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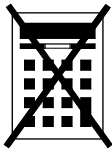
GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE

Paper 1 Computational Thinking and Problem-Solving

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

There are no additional materials required for this paper.



Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Use pencil only for drawing.
- Answer **all** questions.
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Answer **all** questions.

0 1

Match the computer science process to each correct label.

You should write a label **A–F** next to each process.

You should **not** use the same label more than once.

[3 marks]

- A** Abstraction
- B** Data validation
- C** Decomposition
- D** Efficiency
- E** Random number generation
- F** Variable assignment

Process	Label (A–F)
Breaking down a problem into sub-problems.	
Removing unimportant details.	
Ensuring the user enters data that is allowed, for example within a correct range.	

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0 2

The algorithm shown in **Figure 1** is designed to help an athlete with their training. It uses two subroutines `getBPM` and `wait`:

- `getBPM()` returns the athlete's heart rate in beats per minute from an external input device
- `wait(n)` pauses the execution of the algorithm for `n` seconds, so `wait(60)` would pause the algorithm for 60 seconds.

Line numbers have been included but are not part of the algorithm.

Figure 1

```

1      seconds ← 0
2      rest ← 50
3      REPEAT
4          bpm ← getBPM()
5          effort ← bpm - rest
6          IF effort ≤ 30 THEN
7              OUTPUT 'faster'
8          ELSE
9              IF effort ≤ 50 THEN
10                 OUTPUT 'steady'
11             ELSE
12                 OUTPUT 'slower'
13             ENDIF
14         ENDIF
15         wait(60)
16         seconds ← seconds + 60
17     UNTIL seconds > 200

```

0 2**1**

State the most appropriate data type of the variable `seconds` in the algorithm shown in **Figure 1**.

[1 mark]

0 2**2**

Explain why `rest` could have been defined as a constant in the algorithm shown in **Figure 1**.

[1 mark]



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0 2 . 3

State the line number where iteration is first used in the algorithm shown in **Figure 1**.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 4

Complete the trace table for the algorithm shown in **Figure 1**.

Some values have already been entered in the trace table:

- the first value of `seconds`
- the values returned by the subroutine `getBPM` that are assigned to the variable `bpm`.

You may not need to use all rows of the trace table.

[4 marks]

seconds	bpm	effort	OUTPUT
0	70		
	80		
	100		
	120		

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03

A developer is writing a program to convert a sequence of integers that represent playing cards to Unicode text.

The developer has identified that they need to create the subroutines shown in **Figure 2** to complete the program.

Figure 2

Subroutine	Purpose
getSuit (n)	Returns: - the string 'hearts' if n is 0 - the string 'diamonds' if n is 1 - the string 'spades' if n is 2 - the string 'clubs' if n is 3.
getRank (n)	Returns the number value of the card as a string, for example: - if n is 1 then 'ace' is returned - if n is 2 then 'two' is returned - if n is 10 then 'ten' is returned - if n is 11 then 'jack' is returned.
convert (cards)	Returns the complete string representation of the array cards. For example: - if cards is [3, 1], the string returned would be 'three of diamonds ' - if cards is [1, 0, 5, 2, 7, 0], the string returned would be 'ace of hearts five of spades seven of hearts '.

03.1

Explain how the developer has used the structured approach to programming. **[2 marks]**



03.2

State **two** benefits to the developer of using the three separate subroutines described in **Figure 2** instead of writing the program without using subroutines.

[2 marks]

03.3

Figure 3 shows the subroutine `convert` described in **Figure 2**.

Some parts of the subroutine have been replaced with the labels **L1** to **L5**.

Figure 3

```
SUBROUTINE convert(cards)
  result ← ''
  max ← LEN(cards)
  index ← 0
  WHILE index < L1
    rank ← L2(cards[index])
    suit ← getSuit(cards[L3 + 1])
    c ← rank + ' of ' + suit + ' '
    result ← result + L4
    index ← index + 2
  ENDWHILE
  RETURN L5
ENDSUBROUTINE
```

State the pseudo-code that should be written in place of the labels in the subroutine written in **Figure 3**.

[5 marks]

L1
L2
L3
L4
L5

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0 3 . 4

Shade **one** lozenge that states why Unicode is now commonly used in preference to ASCII.

[1 mark]

- A Unicode can be represented in hexadecimal. ☐
- B Unicode includes characters from many different alphabets. ☐
- C Unicode is a sequential character set. ☐
- D Unicode is easier to remember than ASCII. ☐
- E Unicode takes up less space in memory than ASCII. ☐

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0 4 . 1

A student has written the following statements about representing images. Two are correct and two are incorrect:

Statement 1
“Bitmap images are made up of pixels.”

Statement 2
“A 2 pixel by 4 pixel bitmap image contains 16 pixels.”

Statement 3
“A pixel is a single point in a graphical image.”

Statement 4
“Black and white images have a minimum colour depth of two.”

Write the correct versions of the **two** incorrect statements that the student has made. **[2 marks]**

First corrected statement _____

Second corrected statement _____



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0 4 . 2

Calculate the minimum file size in **bits** of a 10 pixel by 10 pixel image with a colour depth of 3 bits.

[1 mark]

0 4 . 3

Calculate the minimum file size in **bytes** of a 10 pixel by 10 pixel image with 12 different colours.

You should show your working.

[3 marks]

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0 4 . 4

This is one row of a bitmap image that uses different shades of grey:



This row is stored using the following numbers to represent the different shades of grey:

56	34	0	99	72	23
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The algorithm shown in **Figure 4** uses this row.

Figure 4

```
row ← [56, 34, 0, 99, 72, 23]
newRow ← [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
FOR i ← 0 TO 5
    IF row[i] > 50 THEN
        newRow[i] ← 99
    ENDIF
ENDFOR
```

Complete the trace table for the algorithm shown in **Figure 4**. The first values have already been entered. You may not need to use all rows of the trace table.

[3 marks]

i	newRow					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	4	.	5
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State the purpose of the algorithm shown in **Figure 4**.

[1 mark]

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0 5 . 1

The following are three types of program translator:

- A Assembler
- B Compiler
- C Interpreter

Write the label (A–C) for the type of translator next to the description.

[2 marks]

Description	Label (A–C)
Converts a low-level language designed to be human-readable into machine code.	
Reads a high-level program line-by-line and calls corresponding subroutines.	
Takes the entire high-level program as input and produces machine code.	

0 5 . 2

State **two** advantages of programming using a high-level language compared with programming using a low-level language.

[2 marks]

Advantage 1 _____

Advantage 2 _____



06.1

State the comparisons that would be made when the **linear search algorithm** is used to search for the value 8 in the following array (array indices have been included above the array).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	7	8	13	14	15	17

[3 marks]

06.2

State the comparisons that would be made when the **binary search algorithm** is used to search for the value 8 in the following array (array indices have been included above the array).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	7	8	13	14	15	17

[3 marks]

06.3

State why binary search is considered a better algorithm than linear search.

[1 mark]



06.4

The algorithm in **Figure 5** is a new search algorithm.

Figure 5

```
arr ← [3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 17, 18, 34, 42]
value ← 21
found ← False
finished ← False
i ← 0
down ← False
WHILE (found = False) AND (finished = False)
  IF arr[i] = value THEN
    found ← True
  ELSE
    IF arr[i] > value THEN
      down ← True
      i ← i - 1
    ELSE
      IF (arr[i] < value) AND (down = True) THEN
        finished ← True
      ELSE
        i ← i + 4
      ENDIF
    ENDIF
  ENDIF
ENDWHILE
```

Complete the trace table for the algorithm in **Figure 5**. The first row has been completed for you. You may not need to use all rows of the trace table.

[4 marks]

found	finished	i	down
False	False	0	False



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07.1

Draw the logic circuit, using only one logic gate, that is represented by the following truth table:

Input A	Input B	Output Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

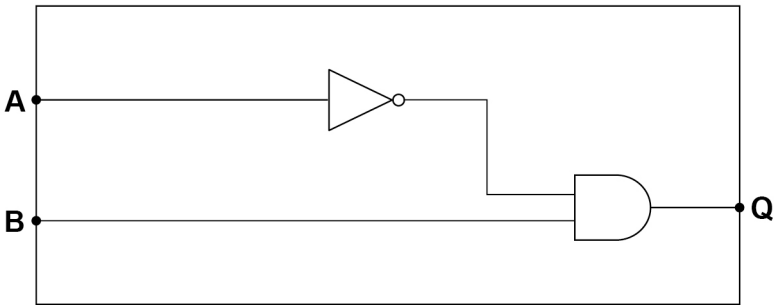
[1 mark]



07.2

Shade **one** lozenge to show the Boolean expression that is equivalent to the logic circuit shown in **Figure 6**.

Figure 6



[1 mark]

A A AND NOT B

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B NOT (A AND B)

☐

C (NOT A) AND B

☐

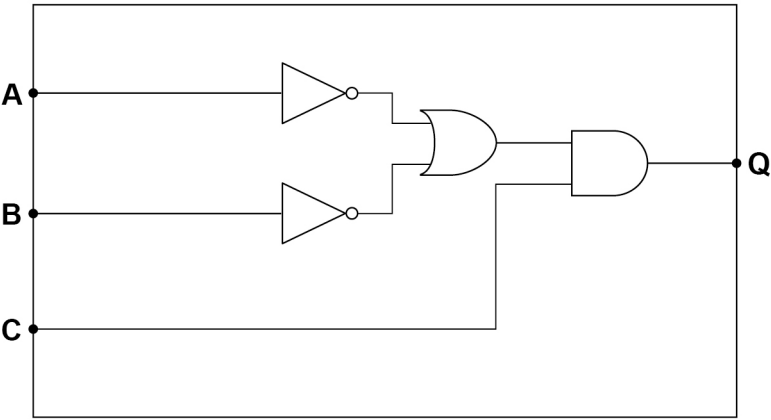
D (NOT A) AND (NOT B)

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07.3

Shade **one** lozenge to show the Boolean expression which is equivalent to the logic circuit shown in **Figure 7**.

Figure 7



[1 mark]

- A

NOT ((A OR B) AND C)

☐
- B

(NOT A) OR ((NOT B) AND C)

☐
- C

(NOT (A OR B)) AND C

☐
- D

((NOT A) OR (NOT B)) AND C

☐

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0	7	.	4
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 Figure 8 shows an algorithm.**Figure 8**

```
x ← True
y ← False
IF NOT (x AND y) THEN
    OUTPUT 'A'
    IF NOT((NOT x) OR (NOT y)) THEN
        OUTPUT 'B'
    ELSE
        OUTPUT 'C'
    ENDIF
ELSE
    OUTPUT 'D'
    IF (NOT x) AND (NOT y) THEN
        OUTPUT 'E'
    ELSE
        OUTPUT 'F'
    ENDIF
ENDIF
```

State the output from the algorithm shown in **Figure 8**.**[2 marks]**



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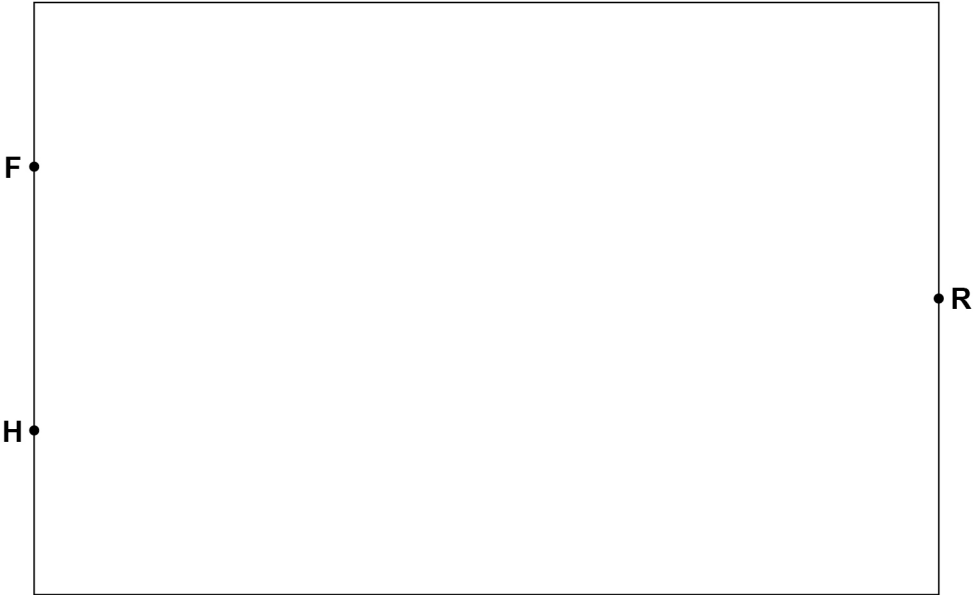
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Draw a logic circuit in the box below for the following scenario.

A sewing machine is running (R) if either the foot pedal is on (F) or the hand dial is on (H) but not both.

You should use **only** the gates AND, OR and NOT in your answer.

[3 marks]



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07.6

Develop an algorithm, using either pseudo-code or a flowchart, that prompts the user to enter three values. It should output 'duplicate' if at least two of these values are the same.

The start of the algorithm has been written for you.

[3 marks]

v1 ← USERINPUT

v2 ← USERINPUT

v3 ← USERINPUT



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08

Number the following lines of code in order (1–4) so that they create an algorithm where the final value of the variable `n` is 13.

The `LEFTSHIFT` operator performs a binary left shift.
For example, `4 LEFTSHIFT 2` would left shift the value 4 twice.

[3 marks]

Line of code	Position (1–4 where 1 is the first line)
<code>t ← t - 1</code>	
<code>n ← t - n</code>	
<code>n ← 2</code>	
<code>t ← n LEFTSHIFT 3</code>	

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9

The **Algebraic Patent Sewing Machine** is a programmable sewing machine that creates patterns on rows of cloth. It is controlled by writing programs that use the following subroutines:

Subroutine	Description
<code>gotoRow (n)</code>	start the sewing machine needle at the left-hand side of row <code>n</code>
<code>move (n)</code>	move the needle forward by <code>n</code> cells without producing a pattern
<code>shape (s)</code>	produce shape <code>s</code> where <code>s</code> can be 'square' or 'circle' and move the needle to the next cell
<code>atEnd ()</code>	returns <code>True</code> if the needle is at the end of the row or <code>False</code> otherwise

For example, if the cloth looks like this to begin with:

Row 0				
Row 1				
Row 2				

The subroutine call `gotoRow (2)` will place the sewing machine needle at the point shown by the black cross:

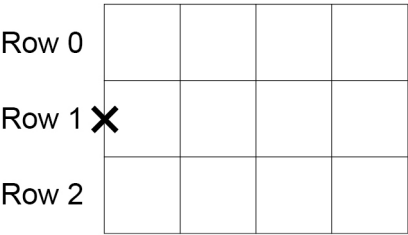
Row 0				
Row 1				
Row 2	✕			

The subroutine call `move (3)` will move the sewing machine needle to the point shown by the black cross:

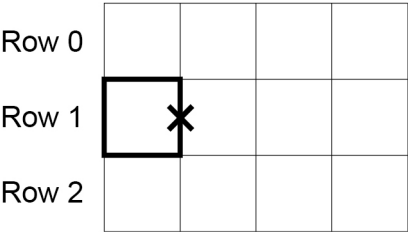
Row 0				
Row 1				
Row 2			✕	



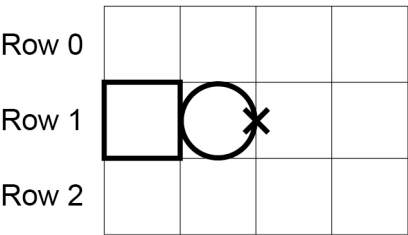
The subroutine call `gotoRow (1)` will move the sewing machine needle to the point shown by the black cross:



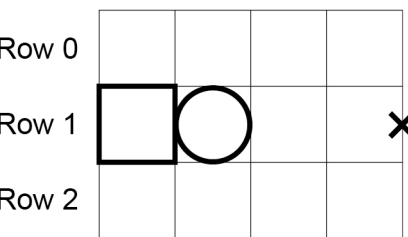
The subroutine call `shape ('square')` will draw the following pattern and move the sewing machine needle to the point shown by the black cross:



And finally, the subroutine call `shape ('circle')` will draw the following pattern and move the sewing machine needle to the point shown by the black cross:



All of the previous positions of the sewing machine needle would result in the subroutine call `atEnd()` returning `False`, however in the following example `atEnd()` would return `True`:



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09.1

Draw the final pattern after the following algorithm has executed.

```
gotoRow(0)
WHILE atEnd() = False
    shape('square')
    move(1)
ENDWHILE
gotoRow(1)
shape('circle')
move(1)
IF atEnd() = True THEN
    gotoRow(2)
ELSE
    move(1)
ENDIF
shape('square')
```

You should draw your answer on the following grid.

You do not need to show the position(s) of the needle in your answer.

[4 marks]

Row 0				
Row 1				
Row 2				



09.2

Draw the final pattern after the following algorithm has executed.

This question uses the MOD operator. MOD calculates the remainder after integer division, for example $7 \text{ MOD } 5 = 2$.

```
patterns ← ['circle', 'square', 'square', 'circle']
r ← 2
FOR k ← 0 TO 3
    gotoRow(k MOD r)
    move(k + 1)
    shape(patterns[k])
ENDFOR
```

You should draw your answer on the following grid.

You do not need to show the position(s) of the needle in your answer.

[4 marks]

Row 0							
Row 1							
Row 2							
Row 3							

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