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SECTION 1 - 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions

Ι.	(a)	company would use beta testing.	1
	(b)	State two reasons why the client should be involved in the testing.	2

2. Clare has just started programming and has created an algorithm to search the array cars which holds one hundred car registration numbers.

Clare wishes to search for a specific registration number each time she uses the program. Clare's algorithm is shown below.

```
line
1
     SET check TO 0
2
     SET counter TO 1
3
     RECEIVE registration FROM KEYBOARD
4
     REPEAT
5
           IF cars[counter] = registration THEN
6
                  SET check TO 1
7
           END IF
8
           SET counter TO counter + 1
9
     UNTIL check = 1 OR counter = 101
```

Clare could have used a Boolean variable called "found" as part of this algorithm. She alters line 1 to read:

1 SET found TO false



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Jade is writing a program on her PC that is intended to run on her mobile phone.	
Explain why an emulator is required in the programming environment.	
Scottish Airways operate a real-time booking system. To ensure the security of the data they make a daily backup of the whole system.	
Explain what additional backups would be required to ensure no loss of data in the event of a system failure.	

2. (continued)

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SN is a software development company. They have been invited to bid for the contract to develop software for a multinational supermarket chain. (a) Explain why using a rapid application development (RAD) methodology could be beneficial to SN when bidding for the contract. 2 (b) Describe how Agile methodologies could be used in the effective production of the software. 2

6. A programming language uses 32 bits to represent real numbers such as the negative value -0.000000016.

Explain how the 32 bits could be allocated to store such numbers.				

7. A section of code has been written to total the contents of an array of 100 values.

lir	ne	
1	SET total TO 0	
2	FOR index FROM 1 TO 100	
3	<pre>SET total TO total + values[index]</pre>	
4	END FOR	
(a)	Explain why a compiler may be more efficient than an interpreter in the execution of this code.	2
(b)	Explain the benefit of this code being present in cache memory.	2

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SECTION 2 — 70 marks Attempt ALL questions

1. A program has been written to find the **position** of the maximum value in a list, however the program stops responding. The algorithm responsible is shown below.

lin	ne
1	SET source TO [71,76,66,67,89,72]
2	SET position TO 1
3	FOR counter FROM 2 TO 6
4	IF source[counter]>source[position] THEN
5	SET counter TO position
6	END IF
7	END FOR
(a)	Line 1 shows the use of a 1-D array to store the list of values, instead of six individual variables. Describe two advantages of using a 1-D array to store this list of values.

(b) A trace table is being used to record the changes to variables when stepping through the code.

(Line 4 does not change a variable's value and so is not included.)

Line	Source	Position	Counter
1	[77,66,88,67,89,72]		
2			
3			
5			

(i) Complete the information in the table above, recording the value assigned to the variable for line numbers 2, 3 and 5.



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۱.	(b)	(con	tinued)	MARKS	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN
		(ii)	Explain why the loop never terminates.	2	
				-	
		(iii)	Describe how the algorithm should be corrected.	2	
		(iv)	The program stopped responding because the loop did not	- - -	
		(14)	terminate. This is an example of an execution error. Describe another type of error that can occur when a program runs.		
				-	
	(c)		ribe how a feature of the software development environment could been used to locate the area of code with the error.	2	
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2. CheckTax have developed a function to return the taxcode (A, B, C or D) that should be used for an employee's pay. The function is to be used for employees that have income from two different sources. For example:

Combined income	Taxcode
Less than 9000	A
9000 and over (but less than 43000)	В
43000 and over (but less than 60000)	С
60000 and over	D

The inputs and output of this function are show in the diagram below.



The function was developed using the following algorithm to determine a taxcode for any value of total income.

```
line
1
     SET taxcode TO "Z"
2
     SET salary TO (income1 + income2)
     IF salary < 9000 THEN
3
4
                SET taxcode TO "A"
5
     END IF
6
     IF salary > 9000 AND salary < 43000 THEN
7
                SET taxcode TO "B"
8
     END IF
9
     IF salary > 43000 AND salary < 60000 THEN
                SET taxcode TO "C"
10
11
     END IF
12
     IF salary > 60000 THEN
                SET taxcode TO "D"
13
14
     END IF
15
     RETURN taxcode
```

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(continued) MARGIN (a) Explain why this algorithm would return an incorrect taxcode if income1 is 30000 and income2 is 30000. 2 (b) The lead programmer comments that the use of a series of IF statements is inefficient. Using pseudocode or a language with which you are familiar, rewrite the algorithm to correct the logic error and make the code more efficient. 3

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2. (continued)

wire-framing.

(c) Jeanette works for a bank and has downloaded the corrected function, taxcode, from CheckTax's online library. Bank employees receive an annual salary and bonus pay and Jeanette's program stores these values in variables salary and bonus. It also stores the employee's tax code in a variable called code.

Using pseudocode or a language with which you are familiar, write an algorithm for a subroutine that will:

- Ask the user for the values for variables salary and bonus
- Use the function to assign the variable code

(d) Jeanette has commissioned CheckTax to create some software for the bank. Part of the software will be designed for a web-based system. CheckTax have decided to use wire-framing as part of the design process.

Describe two factors that CheckTax will have to consider while using

The weather statistics are recorded for each day of the 30 days of November. For each day, the statistics recorded include the rainfall in millimetres and the lowest temperature. Some of the data is shown below.

Day	Rainfall	Lowest temperature
1	12	8
2	5	4
3	0	-3
4	5	1
5	0	-4
30	21	6

(a) The rainfall figures are held in an array called rainfall and the lowest temperatures in an array called lowtemp. Using pseudocode or a language with which you are familiar, write an algorithm to count the number of dry days below freezing and write this number of days to a text file called drydays.

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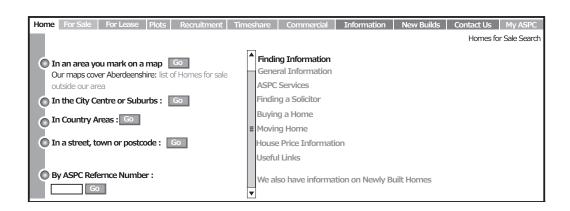
3. (continued)

this value available to other parts of the program.

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4. Homeview is an estate agent which specialises in the sale of residential properties in Aberdeenshire. It uses a dynamic database-driven website to display the range of properties it has for sale. Details of each property are held within a relational database.



(a)	benefit fo		•	a	dynamic	database-driv	en	website	15	a

(b) The managing director of Homeview wants to update the website and change the appearance of the text throughout all the web pages. He instructs his technical staff to make the following changes using cascading style sheets (CSS).

Text	Font	Size	Colour	Style
Headings	Verdana	20	Black	Bold
Sub Headings	Tahoma	16	Red	Bold
Body Text	Arial	12	Blue	Regular

Create a CSS rule that will implement the changes for the Sub Headings.





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4. (continued)

(c) To gain access to more detailed property information, users must complete a registration form to create a unique username and password.

Describe one example of input validation that could be applied to a username when it is first registered.

(d) When registering, the user must enter a valid e-mail address. This validation process is carried out by code written in a scripting language.

In the language used, the syntax for an IF statement is:

```
if (expression)
{
    command(s)
}
```

and the OR comparator is written using the symbol ||

The following code is used to validate the e-mail address:

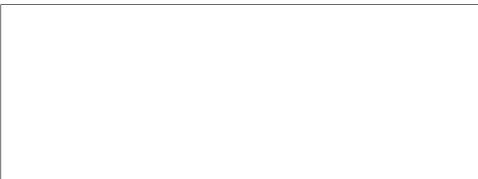
```
if (atpos<2 || dotpos<atpos+2 || dotpos+2>=length)
{
    alert("Not a valid e-mail address");
    return false;
}
```

In the code above:

- the variable length stores the number of characters in the e-mail address
- the variable atpos stores the position of the @ character
- the variable dotpos stores the position of the last dot

For example, if the e-mail address is myname@sqa.com then length = 14, atpos = 7 and dotpos = 11

Explain how the code above would process the validation of the e-mail address: my.name@net





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5.	Choose a contemporary development in intelligent systems.	MARKS	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN
	(a) Briefly describe the main features of this development.	2	
	(b) Describe one beneficial economic impact of this development.	1	
	(c) Describe one problem that this development might cause for socie	ty. 1	

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Dog Walkers is a company that walks dogs when their owners are at work.

The company has a database to store details of the dogs, their owners and the walkers. The data is stored in the following tables.

Dog	Owner	Walk	Walker
Dog ID	Owner ID	Walk ID	<u>Walker ID</u>
Dog name	Owner name	Dog ID*	Walker name
Dog type	Owner address	Walker ID*	Walker phone number
Gender	Owner phone	No. of days per week	
Walks well with others		Cost	
Photo			
Owner ID*			

(a)	State two one-to-many relationships that exist between the tables.

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6. (continued)

The following form is used to enter each dog's details.

Dog walkers

Dog name	Buster
Dog type	Golden Labrador
Gender	Male
Walks well with others	Yes
Photo	
Owner ID*	123

(b)	Describe two ways of improving the usability of this form.				

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6. (continued)

(c) The following is produced for a walker.

Walker: Susan					
Dog name	Dog type	Owner address	Walks well with others		
Bertie	Basset Hound	6 Flower Way	Yes		
Buster	Golden Labrador	103 Mayflower	Yes		
Goldie	Spaniel	65 Varley Road	Yes		
Ralph	German Shepherd	The Drive	Yes		

this report.	the company	would use	the database	software to	produce

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7.	WebGo develop websites for mobile devices.	WebGo have developed a site
	for a new university.	

Describe two ways that WebGo could ensure that the near the poptimised for indexing by crawler software.				
Students have reported issues with one of the web pages that is returned following a search.				
The web page is supposed to display images of the student cafeteria. When the page loads the images appear a				
ima24535				
IIIIg2 1555				
Explain how the HTML code could be changed to make more accessible in the event of images not appearing on s				
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7. (continued)

(c) The university has a web page devoted to foreign exchange students. As part of this web page there is an image of a national flag. The image can be compressed using a lossless compression technique.



Explain why lossless compression results in a significant reduction in the file size for this image.

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8.			e is a non-profit organisation based in Scotland. The group send to work on community-based projects throughout the country.		THIS MARGIN
			can access the Vol4Ecosse website and complete some user forms their current location and the status of each project.		
	(a)		Ecosse decide to make use of server-side validation when handling s that keep track of progress.		
			ribe two reasons why server-side validation may be more opriate than client-side validation in this case.	2	
	(b)	of d photo	st volunteering, the students are encouraged to update the status ifferent projects throughout the country by adding text and ographs to a shared web-based folder. Explain why cloud storage t be best suited for this purpose.		
	(c)	——	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) has implications		
	(0)		ol4Ecosse and their Internet Service Provider (ISP).		
		(i)	Describe the financial implications of this Act for ISPs.	1	
		(ii)	Describe one reason why RIPA is becoming increasingly difficult to enforce.	2	
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9. WebScape is a web design company. It is developing a website that will be accessible on many devices including tablets, laptops and smartphones. The site is hosted on their web server.

(a)	sheets (CSS).	accessible	design	can	be	achieved	using	cascading	style

(b) A typical page in the website is tested and requires optimisation.

```
<body>
<script src="http://webscape.org.uk/js/jquery.js"></script>
<script src="http://webscape.org.uk/js/jquery.once.js"></script>
<script src="http://webscape.org.uk/js/drupal.js"></script>
<script <src="http://webscape.org.uk/js/panels.js"></script>
<style>
.center div
border:1px solid gray;
margin-left:auto;
margin-right:auto;
width:90%;
background-color: #d0f0f6;
text-align:left;
padding:8px;
}
</style>
<img src="boat1.gif" alt="Big Boat">
<img src="logo.gif" alt="logo">
<img src="boat2.gif" alt="Big Boat2">
<img src="welcome.gif" alt="Welcome Message">
</body>
```

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9. (b) (continued)

i)	Explain how the code above could be altered to optimise load times.	;
(ii)	Describe two ways that compression can be used to reduce the time to retrieve and display a web page.	

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- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
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Marking Instructions for each question

SECTION 1

Qı	uesti	on	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
1	a		Last stage of testing prior to release.	1	
1	b		 Any two of the following software can be tested on their own systems software can be tested on eventual users provide feedback to software development company client needs to agree that software meets their needs before accepting/paying for it 	2	1 mark for each correct response.
2			Line 6: found = true (1 mark). Line 9: UNTIL found = true or counter = 101 (1 mark).	2	1 mark for each correct response.
3			To run the object code/exe/machine code (1 mark) for a different processor than the one in the computer (1 mark).	2	1 mark for each correct response.
4			Incremental backups (1 mark) would ensure no loss of transaction data in between the daily backups (1 mark).	2	Award first mark where description of backup is correct with or without word incremental.
5	a		RAD involves the creation of prototypes/models/working software. Prototypes can stimulate user interest in the software as they can use/see a working copy with limited features.	2	1 mark for use of prototypes.1 mark for impact of prototypes on client interest.
5	b		Any two of the following regular opportunities to assess development/success shorter iterations of work/quicker response to change gather requirements at the same time as developing software greater customer collaboration/cooperation	2	1 mark for each correct response.

Qı	uestion	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
6		Allocates 16 bits for the exponent (1 mark) and 16 bits for mantissa (1 mark). Two's complement for the mantissa would allow negative values (1 mark). OR Two's complement for the exponent to allow for small values (1 mark).	3	This is one example, other allocations are acceptable.
7	a	Compiler saves the object code (1 mark) and so does not retranslate on each pass through the loop (1 mark). OR Interpreter may retranslate (1 mark) on each pass through the loop using processor time (1 mark). OR Interpreter resident in memory (1 mark), compiler doesn't need to be in memory (1 mark).	2	1 mark for each correct response.
7	b	Faster access time (1 mark) than main memory (1 mark). OR Entire section of code will be present in cache (1 mark), and so cache misses will not occur (1 mark).	2	1 mark for each correct response.

SECTION 2

Qι	Question			Ex	pected res	ponse		Max mark	Additional guidance
1	a		Any two of the following only one line of code required to create multiple values can be traversed using loop structure parameter passing easily implemented with one line efficiency of code each individual element in the array can be referenced by indexing			2	1 mark for each correct response.		
1	b	i						3	1 mark for each correct response.
			Line	Source	Position	Counter			
			1	[77,66,88,67,89,72]					
			2		1				
			3			2			
			5			1			
1	b	ii	Counter goes back to 1 on every iteration of the loop (1 mark), causing					2	1 mark for process.
			the ter	minating condition of t	he loop nev	ver to be me	mark).		1 mark for reason.
1	b	iii	Change	e line 5 (1 mark) to SET	position TO	O counter (1	k).	2	1 mark for each correct response.
1	b	iv	(1 mar	error where the progra k), possibly as the resul ect or wrong algorithm	t of an inco			2	1 mark for each correct response.
1	С			e of breakpoints (1 mar defined point (1 mark).	k) allows e	xecution of	to be stopped at	2	1 mark for each correct response.
2	a		The va	lue of salary will be 600	000; none o	of the IF stat	nt conditions	2	1 mark for cause.

Que	stion	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
		becomes true as 60000 is not less than or greater than 60000, so the variable taxcode will remain at "Z".		1 mark for reason.
2 1	b	SET taxcode TO "Z" SET salary TO (income1 + income2) IF salary < 9000 THEN SET taxcode to "A" ELSE IF salary >= 9000 AND salary < 43000 THEN SET taxcode to "B" ELSE IF salary >= 43000 AND salary < 60000 THEN SET taxcode to "C" ELSE IF salary >= 60000 THEN SET taxcode to "D" END IF RETURN taxcode SET taxcode TO "Z" SET salary TO (income1 + income2) SELECT CASE salary CASE < 9000: SET taxcode to "A" CASE 9000: SET taxcode to "B" CASE > 43000 AND < 6000: SET taxcode to "C" CASE >= 60000: SET taxcode to "D" END SELECT RETURN taxcode	3	mark for construct nested IF or CASE. mark for correct conditions . mark for correct use of variables. Answer can be given in any language or form of pseudocode.
2 0	c	RECEIVE salary FROM KEYBOARD RECEIVE bonus FROM KEYBOARD code = taxcode (salary, bonus) SEND code TO DISPLAY	3	 mark for input of both variables. mark for making use of function with both input parameters. mark for assignment of taxcode and subsequent display.

Qı	uestio	n Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
2	d	Navigational structure — relationship between links and take account of the nature of navigation (1 mark). Accept examples of nature, eg local navigation to a page/global links to other parts of system. Presentation of data — placement of objects to maximise purpose of page for end user, eg priority of visual elements like a file player/image/legal information (1 mark). Interface design — matches hardware used to communicate with page or takes account of ease of use, eg check boxes instead of text boxes.	2	Naming alone, no marks. Any two descriptions for a maximum of 2 marks.
3	a	SET frequency TO 0 FOR counter FROM 1 TO 30 IF rainfall[counter]=0 AND lowtemp[counter]<0 THEN SET frequency TO frequency+1 END IF END FOR OPEN drydays SEND frequency TO drydays CLOSE drydays	5	Answer can be given in any language or form of pseudocode. 1 mark for each of any five of the following: • initialise and increment frequency • the FOR loop with END FOR • IF construct with END IF • correct complex condition with two variables • SEND frequency to drydays • OPEN and CLOSE.
3	b	By declaring it as a parameter which can pass a value to a corresponding parameter (1 mark)	1	

Qι	uestion	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
4	a	 Any two of the following dynamic web pages will respond to information entered by the visitor information will always be recent/up to date. visitors will be presented with information that relates specifically to their needs. 	2	1 mark for each correct response.
4	b	<pre>H3 { font-family : Tahoma; font-size : 16px; color : red; font-weight : bold</pre>	3	1 mark for H3 or similar.1 mark for correct attributes.1 mark for correct values.
4	С	 the username should be validated against the list of existing usernames when registering, the system must ensure that the username does not already exist in the database to check that no invalid characters are included 	1	1 mark for any correct response.
4	d	atpos(8)<2 is false; dotpos(3) <atpos+2(10) (5)="" dotpos+2="" is="" true="">=length(11) is false as one condition is true, the expression is true, so alert message is displayed</atpos+2(10)>	3	1 mark for each correct response.

Qı	uestio	n Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
5	a	Candidate might describe an autonomous robotic device, or a game-playing program that can learn and develop strategies, or a system that replicates human conversation. Examples could be in commercial use, or at a research stage, or games-based. Note that the description should be of a contemporary development, so reference to historical programs like Eliza would not be appropriate.	2	1 mark to be awarded for a clear description of a system.1 mark for a clear indication of why it can be described as "an intelligent system".
5	b	Example must clearly show an economic benefit resulting from the system described.	1	
5	С	Example must clearly show a problem for society resulting from the system described.	1	
6	a	 Any two of the following: walker and walk dog and walk owner and dog 	2	1 mark for each correct response.
6	b	 make the gender/walks well with others options Boolean with a male/female and yes/no buttons create drop down lists for Dog type and Owner ID 	2	1 mark for each correct response.
6	С	Create a query with the following fields: • Walker.walker name and criteria = "Susan" • Dog.dogname • Dog.dogtype • Dog.walks well with others • Owner.owner address And then create a report using the data from the query.	5	1 mark for each correct response.

Qı	uesti	on	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
7	a		 Any two of the following ensure that the title tag contains a concise description of the website's content create a new title tag for each web page use the description meta tag to add more detail about the page use URLs that are as concise as possible do not use generic titles for URLs, page titles or meta data, eg page1, etc create an XML sitemap for submission to the software company managing the crawler Or any other valid response 	2	1 mark for each correct response.
7	b		They could have used more appropriate alt tags (1 mark), to include a better description of each image (1 mark).	2	1 mark for solution. 1 mark for reason.
7	С		It has long runs of pixels of the same colour(1 mark), allowing the colour and the repetitions to be stored using just two values (1 mark).	2	1 mark for explanation. 1 mark for reason.
8	a		 Any two of the following updating centrally held data/data sources is not possible with client side scripting validation cannot be disabled if it is handled at the server can query SQL using PHP less security issues as data is managed at server Or any other valid response. 	2	1 mark for each correct response.
8	b		Any two of the following allows multiple uses to share, edit and save files/folders accessible via the internet from any device accessible via internet from any location	2	1 mark for each correct response.

Qı	uesti	on	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
8	С	i	ISPs must implement technical systems for the storing and interception of information that may be requested by government.	1	
8	С	ii	Encryption is becoming more sophisticated/difficult to decrypt, etc (1 mark), requiring the cooperation of the individual to provide keys/information in order to decrypt (1 mark).	2	1 mark for each correct response.
9	a		CSS media queries are used to identify the target device/screen (1 mark). CSS rules are created for different devices/screen widths (1 mark).	2	1 mark for each correct response.
9	b	i	 Any one of the following Create a CSS file to hold the CSS rules so that less data is delivered with main page. Merge the JavaScript files into one and include file to reduce fetches from the server. Merge the images into one image and use CSS rules to display only the relevant area of the image. This reduces the number of fetches from server. 	2	1 mark for change . 1 mark for reason.
9	b	ii	 Compression is used when the page is served, thus reducing the amount of data sent to the browser. The browser will decompress the page data when received. OR Compression reduces the amount of data exchanged from the server to the browser client, therefore reducing the time taken to load the data. 	2	1 mark for each correct answer.

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