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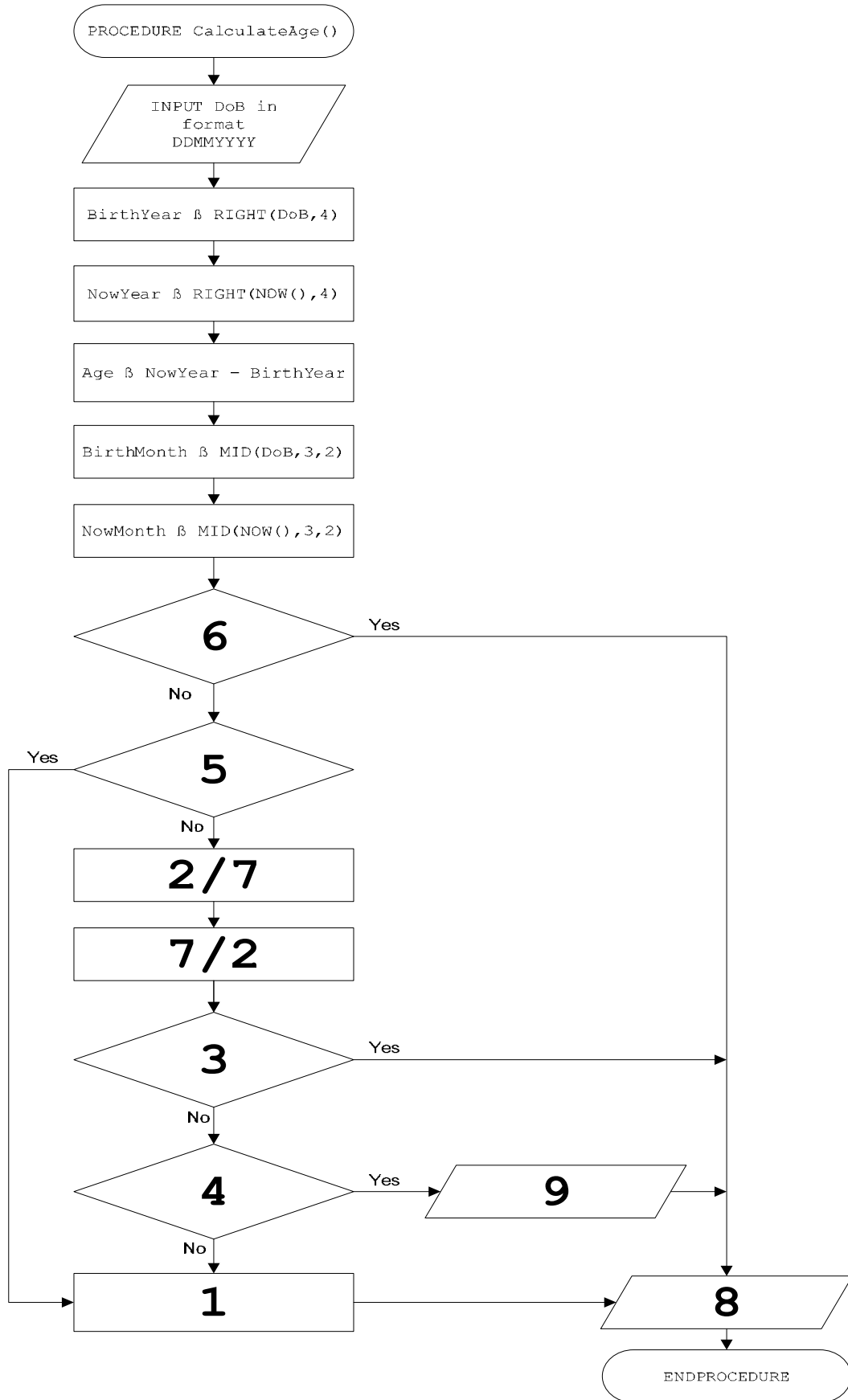
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- 1 (a) (i) 66 [1]
- (ii) error [1]
- (iii) 'C' (accept without quotes) [1]
- (b) Letter15 ← CHAR(ASCII('A') + 14) [2]
- Completely correct – 2 marks
Single error of (not 14) scores 1 mark
- (c) (i) • letter A-Z have increasing ASCII codes
• the ASCII values of the two characters are compared
• the character with the smaller value is the first character / the character with the larger value is the second character [2]
- (ii) • ASCII codes of the characters are compared in turn ...
• from left hand side / start of each word
• ... until two characters are different
• the lower code value determines the first word
• if 2 words are the same when one ends ...
• ... this is the first word [4]
- (iii) Mark as follows:
- Function header (ignore data type) & termination
 - Data types for parameter and return value
 - Change letter to ASCII
 - Add 32
 - Change ASCII code to letter
 - Return value
- Example pseudocode
- ```
FUNCTION LowerCase(Letter : CHARACTER) RETURNS CHARACTER
 DECLARE LetterCode : INTEGER
 LetterCode ← ASCII(Letter) + 32
 Letter ← CHAR(LetterCode)
 RETURN Letter
ENDFUNCTION
```
- [6]
- 2 (i) "01072015" [1]

(ii)



1 mark for each box except 2/7 are 1 mark for both.

[8]

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- (iii) Five dates to cover the following cases:
- Birth month before current month
  - Birth month after current month
  - Birth month equal to current month + birth day before current day
  - Birth month equal to current month + birth day after current day
  - Birth month equal to current month + birth day equal to current day
- [5]

3 (a) (i) *Mark as follows:*

- *correct index range*
- *correct data type*

Example Pascal:

```
VAR Letters : ARRAY[0..25] OF INTEGER;
```

[2]

- (ii) 0  
Do not accept "0" [1]

(iii) *Mark as follows:*

- *correct loop from 0 to 25 (accept REPEAT or WHILE loops that work)*
- *assignment of initial value to array element (allow ft from part (ii))*

Example Pascal

```
FOR i := 0 TO 25 DO
 Letters[i] := 0;
```

[2]

(b) (i) WHILE NOT EOF(**MessageText**)

```
 ::
 // calculate index using ASCII function from Question 1
 Index ← ASCII(NextLetter) - ASCII('A')
 // increment relevant frequency total in Letters array
 Letters[Index] ← Letters[Index] + 1
```

[3]

- (ii)
- returns a Boolean value
  - checks whether it reached a marker written to the file ...
  - immediately after the last character
- (No marks for "End Of File" ) [max 2]

(c) (i) Mark as follows:

- parameter
- returns data type
- declaration of local variable(s)
- Initialisation(s)
- loop
- Boolean statement
- updating of largest so far
- store index of where largest so far was found
- return index of most frequent letter

Example answer:

```

FUNCTION MostFrequentLetterIndex(Letters : ARRAY OF INTEGER)
 RETURNS INTEGER

 DECLARE Index : INTEGER
 DECLARE LargestSoFar : INTEGER
 DECLARE i : INTEGER
 LargestSoFar ← 0
 Index ← -1 // reject a value within 0 to 25
 FOR i ← 0 TO 25
 IF Letters[i] > LargestSoFar
 THEN
 LargestSoFar ← Letters[i]
 Index ← i
 ENDIF
 ENDFOR
 RETURN Index
ENDFUNCTION

```

[max 8]

(ii) MostFrequentLetter ← CHAR(MostFrequentLetterIndex() + 65) [1]

(iii) Displacement ← ASCII(MostFrequentLetter) - ASCII('E') [1]

(d) (i)

| x   | y  | z  | w   | OUTPUT |
|-----|----|----|-----|--------|
| "E" | 69 | 72 | "H" | "H"    |
| "B" | 66 | 69 | "E" | "E"    |
| "I" | 73 | 76 | "L" | "L"    |
| "M" | 77 | 80 | "P" | "P"    |
|     |    |    |     |        |

1 mark per column (first three) – 1 mark last two columns [4]

(ii) Converts an encrypted message into plain text [1]

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- (iii) Any **one** from:
- Annotation / comments
  - Keywords in capitals
- [1]
- (iv) Meaningful variable names  
Indentation
- [2]
- (e) (i) Any example of a syntax error such as:  
mis-spelling of keyword  
mismatched brackets
- [1]
- (ii) syntax error  
**When:** during compilation // during code entry into Integrated Development Environment  
**How:** translator diagnostics / compiler error messages // IDE highlights error
- [2]
- (iii) (The logic of) the method of solution was not correct  
**Or** by example
- [1]
- (iv) logic error  
**When:** during testing / execution  
**How:** when expected results don't match actual results
- [2]
- (f) (i) 03 FOR i ← 0 TO 25  
04     Used[i] ← FALSE
- [2]
- (ii) 06 FUNCTION RandomCode () RETURNS INTEGER  
07     REPEAT  
08         Code ← Random(25)  
09     UNTIL Used[Code] = FALSE  
10     Used[Code] ← TRUE  
11     RETURN Code  
12 ENDFUNCTION
- [4]
- (iii) 13 // main program  
14 // calculate and store unique random letters  
15 // in second column of array LetterGrid  
16 FOR i ← 0 TO 25  
17     LetterGrid[i,2] ← CHAR(65 + RandomCode ())  
18 ENDFOR
- [2]
- (iv) • check contents of LetterGrid array  
• every letter is there exactly once in second column
- [2]