

Annual Examinations for Secondary Schools 2015

FORM 4

COMPUTING

TIME: 1h 30min

Name: _____

Class: _____

Directions to Candidates:

Answer ALL questions in Section A and Section B on this paper;

The use of flow chart template is permitted;

Calculators are NOT allowed;

Good English and orderly presentation are important.

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Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Paper Total	Course Work	Final Mark
Max	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	15	15	85%	15%	100%
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Section A

1. Computers have various uses in society.

a. What do the following stand for? [2]

i.	CAD	
ii.	CAM	

b. Give one use for: [2]

i.	CAD	
ii.	CAM	

c. Suggest and **briefly explain** one advantage of CAM. [1]

2. This question is about loops in Java.

a. **Tick** as appropriate. [3]

		For loop	While loop	Do..while loop
i.	The code in this type of loop will be executed a predetermined number of times.			
ii.	A conditional loop that will be executed zero or more times.			
iii.	A conditional loop where the looping condition is checked after the loop is executed.			

b. Complete the code below such as to declare a for loop that will execute **ten** times. [2]

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for ( int i = 0; _____; _____){
}
}
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3. Many teenagers find computers a useful tool in doing research work.
- a. What does **CAL** stand for? _____ [1]
- b. Name **two** educational uses of computers other than for research. [2]
- i. _____
- ii. _____
- c. Fill in the blanks using one of the following: [2]

GPS, EFT, WWW, computer process control

- i. _____ allows one to pay bills online.
- ii. _____ is used in Anti-Lock-Braking systems in cars.
4. Program Testing is an important step of the system lifecycle.
- a. A program runs but consistently gives an incorrect result.
- i. The cause is likely to be a (syntax error, logic error). [1]
- ii. Explain your answer to (i) by explaining the difference between **syntax** and **logic** errors. [2]
- _____
- _____
- b. A third type of programming error is called a ‘runtime error’.
- i. What is a **runtime error**? [1]
- ii. Give an **example** of where a runtime error can occur. [1]
- _____
- _____
5. You have just bought a new computer game.
- a. Name **three** things you expect to find in its User Manual. [3]
- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____

- b. Name **two** things that are commonly done during the installation of the game. [2]
- i. _____
- ii. _____

6. The System lifecycle involves the various steps in the creation and maintenance of a computer system.

- a. Why is **System Analysis** an important step in the development of a new system? [1]

- b. One step of the System Lifecycle involves an in-depth analysis of the new system. Once this analysis is complete, name and briefly describe the step that needs to be done before the system is coded.

Name		[1]
Description		[1]

- c. Briefly explain why a bank might opt for a **parallel** rather than a direct changeover. [1]

- d. Name one possible issue one might raise **against** a parallel changeover. [1]

7. Data and control information are carried within the CPU on buses.

- a. Distinguish between the **Data Bus** and the **Address Bus**. [2]

- b. What is the **address space** of a system with a 32-bit Address Bus? [1]

- c. How is a system with a 64-bit Address Bus superior to one with a 32-bit Address Bus? [2]

8. **Fill in** the blanks with one of the following terms: [5]

less, off-the-shelf, freeware, less, tailor-made, shareware, more, single-user, site

- a. A company will often choose to buy _____ software because this is readily available and generally _____ expensive.
- b. However sometimes a company may require _____ software because there would be no existing software on the market that meets its needs.
- c. Software may have a _____ licence that means the software may be installed on all systems in a particular establishment.
- d. _____ is software that can be freely tested often for a given time period, but which the user would need to pay for if s/he wants full functionality or to continue using it long term.

9. Computers deal with binary numbers.

a. Express 64 in 8-bit unsigned binary. [1]

Answer _____

b. Express -64 in 8-bit Two's complement. [1]

Answer _____

c. Work out $90 - 64$ in 8-bit Two's Complement. [3]

Answer _____

10. ASCII is a 7-bit coding system while Unicode is a 16-bit coding system.
- a. What is a coding system? [1]

 - b. How many different characters can each of the above coding systems represent? [2]
 - i. ASCII _____
 - ii. Unicode _____
 - c. Hence explain why Unicode is generally preferred. [1]

 - d. If 65 represents the letter **A**, what letter does 71 represent? [1]

11. The CPU is at the heart of a computer system.
- a. What is a CPU register? [1]

 - b. What is the role of the ALU? [1]

 - c. How is the accumulator register related to this role? [1]

 - d. Which CPU register is responsible for holding the address of the next instruction to be executed? [1]

 - e. Briefly explain the role of the Instruction Register. [1]

Section B

12. Logic gates are central to a computer system.

a. Answer **True** or **False**. [3]

i.	A logic gate is a hardware item.	
ii.	The AND gate is an inverter gate.	
iii.	A logic circuit can have one or more inputs.	

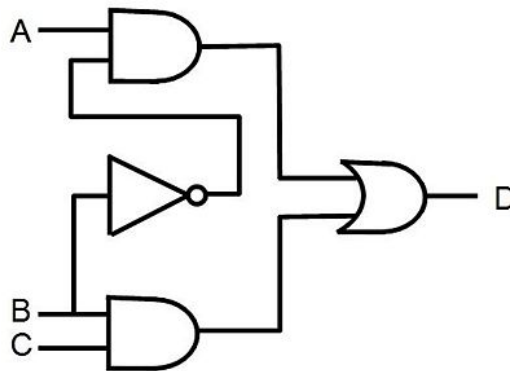
b. Give the truth table and boolean expression for an OR gate. [3]

Truth Table

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>X</i>

Boolean expression _____ [1]

c. Give the boolean expression and truth table for the logic circuit shown below:



Boolean expression [3]

Answer _____

Truth Table

[4]

A	B	C	B'	A.B'	B.C	D
0	0	0				
0	0	1				
0	1	0				
0	1	1				
1	0	0				
1	0	1				
1	1	0				
1	1	1				

d. Name one use of logic circuits in computing.

[1]

13. Java is an object-oriented language.

a. Match the following with their possible output below by ticking as appropriate:

[3]

A: Name: Jane

B: Jane

C: Name:Jane

		A	B	C
i.	System.out.println (name);			
ii.	System.out.println ("Name:" + name);			
iii.	System.out.println ("Name:\t" + name);			

b. An application is being written to handle patient records in a diabetes clinic. The application includes a class called 'Patient'.

i. Two of the properties of class Patient are: 'name' and 'yearOfBirth'.

[2]

Show how you would declare each of these properties:

- ii. Class Patient includes a method called `outputAge()` that calculates and outputs each patient's age (in 2015). This method should also output 'Junior' for patients under 18 years of age and 'Adult' for those 18 years and over. [4]

Write the method `outputAge()` in the space below.

- c. The class Patient also includes a property that holds an array (called `readingList`) of the last 10 readings of the patient's glucose level. The reading is stored as a real number. [3]

- i. Show how you would declare and assign the array `readingList`. [2]

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- ii. Write a line to output the last reading on the screen. [1]
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