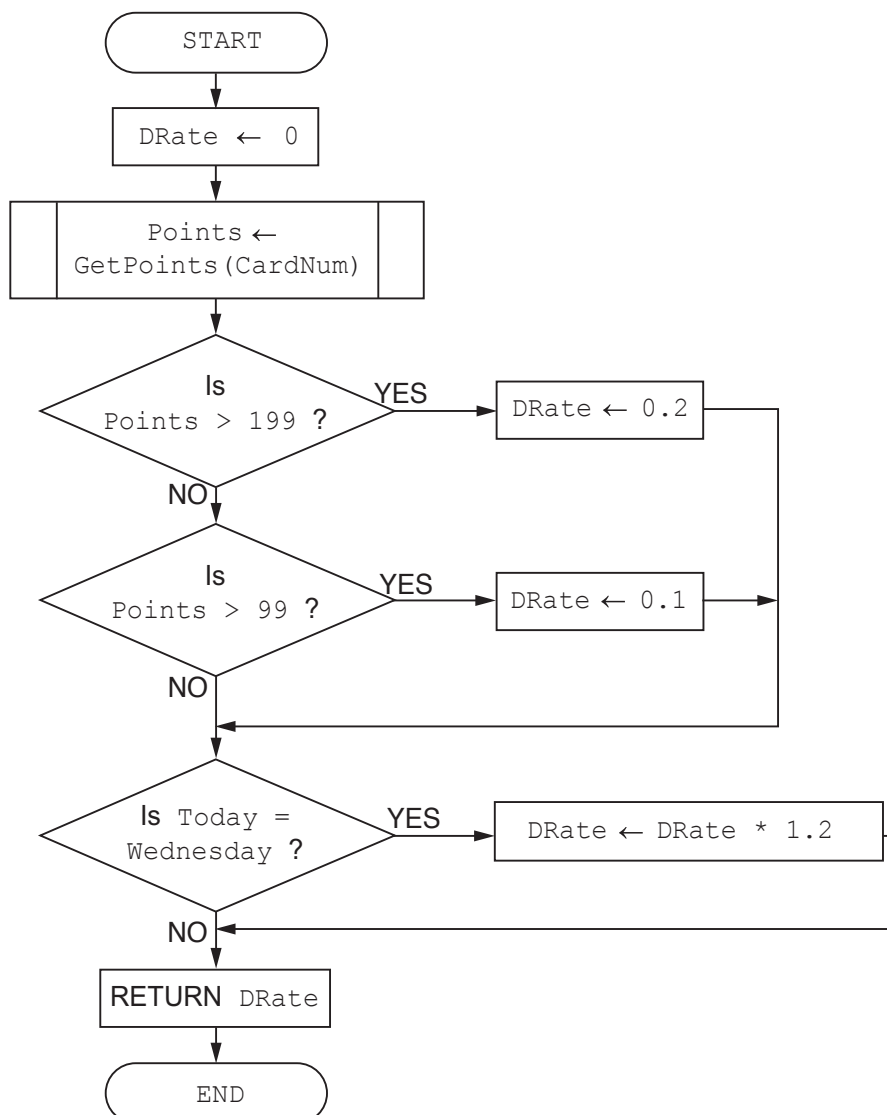


- 2 Shop customers have a discount card with a unique card number. Customers can earn points for every item they have bought. The more points they have, the bigger the discount. If the day is Wednesday, their discount is increased by 20%.

The function `GetDiscountRate()` takes a card number as a parameter and returns the discount rate for a customer based on the number of points they have collected. A flowchart for the function is shown.

The function uses the following variables and functions.

Identifier	Data type	Description
DRate	REAL	The discount rate
CardNum	STRING	The unique customer card number
Points	INTEGER	The number of points collected
<code>GetPoints()</code>	FUNCTION	Takes the card number as a parameter and returns the number of points already collected
<code>Today()</code>	FUNCTION	Returns the day number: 1 for Monday, 2 for Tuesday etc.





(b) A programmer writes the function `GetDiscountRate()` in a high-level language.

(i) A run-time error could occur when the function is used.

Name **and** describe **one** other type of error that the function could contain.

Name

Description

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(ii) Function `GetPoints()` has not been written yet.

Name **and** describe a strategy that can be used to test `GetDiscountRate()` before the `GetPoints()` function has been written.

Name

Description

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(c) There are different ways to minimise the risk of errors when writing programs, such as the use of constants and library routines.

(i) Identify **two** values that could be replaced by constants in the function

`GetDiscountRate()`.

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(ii) Write **pseudocode** to declare **one** of the constants you have given in **part (c)(i)**.

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(iii) Explain how the use of constants helps to minimise programming errors.

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(iv) Give a reason why the use of library routines helps to minimise the risk of errors when writing a program.

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(v) Constants and library routines help to minimise the risk of errors.

Name another way that you can minimise the risk of errors when writing a program. Explain how this helps.

Name

Explanation

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QUESTION 9.



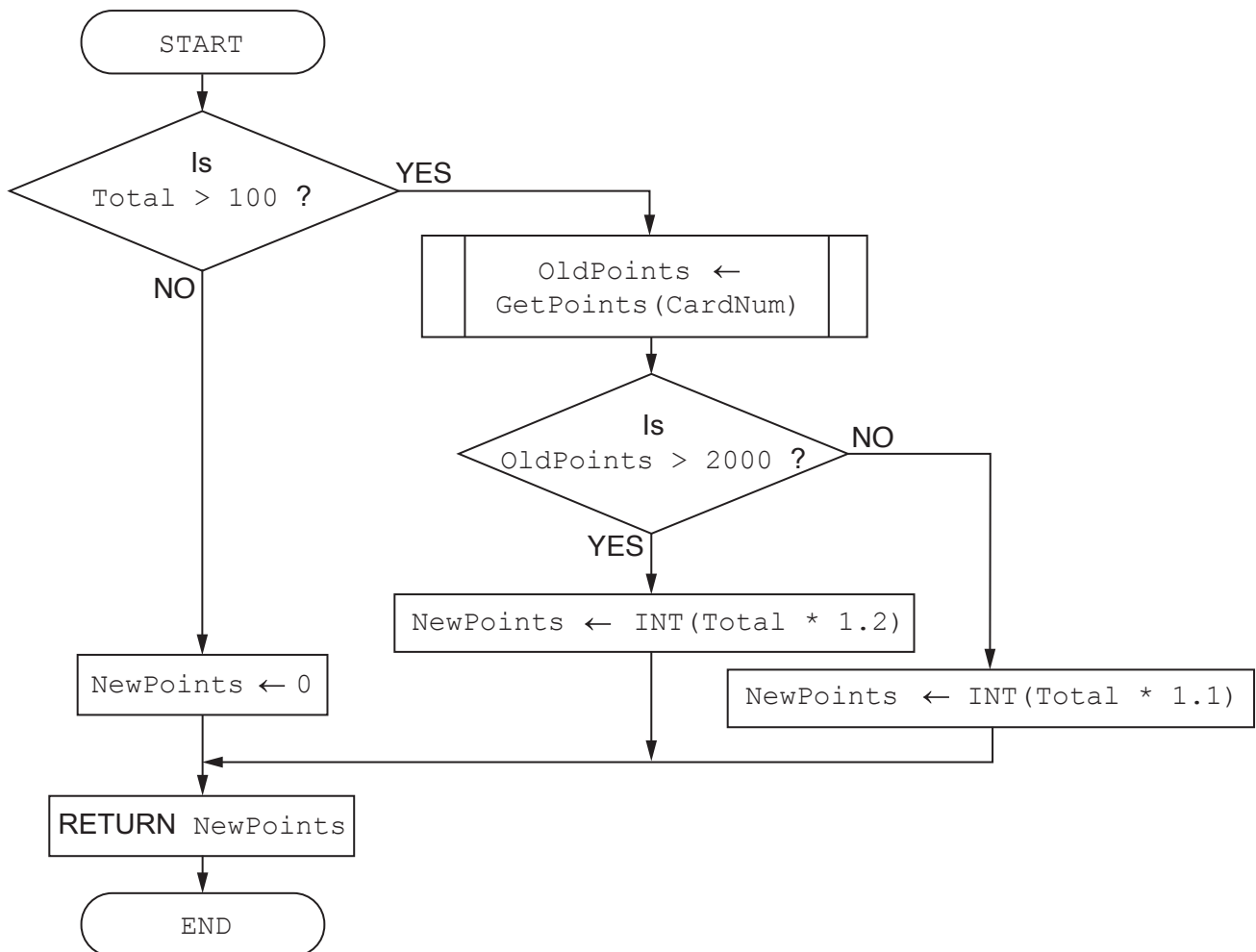
2 Shop customers have a discount card with a unique card number. Customers collect points every time they buy items. The number of points they collect depends on:

- the total amount they spend
- the number of points already collected.

The function `CalcPoints()` takes the card number and the total amount spent as parameters. It returns the number of new points collected. A flowchart for the function is shown.

The function uses the following variables and functions.

Identifier	Data type	Description
CardNum	STRING	A numeric string representing the unique card number
OldPoints	INTEGER	The number of points already collected
NewPoints	INTEGER	The number of new points collected
Total	REAL	The amount spent
GetPoints()	FUNCTION	Takes the card number as a parameter and returns the number of points already collected
INT()	FUNCTION	Refer to the Appendix on page 16





(b) The function `CalcPoints()` is written in a high-level language. It has been tested and does not contain any syntax or logic errors.

(i) Name **and** describe **one** other type of error that the high-level language code could contain.

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(ii) The function `CalcPoints()` is tested using white-box testing.

State **two** different values of `Total` that could be used to test different paths through the algorithm. Justify your choices.

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QUESTION 10.

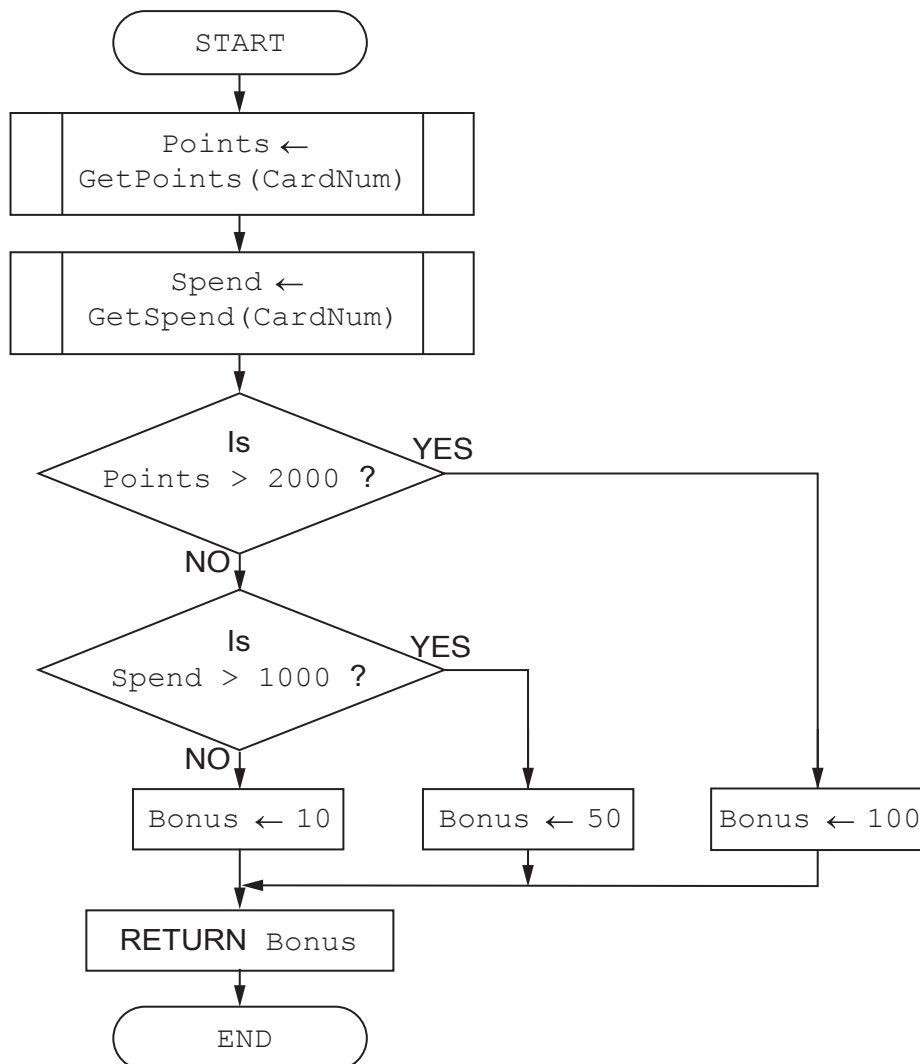


- 2 Shop customers have a discount card with a unique card number. Customers collect points when they buy items. At the end of each year, customers are given bonus (extra) points based on the total amount they have spent during the year, and the number of points they have on their card.

The function `CalcBonus()` takes the card number as a parameter. It returns the bonus points given to the customer. A flowchart for the function is shown.

The function uses the following variables and functions.

Identifier	Data type	Description
CardNum	STRING	A numeric string representing the unique card number
Points	INTEGER	The number of points collected
Spend	REAL	The total amount that customer has spent during the year
Bonus	INTEGER	The number of bonus points
GetPoints()	FUNCTION	Takes the card number as a parameter and returns the number of points already collected
GetSpend()	FUNCTION	Takes the card number as a parameter and returns the total amount that customer has spent during the year





- (ii) The function `GetCardNumber()` prompts the user to input a card number. The function should return the card number if the input is valid.

A valid card number has 16 characters. Each character is a numeric character ('0'-'9').

Write **pseudocode** to complete the `GetCardNumber()` function.

You should refer to the function `IS_NUM()` in the **Appendix** on page 16.

FUNCTION `GetCardNumber()` RETURNS STRING

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ENDFUNCTION



(b) The function CalcBonus () is written in a high-level language.

(i) The function is tested using black-box testing and does not contain any syntactical errors.

Name **and** describe **one** other type of error that black-box testing could find.

Name

Description

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(ii) The function CalcBonus () is tested using white-box testing.

State **two** different pairs of values for Spend and Points that can be used to test different paths through the function. Justify your choices.

Spend Points

Justification

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(c) Name **two** types of program maintenance **and** state the reason why each is needed.

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QUESTION 11.



- 4 A program is being written to control the operation of a portable music player. The program controls the output volume.

The player has two buttons, one to increase the volume and one to decrease it. When a button is pressed, a procedure `Button()` is called with a parameter value representing the button as follows:

Button	Parameter value
Volume increase	10
Volume decrease	20

For example, pressing the volume increase button three times followed by pressing the volume decrease button once would result in the calls:

```
CALL Button(10) // VolLevel increased by 1
CALL Button(10) // VolLevel increased by 1
CALL Button(10) // VolLevel increased by 1
CALL Button(20) // VolLevel decreased by 1
```

The program makes use of two global variables of type `INTEGER` as follows:

Variable	Description
<code>VolLevel</code>	The current volume setting. This must be in the range 0 to 49.
<code>MaxVol</code>	A value that can be set to limit the maximum value of <code>VolLevel</code> , in order to protect the user's hearing. A value in the range 1 to 49 indicates the volume limit. A value of zero indicates that no volume limit has been set.

The procedure `Button()` will modify the value of `VolLevel` depending on which button has been pressed and whether a maximum value has been set.



(b) The procedure `Button()` is to be tested using black-box testing.

Fill in the gaps below to define **three** tests that could be carried out.

TEST 1 – `VolLevel` is changed

Parameter value: 10

`MaxVol`:

`VolLevel` value before call to `Button()`: 48

`VolLevel` expected value after call to `Button()`:

TEST 2 – `VolLevel` is **not** changed

Parameter value: 10

`MaxVol`: 34

`VolLevel` value before call to `Button()`:

`VolLevel` expected value after call to `Button()`:

TEST 3 – `VolLevel` is **not** changed

Parameter value:

`MaxVol`: 40

`VolLevel` value before call to `Button()`: 0

`VolLevel` expected value after call to `Button()`:



- (c) The testing stage is part of the program development cycle.
 - (i) The program for the music player has been completed. The program does not have any syntax errors, but testing could reveal further errors.

Identify **and** describe **one different** type of error that testing could reveal.

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- (ii) Stub testing is a technique often used in the development of modular programs.

Describe the technique.

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