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Paper 3 Advanced Theory

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
- Calculators must **not** be used in this paper.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



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1 Real numbers are stored in a computer system using floating-point representation with:

- 8 bits for the mantissa
- 8 bits for the exponent
- two's complement form for both mantissa and exponent.

(a) Write the normalised floating-point representation of +202 in this system.

Show your working.

Mantissa

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Exponent

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Working

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(b) Write the normalised floating-point representation of –202 in this system.

Show your working.

Mantissa

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Exponent

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Working

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(c) A binary number is stored in the computer system.

Mantissa								Exponent							
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

(i) State why the number is **not** normalised.

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 [1]

(ii) Write the normalised floating-point representation of the number.

Mantissa								Exponent							

[2]

2 Outline the functions of the Transport and Internet layers of the TCP/IP protocol suite.

Transport layer

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Internet layer

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- 3 (a) State what is meant by the term **enumerated data type**.

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 [1]

- (b) State what is meant by the term **pointer data type**.

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 [1]

- (c) The months of the year are: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December.

Write the **pseudocode** statement to define the data type `Quarter1`, to hold the names of the first three months of a year.

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- (d) The composite data type `Pet` is used to store data about the various pets of a group of students. It uses these fields:

Field name	Data type
<code>PetName</code>	String
<code>AnimalType</code>	String
<code>PetAge</code>	Integer
<code>PetGender</code>	Char
<code>OwnerName</code>	String

- (i) Write the **pseudocode** statement to set up a variable for one record of the composite data type `Pet`.

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 [1]

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- (ii) Write **pseudocode** to store the details of the following pet, in the variable you set up in part (d)(i).

PetName	AnimalType	PetAge	PetGender	OwnerName
Tibbles	Cat	8	M	Jasmine Smith

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- 4 Draw **one** line to connect each stage of compilation to its **most appropriate** description.

Stage of compilation

Description

Lexical analysis

Syntax analysis

Code generation

Optimisation

minimising a program's execution time and memory requirement

converting an intermediate representation of source code into an executable form

converting a sequence of characters into a sequence of tokens

directly executing instructions written in a scripting language

using parsing algorithms to interpret the meaning of a sequence of tokens

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- 5 (a) Write the infix expression in Reverse Polish Notation (RPN).

$$a * b + b - d + 15$$

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 [1]

- (b) (i) Write the RPN expression in infix form.

$$a b - c d + * a /$$

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 [1]

- (ii) Evaluate your infix expression from **part (b)(i)** when $a = 5$, $b = 10$, $c = 27$ and $d = 12$.

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 [1]

- 6 A message is encrypted using a private key and sent to an individual using asymmetric encryption.

- (a) State what is meant by a **private key**.

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 [2]

- (b) Describe the process of asymmetric encryption.

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- (c) Explain how a digital signature is used to verify a message when it is received.

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- 7 (a) Complete the Karnaugh map (K-map) for the Boolean expression.

$$Z = \bar{A}.B.\bar{C}.\bar{D} + \bar{A}.B.\bar{C}.D + A.B.\bar{C}.\bar{D} + A.B.\bar{C}.D + A.\bar{B}.\bar{C}.\bar{D} + A.\bar{B}.\bar{C}.D$$

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00				
	01				
	11				
	10				

[2]

- (b) Draw loop(s) around appropriate group(s) in the K-map to produce an optimal sum-of-products. [2]
- (c) Write the Boolean expression from your answer to **part (b)** as a simplified sum-of-products. Use Boolean algebra to give your answer in its simplest form.

Simplified sum-of-products

Z =

Simplest form

Z =

[3]

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8 Virtual memory, paging and segmentation are used in memory management.

(a) Explain what is meant by **virtual memory**.

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(b) State **one** difference between paging and segmentation in the way memory is divided.

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9 Deep learning is used in Artificial Intelligence (AI).

(a) Describe what is meant by **deep learning**.

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(b) Outline the reasons for using deep learning.

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- 10** Reduced Instruction Set Computers (RISC) and Complex Instruction Set Computers (CISC) are two types of processor.

(a) Tick (✓) **one** box in each row to show if the statement applies to RISC or CISC processors.

Statement	RISC	CISC
uses a smaller instruction set		
uses single-cycle instructions and limited addressing modes		
uses fewer general-purpose registers		
uses both hardwired and micro-coded control unit		
uses a system where cache is split between data and instructions		

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(b) Describe the process of pipelining during the fetch-execute cycle in RISC processors.

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11 (a) Define these Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) terms:

Instance

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Inheritance

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Polymorphism

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[3]

(b) In OOP, a class contains attributes and methods.

Complete the pseudocode for the class `Car` to enable objects to be created. The class needs to include:

- string attributes to store the make, model, body type and fuel type
- an integer attribute to store the number of cars of that type built.

The attributes must be available only through the methods of the class.

CLASS

PRIVATE Make : STRING

PRIVATE

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PUBLIC PROCEDURE New(CarMake : STRING,,

.....)

Make ←

Model ←

BodyType ← CarBodyType

Fuel ← ""

NumberBuilt ← 0

ENDPROCEDURE

GetFuel()

GetNumberBuilt()

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12 (a) The array `Names[0:99]` is in alphabetical order.

Complete this pseudocode binary search algorithm.

`Lower ← 0`

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`Mid ← 0`

`Exit ← FALSE`

`OUTPUT "Enter the name to be found "`

`INPUT Target`

`REPEAT`

..... `THEN`

`OUTPUT Target, " does not exist"`

`Exit ← TRUE`

`ENDIF`

`Mid ← Lower + (Upper - Lower + 1) DIV 2`

`IF Names[Mid] < Target THEN`

`Lower ← .....`

`ENDIF`

`IF Names[Mid] > Target THEN`

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`ENDIF`

..... `THEN`

`OUTPUT Target, " was found at location ", Mid`

`Exit ← TRUE`

`ENDIF`

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(b) Big O notation is used to classify efficiency of algorithms.

The Big O notation for time complexity in a binary search is $O(\log n)$.

(i) State the Big O notation for time complexity of a linear search.

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(ii) Describe the meaning of $O(\log n)$ as it applies to a binary search algorithm.

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 [2]

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