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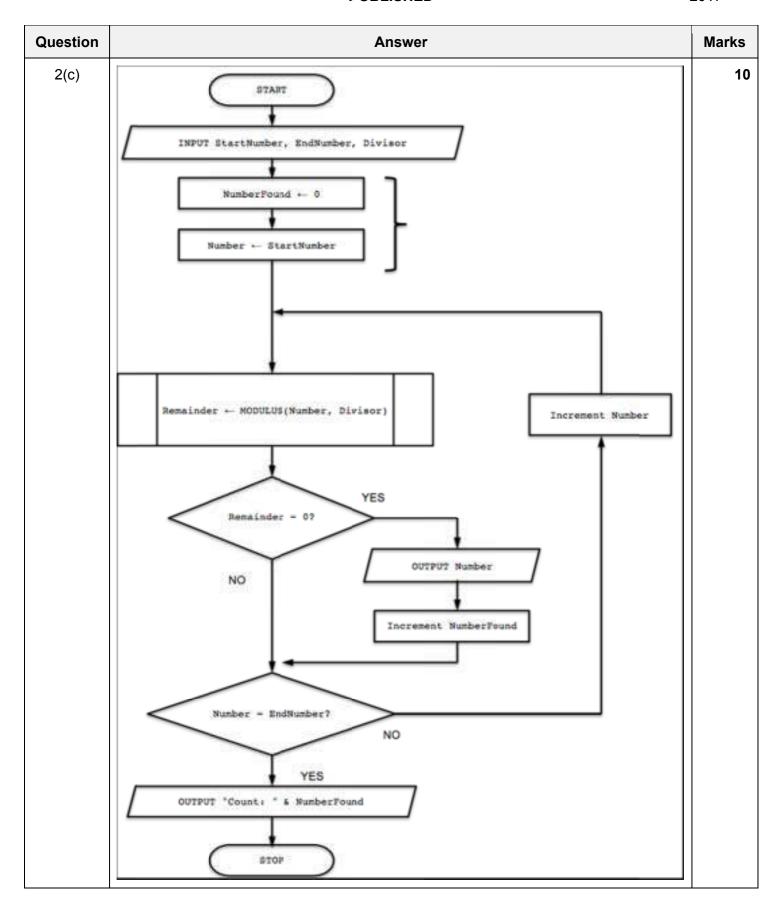
| Question  |  | Answer  | Marks |
|-----------|--|---|-------|
| 1(a)(i)   |  |   | 6     |
|           | Data value   | Data type   |       |
|           | 27   | INTEGER   |       |
|           | "27"   | STRING  |       |
|           | "27.3"   | STRING  |       |
|           | TRUE   | BOOLEAN   |       |
|           | 27/3/2015  | DATE // DATETIME  |       |
|           | 27.3   | REAL  |       |
|           | One mark for each data t<br>Mark first data type given   |   |       |
| 1(a)(ii)  | 1D Array // 1DList   |   | 2     |
| 1(a)(iii) | <ul><li>Each character is re</li><li>binary code / integer</li></ul>   | oresented by an <u>unique</u> / <u>corresponding</u><br>/ value | 2     |
| 1(b)      | <ul> <li>When a section of code would be repeated</li> <li>When a piece of code is needed to perform a specific task</li> <li>To support modular programming / step wise refinement</li> <li>Easier to debug / maintain</li> <li>Built-in / library routines are tried and tested</li> </ul> One mark per answer |   |       |
| 1(c)      | CASE OF MyVar  1: CALL Proc1()  2: CALL Proc2()  3: CALL Proc3()  OTHERWISE OUTPUT   | l "Error"   | 4     |
|           | One mark for:  |   |       |
|           | <ul> <li>First line and ENDC.</li> <li>All clauses for 1, 2 a</li> <li>'OTHERWISE' clau</li> <li>OUTPUT statement</li> </ul>   | and 3   |       |

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| Question | Answer  | Marks |
|----------|---|-------|
| 1(d)     | Ability to recognise:      selection statement     iteration statement     assignment statements     data declarations / structures / data types / use of variables or objects     modular structure / functions / procedures / subroutines     subroutine parameters     Specific types of statement, e.g. Input, Output, File operations     Code format     Operators  Mark as follows: Any two from above, or valid alternative Accept by example | Max 2 |

| Question | Answer  |                                   |         |              |        |           | Marks    |   |
|----------|---|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|---|
| 2(a)     | StartNumber   | EndNumber                         | Divisor | Number Found | Number | Semainder | Output   | 3 |
|          | - 11  | 13                                | 2       | 0            | 11     | 1         |          |   |
|          |   |                                   |         |              | 12     | 0         | 12       |   |
|          |   |                                   |         | 1            |        |           |          |   |
|          |   |                                   |         |              | 13     | 1         |          |   |
|          |   |                                   |         |              |        |           | Count: 1 |   |
| 2(b)     | One mark for correct Remainder column One mark for correct Output  Mark as follows:   |                                   |         |              |        |           | 3        |   |
|          | <ul> <li>For a (given) range of values</li> <li>Counts the number of times one number (numerator) is an exact divisor of the other</li> <li>Outputs each numerator (only)</li> <li>Outputs the count</li> </ul> |                                   |         |              |        |           |          |   |
|          |   | mple<br>the remaind<br>to NumberF | _       |              |        |           |          |   |

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| Question | Answer   | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 2(c)     | Mark as follows:   |       |
|          | <ul> <li>One mark for START and STOP / END</li> <li>One mark for bracketed pair</li> <li>One mark for each of other labelled boxes (shape must be correct for decision box)</li> </ul> |       |
|          | Decision box outputs must have two outputs and at least one label (Yes / No) Different statement categories should not appear in the same symbol (e.g. assignment and I/O)             |       |
|          | No mark for symbol (or pair) if parent missing or logically incorrect (except for START/END)   |       |
|          | Full marks should be awarded for functionally equivalent solutions.  |       |

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| Question | Answer   | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 3(a)     | PROCEDURE BubbleSort  DECLARE Temp : STRING  DECLARE FirstID, SecondID : INTEGER  DECLARE NoSwaps : BOOLEAN  DECLARE Boundary : INTEGER  Declare J : INTEGER   | 8     |
|          | Boundary ← 99 REPEAT  NoSwaps ← TRUE  FOR J ← 1 TO Boundary  FirstID ← UserNameArray[J]  SecondID ← UserNameArray[J + 1]  IF FirstID > SecondID  THEN  Temp ← UserNameArray[J]  UserNameArray[J] ← UserNameArray[J + 1]  UserNameArray[J + 1] ← Temp  NoSwaps ← FALSE  ENDIF  ENDFOR  Boundary ← Boundary - 1  UNTIL NoSwaps = TRUE  ENDPROCEDURE  |       |
|          | Mark as follows:  1. Procedure heading and ending (allow array as input parameter)  2. Variable declaration for counter / index (integer) or temp (string)  3. Outer working loop  4. Inner loop with suitable range  5. Correct comparison in a loop  6. Correct swap of complete array element in a loop  7. Set flag to indicate swap in inner loop and resetting in outer loop  8. Reducing Boundary in a loop |       |

| Question | Answer  | Marks |
|----------|---|-------|
| 3(b)     | Pseudocode solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix.  | Max 8 |
|          | PROCEDURE FindRepeats  DECLARE i, RepeatCount: INTEGER  DECLARE FirstID, SecondID: STRING  RepeatCount ← 0  |       |
|          | <pre>FOR i ← 2 TO 100   FirstID ← LEFT(UserNameArray[i - 1],6)   SecondID ← LEFT(UserNameArray[i],6)   IF FirstID = SecondID    THEN</pre>  |       |
|          | RepeatCount ← RepeatCount + 1 OUTPUT(UserNameArray[i]) ENDIF ENDFOR   |       |
|          | <pre>IF RepeatCount = 0    THEN     OUTPUT "The array contains no repeated UserIDs"    ELSE     OUTPUT "There are " &amp; RepeatCount &amp; " repeated userIDs"    ENDIF</pre>                                |       |
|          | ENDPROCEDURE  |       |
|          | Mark as follows (all must be correct syntax for chosen language):   |       |
|          | <ol> <li>Procedure heading and ending</li> <li>Variable declaration for INTEGER (comment in Python) and initialisation for<br/>RepeatCount (or equivalent name)</li> </ol>                                    |       |
|          | <ul><li>3. Loop</li><li>4. Extraction of UserID in a loop</li></ul>   |       |
|          | <ul><li>5. Correct comparison of consecutive elements in a loop</li><li>6output correct array element (NOT original, only duplicates) in a loop</li></ul>   |       |
|          | <ol> <li>increment RepeatCount following a comparison in a loop</li> <li>Correct conditional statement checking RepeatCount (or equivalent) and then</li> <li> two correct final OUTPUT statements</li> </ol> |       |

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| Question  | Answer  | Marks |
|-----------|---|-------|
| 3(c)(i)   | <ul> <li>Problem definition</li> <li>Design</li> <li>Coding / programming</li> <li>Testing</li> <li>Documentation</li> <li>Implementation</li> <li>Maintenance</li> </ul>   | 3     |
| 3(c)(ii)  | Integrated Development Environment or a suitable description  |       |
| 3(c)(iii) | <ul> <li>Examples include:</li> <li>context sensitive prompts</li> <li>(dynamic) syntax checking</li> <li>use of colours to highlight key words / pretty printing</li> <li>Formatting</li> <li>Single-stepping</li> <li>Breakpoints</li> <li>Report / watch window</li> <li>(UML) modelling</li> <li>Compiler/interpreter</li> <li>Text editor</li> </ul> | Max 2 |
| 3(c)(iv)  | Run-time  | 1     |

| Question | Answer            |                   |              |        |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| 4(a)     |                   |                   |              | 2      |
|          | Value             | Formatted S       | tring        |        |
|          | 1327.             | <b>5</b> "□1327.5 | 50"          |        |
|          | 1234              | "□1234.0          | 00"          |        |
|          | 7.456             | "07.              | 45"          |        |
|          | Leading spaces mu | st he present     |              |        |
| 4(b)     | Leading spaces ma | ot be present     |              | 3      |
| Ψ(δ)     | Value             | Required output   | Mask         | $\neg$ |
|          | 1234.00           | "1,234.00"        | "0,000.00"   |        |
|          | 3445.66           | "£3,445.66"       | "£0,000.00"  |        |
|          | 10345.56          | "\$□□10,345"      | "\$##00,000" |        |

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| Question | Answer   | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 5(a)     | PROCEDURE MakeNewfile DECLARE OldFileLine : STRING DECLARE NewFileLine : STRING  | 8     |
|          | OPENFILE "EmailDetails" FOR READ OPENFILE "NewEmailDetails" FOR WRITE  |       |
|          | <pre>WHILE NOT EOF("EmailDetails")    READFILE "EmailDetails", OldFileLine    NewFileLine ← "00" &amp; OldFileLine    WRITEFILE "NewEmailDetails", NewFileLine    ENDWHILE</pre>           |       |
|          | CLOSEFILE "EmailDetails" CLOSEFILE "NewEmailDetails"   |       |
|          | ENDPROCEDURE   |       |
|          | Mark as follows:  1. Variable declaration of STRING for OldFileLine (or equivalent)  |       |
|          | 2. Open EmailDetails for READ  |       |
|          | 3. Open NewEmailDetails for WRITE  |       |
|          | 4. Correct loop checking for EOF (EmailDetails)  |       |
|          | 5. Reading a line from EmailDetails in a loop  |       |
|          | 6. Correct concatenation in a loop   |       |
|          | 7. Writing a line to NewEmailDetails in a loop   |       |
|          | Closing both files   |       |
| 5(b)     | Invalid string examples:   | 6     |
|          | A string with nothing <b>before</b> '@' A string with nothing <b>after</b> '@' A string with 1 or 2 characters after '@' A string with no '@'symbol A string with more than one '@' symbol |       |
|          | Explanation Sensible explanation mapping each given string to an individual rule   |       |
|          | One mark for string One mark for explanation Each rule should be tested once only  |       |

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## **Programming Example Solutions**

#### Q3(b): Visual Basic

```
Sub FindRepeats()
   Dim Repeats As Integer
   Dim i As Integer
   Dim FirstID As String
   Dim SecondID As String
   Repeats = 0
   For i = 1 To 99
      FirstID = Left(UserNameArray(i), 6)
      SecondID = Left(UserNameArray(i + 1), 6)
      If FirstID = SecondID Then
         Console.WriteLine(UserNameArray(i + 1))
         Repeats = Repeats + 1
      End If
  Next i
   If Repeats = 0 Then
     Console.WriteLine("The array contains no repeated UserIDs")
   Else
     Console.WriteLine("There are " & Repeats & " repeated UserIDs")
   End If
End Sub
```

#### **Alternative:**

```
Sub FindRepeats ()
   Dim RepeatCount, i As Integer
   Dim FirstID, SecondID As String
   RepeatCount = 0
   For i = 1 to 99
      FirstID = Left(UserNameArray(i-1),6)
      SecondID = Left(UserNameArray(i),6)
      If FirstID = SecondID then
         Console.WriteLine (UserNameArray(i))
         RepeatCount = RepeatCount + 1
     End If
  Next i
   If RepeatCount = 0 then
      Console.WriteLine ("The array contains no repeated UserIDs")
      Console.WriteLine ("There are "& RepeatCount & " repeated UserIDs")
   End If
End Sub
```

# Q3(b): Pascal

```
procedure FindRepeats ();
var
  RepeatCount, i : integer;
   FirstID, SecondID : string;
  begin
      RepeatCount := 0;
      for i := 1 to 99 do
      begin
         FirstID := Copy(UserNameArray[i-1],1,6);
         SecondID := Copy(UserNameArray[i],1,6);
         if FirstID = SecondID then
         begin
            writeln (UserNameArray[i]);
            RepeatCount := RepeatCount + 1;
         end;
      end;
      if RepeatCount = 0 then
         writeln ('The array contains no repeated UserIDs')
         writeln ('There are ', RepeatCount,' repeated UserIDs')
   end;
```

### Q3(b): Python

```
def FindRepeats():
   #Repeats, i Integer
   #FirstID, SecondID string
  Repeats = 0
   for i in range(0, len(UserNameArray)-1):
      FirstID = (UserNameArray[i])[:6]
      SecondID = (UserNameArray[i+1])[:6]
      if FirstID == SecondID:
        print(UserNameArray[i+1])
        Repeats = Repeats + 1
      if Repeats == 0:
        print("The array contains no repeated UserIDs")
        print("There are ", Repeats, " repeated UserIDs")
```

#### **Alternative:**

```
def FindRepeats ():
  RepeatCount = 0
                                         ## Defined as an integer
   for i in range (1,100):
                                         ## depending on next two
lines(0,99) (2,101)
     (0,99) (2,101)
FirstID = UserNameArray[i-1]
                                         ## Defined as string
      SecondID = UserNameArray[i]
                                        ## Defined as string
      if FirstID[0:6] == SecondID[0:6]: ## Using split
         print (UserNameArray[i])
         RepeatCount += 1
   if repeatCount == 0:
     print ('The array contains no repeated UserIDs')
   else:
     print ('There are ', RepeatCount,' repeated UserIDs')
```