

JUNIOR LYCEUM ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS 2006

Educational Assessment Unit – Education Division

FORM 5 (Option)

COMPUTER STUDIES

TIME: 1 h 45 min

Name: _____

Class: _____

Directions to Candidates:

Answer ALL questions in Section A on this paper.

Answer any TWO questions from Section B on separate foolscaps.

The use of flow chart template is permitted.

Calculators are NOT allowed.

Good English and orderly presentation are important.

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Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Paper Total	Course Work	Final Mark
Max	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	15	15	15	85%	15%	100%
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Section A - Answer all Questions

- 1 The table below lists some **Input** and **Output** devices. Tick (✓) whether each device is an input or output device and provide a suitable application for each. An example has been given to help you answer this question.

Device	Input	Output	Application
Keyboard	✓		Word Processing.
Laser Printer			
Mouse			
Bar-code Reader			
Joystick			
Plotter			

[5]

- 2 (a) Two common types of secondary storage media are **magnetic** and **optical**. Tick (✓) whether the following media are **magnetic** or **optical** and for each medium give a typical storage capacity.

Secondary Storage	Magnetic	Optical	Capacity
Hard Disk			
Floppy Disk			
Compact Disk			

[3]

- (b) Secondary storage media allow **direct** (random) and/or **sequential** (serial) methods of accessing data. Distinguish between the two methods.

Direct: _____

Sequential: _____

[2]

- 3 (a) Say what the following **abbreviations** stand for:

CAM: _____

CAL: _____

EFT: _____

[3]

- (b) Mention a typical situation where **CAL** and **EFT** may be used.

CAL: _____

EFT : _____

[2]

- 4 (a) Most software is covered by copyright laws and therefore it is illegal to copy it (software piracy). Describe **three** security measures which software houses use to protect their software.

1st Security: _____

2nd Security: _____

3rd Security: _____

[3]

- (b) To protect data against loss or unauthorized access, different procedures (methods) are used, for example passwords. Describe **two** OTHER methods which can be used to protect important data.

1st Method: _____

2nd Method: _____

[2]

- 5 (a) The following are three computer applications:

Bank transactions; preparing telephone invoices; training airline pilots.

Match the computer applications with the systems listed below:

i. simulation: _____

ii. real-time system: _____

iii. batch processing: _____

[3]

- (b) Distinguish between **real-time** and **multiprogramming** operating systems.

Real-time: _____

Multiprogramming: _____

[2]

- 6 (a) Computers are linked together to form network systems. Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of a network system.

Advantage: _____

Disadvantage: _____

- (b) Different types of communication links can be used to connect computers together – the telephone cable is an example. Mention **two** other types of communication links.

1st type: _____

2nd type: _____

- (c) What do you understand by the **bandwidth** of a network system?

Bandwidth: _____

- 7 (a) Computer systems may either be **general-purpose** or **dedicated**. What is the difference between them?

General-purpose: _____

Dedicated: _____

- (b) Give **two** examples of dedicated computer systems.

1st example: _____

2nd example: _____

- (c) What do you understand by **process control**?

Process Control: _____

- 8 (a) Programmers often make errors while writing computer programs. Which are the **three** common types of programming errors?

1st error: _____

2nd error: _____

3rd error: _____

[1]

- (b) The incorrect program below should accept an inputted temperature in degrees Celsius (C), should convert it to degrees Fahrenheit (F) and output the result on the screen.

```
Program cen_to_fer;
```

```
Var
```

```
F, C : Real;
```

```
Begin
```

```
Write('Enter the temperature in Centigrade: ');
```

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Readln(C);
```

```
(9*C/5) + 32 := F;
```

```
Readln;
```

```
End.
```

Write down the two errors in the program and show how each error may be corrected so that the program runs as intended.

1st error: _____

Error corrected: _____

2nd error: _____

Error corrected: _____

[4]

- 9 (a) Convert the decimal numbers **147** and **17** into binary.

Space for working:

147 = _____

17 = _____

[2]

- (b) Using two's complement, show how the subtraction $147 - 17$ is performed.

Space for working:

Answer: _____

[2]

- (c) Can $+130$ be represented in two's complement using an 8-bit register? Explain why.

Answer: _____

[1]

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The weather person on a local television station must decide to tell the viewers if it is a nice day or not. It is a nice day if the temperature lies between **T1** and **T2** and the humidity is between **H1** and **H2**, as given below.

$$T1 < 32^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T2 > 16^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$H1 < 90\%$$

$$H2 > 50\%$$

Therefore, it will be a nice day only if all four statements above are true. Otherwise, if at least one statement is false then it will not be a nice day.

To answer the following questions use **N** to represent a nice day.

- (a) Draw the logic circuit using appropriate symbols having **T1**, **T2**, **H1** and **H2** as inputs and **N** as output.

Space for circuit



[4]

- (b) Write down the Boolean expression for the logic circuit, in question 10 (a), in terms of **T1**, **T2**, **H1**, **H2** and **N**.

Answer: _____

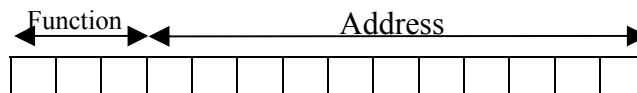
[1]

- 11** The **Fetch-Execute Cycle** is the repetitive task of the CPU while executing a program. Using the terms: **Program Counter**, **Instruction Register**, **ALU** and **Main Memory**, describe the steps of the Fetch-Execute Cycle.

[5]

Section B – Answer any TWO questions

- 12** (a) A program instruction for a simple computer is designed with a word length of 14 bits. The diagram below shows that 3 bits are used for the Function code and the remaining 11 bits for the Address.



- i. How many different functions can be coded with this computer? [1]
 ii. How many different memory locations can be directly addressed? [1]
- (b) Describe briefly **three** differences between high level languages and low level languages. [3]
- (c) Compilers and interpreters are both language translators. Explain the main difference between them. [1]
- (d) i. What is the input to a compiler called? [1]
 ii. What is the output from a compiler called? [1]
- (e) Draw a flowchart for a validation program which asks the user to input 30 marks. For each mark entered the computer should output '**Mark Accepted**' if the mark is between 0 and 100, otherwise it should output '**Mark Rejected**'. [7]

- 13 (a) Draw a block diagram of the hardware of a computer system. The diagram should include: **ALU, Control Unit, Accumulator, Program Counter, RAM, ROM, an Input Device, an Output Device** and a **Secondary Storage device**. In your diagram show the **flow of information**. [6]
- (b) Briefly explain the functions of the **ALU, Control Unit** and **Memory Unit**. [3]
- (c) Name and describe the function of a register found in the ALU and another one found in the Control Unit. [4]
- (d) Give **two** reasons why secondary storage devices are required in a computer system. [2]

- 14 (a) **Dry Running** and **Program Tracing** are two methods used to test whether a program works correctly or not. Explain the terms Dry Running and Program Tracing. [4]
- (b) Write a program in Pascal which accepts **20 examination marks** and stores them in an **array**. The marks can be **real** numbers (with any decimal place). Use the marks read to output on the screen the marks in the form of a **bar chart** with asterisks (*) together with the **mark given to one decimal place**. Use the ROUND function to round down the marks to the nearest integer to display an integral number of asterisks. The output should be displayed as in the example below:

```
***** 5.3
***** 9.7
```

Use in-line documentation (comments) where you think it is necessary to explain your source code. [11]