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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

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Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

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- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	1 mark per point: • (global) 2-D array <code>Jobs</code> with correct identifier (and Integer data type) • ... with 100 elements by 2 elements • (global) <code>NumberOfJobs</code> declared as variable (as Integer) Example program code: Java <pre>public static Integer[][] Jobs = new Integer[100][2]; public static Integer NumberOfJobs;</pre> Python <pre>Jobs # global integer, 100 by 2 elements NumberOfJobs # global integer</pre> VB.NET <pre>Dim Jobs(99, 1) As Integer Dim NumberOfJobs As Integer</pre>	3

Question	Answer	Marks
1(b)	1 mark per point: • procedure heading (and end where appropriate) and assigns 0 to NumberOfJobs • looping through both array element dimensions • ... assigns -1 to all elements Example program code: Java <pre>public static void Initialise(){ for(Integer x = 0; x<100;x++){ for(Integer y = 0; y<2; y++){ Jobs[x][y] = -1; } } NumberOfJobs = 0; }</pre> Python <pre>def Initialise(): global Jobs global NumberOfJobs for x in range(0, 100): Jobs.append([-1,-1]) NumberOfJobs = 0</pre> VB.NET <pre>Sub Initialise() For X = 0 To 99 For Y = 0 To 1 Jobs(X, Y) = -1 Next Next NumberOfJobs = 0 End Sub</pre>	3

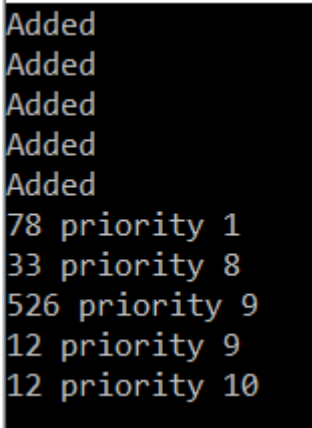
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1(c)	1 mark per point (Max 5): - Function header (and end where appropriate) with two (integer) parameters - Checks if array is full if full outputs "Not added" - Storing parameters job number and priority to only the next available array position - Incrementing <code>NumberOfJobs</code> - Outputting "Added" if successful Example program code: Java <pre>public static void AddJob(Integer Description, Integer Priority){ if(NumberOfJobs == 100){ System.out.println("Not added"); }else{ Jobs[NumberOfJobs][0] = Description; Jobs[NumberOfJobs][1] = Priority; NumberOfJobs = NumberOfJobs + 1; System.out.println("Added"); } }</pre> Python <pre>def AddJob(JobNumber, Priority): global NumberOfJobs global Jobs if NumberOfJobs == 100: print("Not added") else: Jobs[NumberOfJobs] = [JobNumber, Priority] print("Added") NumberOfJobs = NumberOfJobs + 1</pre> VB.NET <pre>Sub AddJob(JobNumber, Priority) If NumberOfJobs = 100 Then Console.WriteLine("Not added") Else Jobs(NumberOfJobs, 0) = JobNumber Jobs(NumberOfJobs, 1) = Priority NumberOfJobs = NumberOfJobs + 1 Console.WriteLine("Added") End If End Sub</pre>	5

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1(d)	1 mark per point: • Calls <code>Initialise()</code> (in the main program) • 5 <code>AddJob</code> calls with correct values as parameters in correct order Example program code: Java <pre>public static void main(String args[]){ Initialise(); AddJob(12, 10); AddJob(526, 9); AddJob(33,8); AddJob(12,9); AddJob(78,1); }</pre> Python <pre>Initialise() AddJob(12,10) AddJob(526,9) AddJob(33,8) AddJob(12,9) AddJob(78,1)</pre> VB.NET <pre>Sub Main() Initialise() AddJob(12, 10) AddJob(526, 9) AddJob(33, 8) AddJob(12, 9) AddJob(78, 1) End Sub</pre>	2

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1(e)	1 mark per point: • Procedure header (and end where appropriate) • Outer loop through all 5 elements / number of jobs ... • ... inner loop through array elements ... • ...and comparing priority (second index) ... • ...moving the elements up and inserting correctly Example program code: Python <pre>def InsertionSort(): global Jobs global NumberOfJobs for I in range(1, NumberOfJobs): Current1 = Jobs[I][0] Current2 = Jobs[I][1] while I > 0 and Jobs[I-1][1] > Current2: Jobs[I][0] = Jobs[I-1][0] Jobs[I][1] = Jobs[I-1][1] I = I - 1 Jobs[I][0] = Current1 Jobs[I][1] = Current2</pre> Java <pre>public static void InsertionSort(){ Integer Current1; Integer Current2; Integer Counter; Integer Placed; for(Integer i = 1; i < NumberOfJobs; i++){ Current1 = Jobs[i][0]; Current2 = Jobs[i][1]; while(i > 0 && Jobs[i-1][1] > Current2){ Jobs[i][0] = Jobs[i-1][0]; Jobs[i][1] = Jobs[i-1][1]; i = i - 1; } Jobs[i][0] = Current1; Jobs[i][1] = Current2; } }</pre>	5

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1(e)	VB.NET Sub InsertionSort() Dim Tempa As Integer Dim Tempb As Integer Dim Counter As Integer Dim Placed As Boolean For i = 1 To NumberOfJobs - 1 Tempa = Jobs(i, 0) Tempb = Jobs(i, 1) Counter = i Placed = False While (Counter > 0 And Not Placed) If (Jobs(Counter - 1, 1) > Tempb) Then Jobs(Counter, 0) = Jobs(Counter - 1, 0) Jobs(Counter, 1) = Jobs(Counter - 1, 1) Counter = Counter - 1 Else Placed = True End If End While Jobs(Counter, 0) = Tempa Jobs(Counter, 1) = Tempb Next i End Sub	

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1(f)	1 mark per point: • procedure heading (and end where appropriate) and outputting all job numbers and priorities • Outputting the job and priority for each element on the same line, with a line break between each job ... • ... with 'priority' between job number and priority Example program code: Java <pre>public static void PrintArray(){ for(Integer x = 0; x < NumberOfJobs; x++){ System.out.println(Jobs[x][0] + " priority " + Jobs[x][1]); } }</pre> Python <pre>def PrintArray(): global Jobs global NumberOfJobs for X in range(0, NumberOfJobs): print(str(Jobs[X][0]), " priority ", str(Jobs[X][1]))</pre> VB.NET <pre>Sub PrintArray() For X = 0 To NumberOfJobs - 1 Console.WriteLine(Jobs(X, 0) & " priority " & Jobs(X, 1)) Next End Sub</pre>	3
1(g)(i)	• calling both subroutines in the main program in the correct order Example program code: Java <pre>InsertionSort(); PrintArray();</pre> Python <pre>InsertionSort() PrintArray()</pre> VB.NET <pre>InsertionSort() PrintArray()</pre>	1

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1(g)(ii)	1 mark for added 5 times and jobs in order. 526 and 12 can be reversed  <pre>Added Added Added Added Added 78 priority 1 33 priority 8 526 priority 9 12 priority 9 12 priority 10</pre>	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	1 mark per point: • Class declaration (and end where appropriate) for <code>Character</code> • Declaring the 3 private attributes with appropriate data types; <code>Name</code> as <code>string</code>, <code>xCoordinate</code> as <code>integer</code>, <code>yCoordinate</code> as <code>integer</code> • Constructor method (and end where appropriate) taking 3 parameters ... • ...assigning parameters to all 3 attributes Example program code: Java <pre>class Character{ private String Name; private Integer XCoordinate; private Integer YCoordinate; public Character(String Namep, Integer XCoord, Integer YCoord){ Name = Namep; XCoordinate = XCoord; YCoordinate = YCoord; }}</pre> Python <pre>class Character: #private Name as string #private XCoordinate as integer #private YCoordinate as integer def __init__(self, Namep, Xcoord, Ycoord): self.__Name = Namep self.__XCoördiante = Xcoord self.__YCoordinate = Ycoord</pre> VB.NET <pre>Class Character Private Name As String Private XCoordinate As Integer Private YCoordinate As Integer Sub New(Namep, Xcoord, Ycoord) Name = Namep XCoordinate = Xcoord YCoordinate = Ycoord End Sub End Class</pre>	4

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2(b)	1 mark per point: • 1 get method header (and end where appropriate) with no parameters... • ...returning correct value • 2nd and 3rd correct get methods Example program code: Java <pre>public String GetName(){ return Name;} public Integer GetX(){ return XCoordinate;} public Integer GetY(){ return YCoordinate;}</pre> Python <pre>def GetName(self): return self.__Name def GetX(self): return self.__XCoordinate def GetY(self): return self.__YCoordinate</pre> VB.NET <pre>Function GetName() Return Name End Function Function GetX() Return XCoordinate End Function Function GetY() Return YCoordinate End Function</pre>	3

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2(c)	1 mark per point: • method header (and end where appropriate) taking 2 (integer) parameters • adding both parameters to existing x and y coordinate values Example program code: Java <pre>public void ChangePosition(Integer XChange, Integer YChange) { XCoordinate = XCoordinate + XChange; YCoordinate = YCoordinate + YChange; }</pre> Python <pre>def ChangePosition(self, XChange, YChange): self.__XCoordinate = self.__XCoordinate + XChange self.__YCoordinate = self.__YCoordinate + YChange</pre> VB.NET <pre>Sub changePosition(XChange, YChange) XCoordinate = XCoordinate + XChange YCoordinate = YCoordinate + YChange End Sub</pre>	2

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2(d)	1 mark per point (Max 7): • declaration of 1D array, 10 elements of type <code>Character</code> • opening text file <code>Characters.txt</code> to read • looping until EOF/10 times... • ... reading in each 3-set of values from file ... • ... instantiate a <code>Character</code> with correct parameters read in from file... • ... store in next element/append in declared array • closing the text file (in appropriate place) • Exception handling for opening and reading data from file... • ... with appropriate catch and output Example program code: Java <pre>public static void main(String[] args){ Character[] Characters = new Character[10]; String TextFile = "Characters.txt"; String Name = ""; Integer Xcoord = 0; Integer Ycoord = 0; try{ FileReader f = new FileReader(TextFile); BufferedReader Reader = new BufferedReader(f); for(Integer X = 0; X < 10; X++){ Name = Reader.readLine(); Xcoord = Integer.parseInt(Reader.readLine()); Ycoord = Integer.parseInt(Reader.readLine()); } Reader.close(); }catch(FileNotFoundException ex){ System.out.println("No file found"); } catch(IOException ex){ System.out.println("No file found"); } }</pre> Python <pre>Characters = [] TextFile = "Characters.txt" try: File = open(TextFile, 'r') for X in range(0, 10): Name = File.readline().strip() XCoord = File.readline().strip() YCoord = File.readline().strip() TempC = Character(Name, int(XCoord), int(YCoord)) Characters.append(TempC) File.close() except: print("File not found")</pre>	7

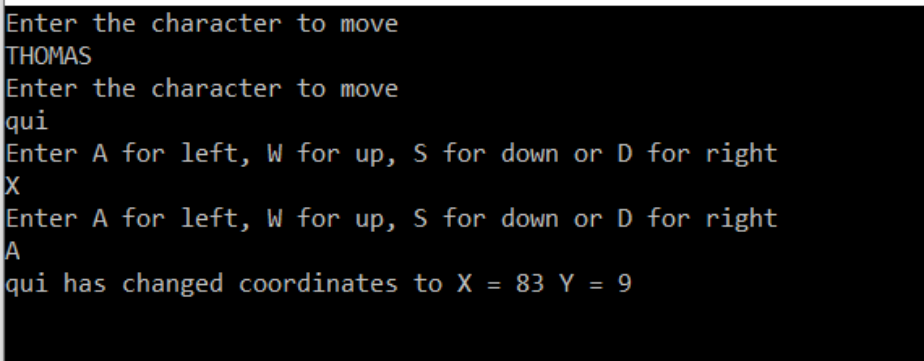
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2(d)	VB.NET Sub Main() Dim Characters(0 To 9) As Character Dim TextFile As String = "Characters.txt" Try Dim FileReader As New System.IO.StreamReader(TextFile) For X = 0 To 10 Name = FileReader.ReadLine() Xcoord = FileReader.ReadLine() Ycoord = FileReader.ReadLine() Characters(X) = New Character(Name, Xcoord, Ycoord) Next FileReader.Close() Catch ex As Exception Console.WriteLine("File not found") End Try end sub	

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2(e)	1 mark per point (Max 5): • Taking name as input ... • ...converting/checking case e.g. all to lower • Looping through array of characters comparing each character name to input ... • ...continuously taking repeat input if not found in array • ...storing the index when found • Accessing the name of character in the array using <code>GetName()</code> Example program code: Python <pre> Position = -1 CharacterName = "" while(Position == -1): CharacterInput = input("Enter the Character to move").rstrip('\n').lower() for Count in range(0, 10): Temp = str(Characters[Count].GetName().strip()) if(Temp == CharacterInput): Position = Count </pre> VB.NET <pre> Dim Position As Integer = -1 Dim CharacterName As String = "" While Position = -1 Console.WriteLine("Enter the Character to move") CharacterName = Console.ReadLine For Count = 0 To 9 If(Characters(Count).GetName().tolower = CharacterName.ToLower Then Position = Count End If Next End While </pre>	5

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2(e)	Java Integer Position = -1; String CharacterName = ""; Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in); String Temp = ""; while(Position == -1){ System.out.println("Enter the Character to move"); CharacterName = scanner.nextLine(); for(Integer Count = 0; Count < 10; Count++){ Temp = Characters[Count].GetName(); Temp = Temp.toLowerCase(); if(Temp.equals(CharacterName.toLowerCase())){ Position = Count; } } }	

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2(f)	1 mark per point (Max 7): • Taking move as input... • ...looping until valid • Calling <code>ChangePosition()</code> with object • If A is input parameters are -1, 0 • If D is input parameters are 1, 0 • If W is input parameters are 0, 1 • If S is input parameters are 0, -1 Example program code: Java <pre> Boolean IsValid = false; String Move = ""; while(IsValid != true){ System.out.println("Enter A for left, W for up, S or down or D for right"); Move = scanner.nextLine(); if(Move.toUpperCase().equals("A")){ Characters[Position].ChangePosition(-1,0); IsValid = true; } else if(Move.toUpperCase().equals("W")){ Characters[Position].ChangePosition(0,1); IsValid = true; } else if(Move.toUpperCase().equals("S")){ Characters[Position].ChangePosition(0,-1); IsValid = true; } else if(Move.toUpperCase().equals("D")){ Characters[Position].ChangePosition(1,0); IsValid = true; } } </pre> Python <pre> IsValid = False while(IsValid != True): Move = input("Enter A for left, W for up, S for down, or D for right") if(Move.upper() == "A"): Characters[Position].ChangePosition(-1,0) IsValid = True elif (Move.upper() == "W"): Characters[Position].ChangePosition(0,1) IsValid = True elif (Move.upper() == "S"): Characters[Position].ChangePosition(0,-1) IsValid = True elif(Move.upper() == "D"): Characters[Position].ChangePosition(1,0) IsValid = True </pre>	7

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2(f)	VB.NET <pre> Dim IsValid As Boolean = False Dim Move As String While IsValid <> True Console.WriteLine("Enter A for left, W for up, S for down or D for right") Move = Console.ReadLine() If Move.ToUpper = "A" Then Characters(Position).ChangePosition(-1, 0) IsValid = True ElseIf Move.ToUpper = "W" Then Characters(Position).ChangePosition(0, 1) IsValid = True ElseIf Move.ToUpper = "S" Then Characters(Position).ChangePosition(0, -1) IsValid = True ElseIf Move.ToUpper = "D" Then Characters(Position).ChangePosition(1, 0) IsValid = True End If End While </pre>	
2(g)(i)	1 mark per point: • Outputting given message including name, x and y position • ...all using appropriate get methods Example program code: Java <pre> System.out.println(CharacterName + " has changed coordinates to X = " + Characters[Position].GetX() + " Y = " + Characters[Position].GetY()); </pre> Python <pre> print(CharacterName, " has changed coordinate to X = ", str(Characters[Position].GetX()), " Y = ", str(Characters[Position].GetY())) </pre> VB.NET <pre> Console.WriteLine(CharacterName & " has changed coordinates to X = " & Characters(Position).GetX & " Y = " & Characters(Position).GetY()) </pre>	2

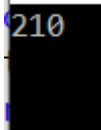
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2(g)(ii)	1 mark for correct result, for example: 	1

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3(a)	1 mark per point: • 1D array with 100 (Integer) spaces • head pointer declared initialised to appropriate value e.g. -1 • tail pointer declared initialised to 0 Example program code: Java <pre>public Integer[] queue = new Integer[100]; public Integer HeadPointer = -1; public Integer TailPointer = 0;</pre> Python <pre>Queue = [-1 for I in range(100)] #Integer HeadPointer = -1 TailPointer = 0</pre> VB.NET <pre>Dim Queue(0 To 99) As Integer Dim HeadPointer As Integer = -1 Dim TailPointer As Integer = 0</pre>	3

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	1 mark per point: • Function header (and close where appropriate) with integer parameter • Checking if queue full and returning false • If not full adding parameter to queue at tail pointer ... • ... incrementing tail pointer (after adding to queue) • ... and returning true • Changing head pointer to 0 if this is the first element in array Example program code: Java <pre>public Boolean Enqueue(Integer Data){ if(TailPointer < 100){ if(HeadPointer == -1){ HeadPointer = 0; } Queue[TailPointer] = Data; TailPointer = TailPointer + 1; return true; } return false; }</pre> Python <pre>def Enqueue(Data): global Queue global TailPointer if(TailPointer < 100): if HeadPointer == -1: HeadPointer = 0 Queue[TailPointer] = Data TailPointer = TailPointer + 1 return True return False</pre> VB.NET <pre>Function Enqueue(Data) If TailPointer < 100 Then If HeadPointer = -1 Then HeadPointer = 0 End If Queue(TailPointer) = data TailPointer = TailPointer + 1 Return True End If Return False End Function</pre>	6

Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)	1 mark per point: • Looping 20 times • ... using <code>Enqueue()</code> with each number 1 to 20 in ascending numerical order... • ... and storing/using the return value • ... based on return value, outputting "Successful" and "Unsuccessful" if all numbers are added Example program code: Java <pre>public static void main(String[] args){ Boolean success = false; for(Integer count = 1; count <= 20; count++){ success = enqueue(count); } if(success == false){ System.Out.Println("Unsuccessful ") } else{ System.Out.Println("Successful ") } }</pre> Python <pre>Success = False for Count in range(1, 21): Success = Enqueue(Count) if(Success == False): print("Unsuccessful") else: print("Successful")</pre> VB.NET <pre>Dim Success As Boolean For Count = 1 To 20 Success = Enqueue(Count) Next If Success = False THEN Console.WriteLine("Unsuccessful") ELSE Console.WriteLine("Successful") ENDIF</pre>	4

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3(d)	1 mark per point: - function call (and end where appropriate) taking a parameter - checking if at start of queue//20returning the last value in the queue (otherwise) adding return value to a total // adding value in queue before recursive call and using this in the recursive call ... - recursive call with Start/pointer -1 - returning the final total Example program code: Java <pre>public static Integer RecursiveOutput(Integer Start){ if(Start == 0){ return Queue[Start]; }else{ return Queue[Start] + RecursiveOutput(Start -1); } }</pre> Python <pre>def RecursiveOutput(Start): if(Start == 0): return Queue[Start] else: return Queue[Start] + RecursiveOutput(Start - 1)</pre> VB.NET <pre>Function RecursiveOutput(ByVal Start) If (Start = 0) Then Return Queue(Start) Else Return Queue(Start) + RecursiveOutput(Start - 1) End If End Function</pre>	6
3(e)(i)	1 mark for calling function and outputting return value. Example program code: Java <pre>System.out.println(RecursiveOutput(TailPointer-1));</pre> Python <pre>print(str(RecursiveOutput(TailPointer - 1)))</pre> VB.NET <pre>Console.WriteLine(RecursiveOutput(TailPointer - 1))</pre>	1

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3(e)(ii)	1 mark for screenshot showing 210, for example: 	1