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REGULAR PROGRAMME

DIT 004: INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING METHODOLOGIES

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INSTRUCTIONS: 1. SECTION A [Answer 1- Compulsory]

2. SECTION B [Answer 2 Questions]

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

(a) Describe three (3) levels of programming languages.

[3 Marks]

(b) Draw and explain the use of five (5) basic symbols used in drawing program flow charts.

[5 Marks]

(c) With the aid of an example in each case, describe three (3) program flow control structures which form the foundation of structured programming.

[6 Marks]

(d) Write an algorithm that reads three numbers and prints the value of the largest number.

[5 Marks]

(e) Given the C program structure below

- (i) preprocessor directives
- (ii) int main (void)
- (iii) **{**
- (iv) variable declarations;
- (v) statements;
- (vi)return 0;
- (vii) }

Explain the purpose of each of the lines denoted as (i) ---(vi)

[6 Marks]

(f) Using some code example in each code, explain the circumstances in which you would use while () loop and the do...while() loop.

[5 Marks]

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

(a) Write a C program that would display the message "Welcome to DIT 004 - Introduction to Programming Methodologies!" as its output to the screen.

[5 Marks]

(b) Write a program that may be used to compute the area of a square (area=side²) or area of a triangle (area=base*height/2) after prompting the user to type the first character of the figure name (S for Square or T for Triangle).

[15 Marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

A problem solution can be expressed in either pseudocode or a flowchart.

(a) Differentiate between a program pseudocode and flowchart.

[4 Marks]

- (b) Given the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$,
 - (i) Write the algorithm in pseudocode to find the roots of the equation. [Hint:] Quadratic Formula: $\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{b} \pm \sqrt{(\mathbf{b}^2 4ac)}/2a$

[8 Marks]

(ii) Draw the flowchart for the algorithm above.

[8 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

(a) Define functions in the context of programming. [2 Marks] (b) Explain four reasons why functions are needed in programming. [8 Marks] (c) What is the role played by the following functions in a C program? scanf() (i) (ii) printf() (iii) sqrt(x) (iv) pow(x,y)[4 Marks] (d) A general function definition takes the form -Function_return_type function_name (parameter list){ } Explain what each of these components stand for. Function return type (i) (ii) Function name (iii) Parameter list

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

(a) Identify all the programming errors in the program below.

/*Program to compute the Mean of three numbers using C language/*

[6 Marks]

//output the mean printf("\nThe Mean is %If",Mean);

return 0;

[8 Marks]

(b) Write a program that will print the **Square**, **Cube and Square Root** of all Numbers from 1 to N using a for loop.

Hint: Sample output

No	Square	Cube	Square Root
1	1	1	1.00
2	4	8	1.41
3	9	27	1.73
4	16	64	2.00
5	25	125	2.24
6	36	216	2.45
7	49	343	2.65
8	64	512	2.83
9	81	729	3.00
10	100	1000	3.16

[12 Marks]