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COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Paper 2 Fundamental Problem-solving and Programming Skills

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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.

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1 (a) Selection and repetition are basic constructs of an algorithm.

Name **and** describe **one other** construct.

Name

Description

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(b) Program coding is a transferable skill.

Explain the term **transferable skill**.

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(c) Count-controlled and post-condition are two types of loop.

Describe the characteristics of each of these types of loop.

Count-controlled

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Post-condition

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(d) Name **three** features provided by an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) that assist in the coding and **initial** error detection stages of the program development cycle.

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- 2 (a) A structure chart is often produced as part of a modular program design. The chart shows the hierarchy of modules and the sequence of execution.

Give **two other** features the structure chart can show.

Feature 1

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Feature 2

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- (b) Six program modules implement part of an online shopping program. The following table gives the modules and a brief description of each module:

Module	Description
Shop ()	Allows the user to choose a delivery slot, select items to be added to the basket and finally check out
ChooseSlot ()	Allows the user to select a delivery time. Returns a delivery slot number
FillBasket ()	Allows the user to select items and add them to the basket
Checkout ()	Completes the order by allowing the user to pay for the items. Returns a Boolean value to indicate whether or not payment was successful
Search ()	Allows the user to search for a specific item. Returns an item reference
Add ()	Adds an item to the basket. Takes an item reference and a quantity as parameters

- (i) The online shopping program has been split into sub-tasks as part of the design process.

Explain the advantages of decomposing the program into modules. Your explanation should refer to the scenario and modules described in **part (b)**.

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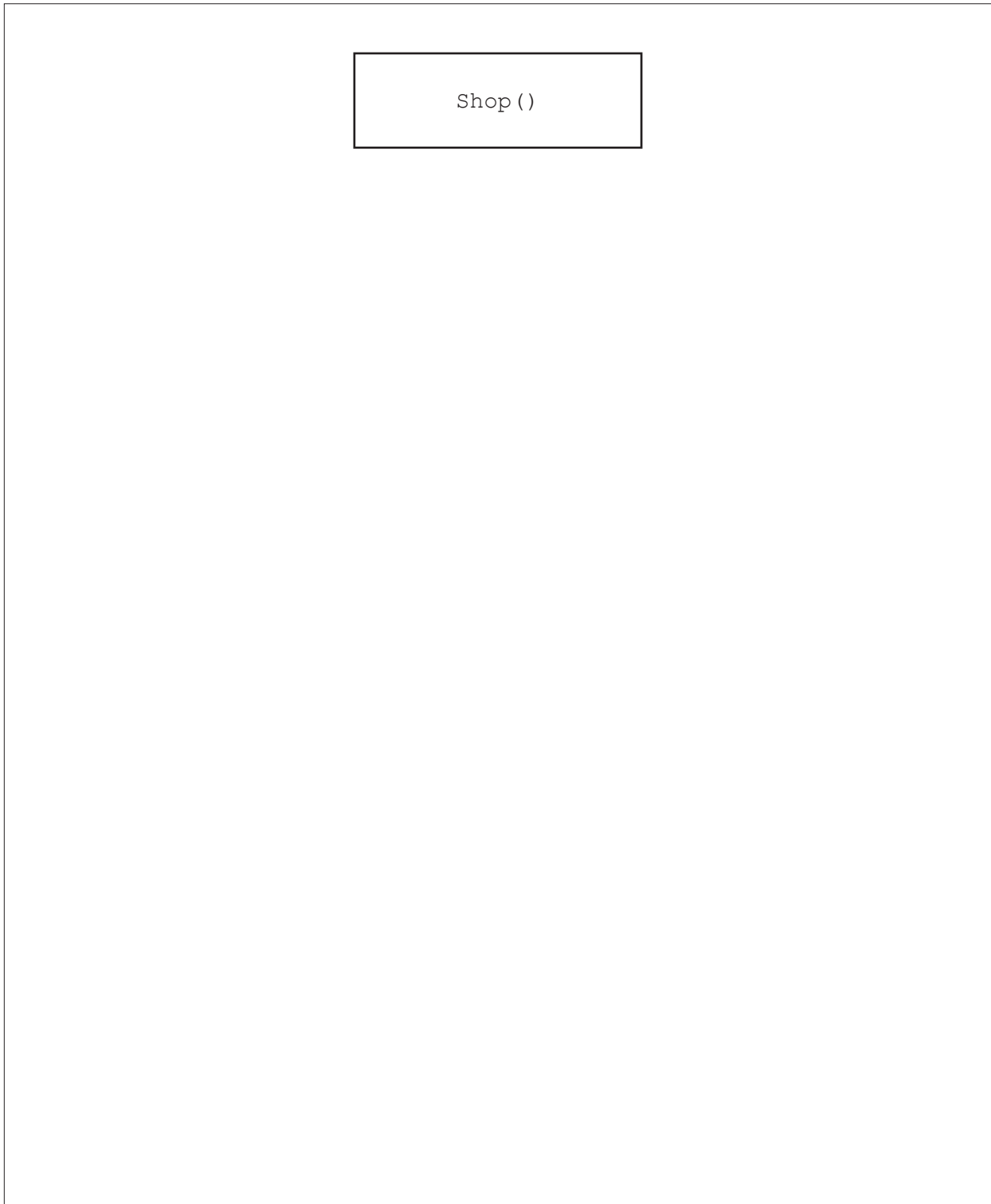
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(ii) Complete the structure chart for the six modules described in part (b).

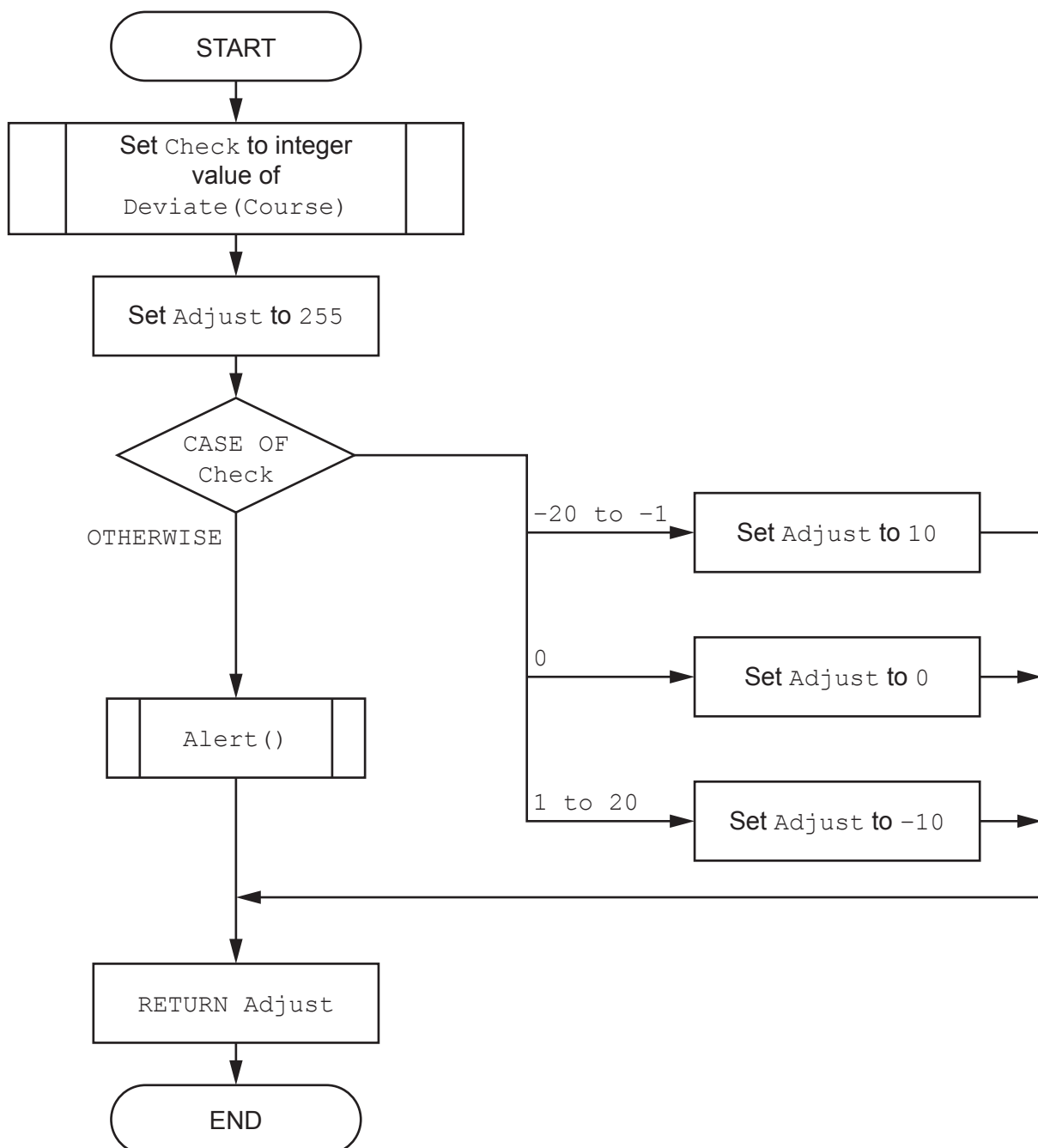


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- 3 A navigation program includes a function, `CheckCourse()`. This function is called with a real value, `Course`, and returns an integer value.

The identifier table and the program flowchart for the function are shown as follows:

Identifier	Type	Description
Course	REAL	The value passed to <code>CheckCourse()</code>
Adjust	INTEGER	The value returned by <code>CheckCourse()</code>
Check	INTEGER	A local variable
<code>Deviate()</code>	FUNCTION	A function that is passed a REAL value representing the course and returns a REAL value representing the current deviation
<code>Alert()</code>	PROCEDURE	A procedure that generates a warning



- (b) The changes made to the pseudocode in **part (a)** were as a result of changes to the program requirement.

Give the term used to describe changes made for this reason.

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- (b) (i) The array is to be sorted using an efficient bubble sort algorithm. An efficient bubble sort reduces the number of unnecessary comparisons between elements.

Describe how this could be achieved.

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- (b) The user will input the desired start time of a hire. A new module will be written to validate the input string as a valid time in 24-hour clock format.

The string is already confirmed as being in the format "NN:NN", where N is a numeric character.

Give an example of suitable test data that is in this format but which is **invalid**. Explain your answer.

Test data

Explanation

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- (c) Each time a boat is hired out, details of the hire are added to a text file, `Hirelog.txt`. Each line of the text file corresponds to information about one hire session.

The format of each line is as follows:

`<BoatNumber><Date><AmountPaid>`

- `BoatNumber` is a two-digit numeric string
- `Date` is a six-digit numeric string in the format `DDMMYY`
- `AmountPaid` is a variable-length string representing a numeric value, for example "12.75"

The total hire amount from each boat is to be stored in a global array, `Total`. This array is declared in pseudocode as follows:

`DECLARE Total : ARRAY [1:17] OF REAL`

The programmer has defined module `GetTotals()` as follows:

Module	Description
<code>GetTotals()</code>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search through the file <code>Hirelog.txt</code> • Extract the <code>AmountPaid</code> each time a boat is hired • Store the total of <code>AmountPaid</code> for each boat in the array

Write **program code** for the module `GetTotals()`.

Visual Basic and Pascal: You should include the declaration statements for variables.
Python: You should show a comment statement for each variable used with its data type.

Programming language

Program code

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Appendix

Built-in functions (pseudocode)

Each function returns an error if the function call is not properly formed.

LENGTH(ThisString : STRING) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the integer value representing the length of ThisString

Example: LENGTH("Happy Days") returns 10

LEFT(ThisString : STRING, x : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING
returns leftmost x characters from ThisString

Example: LEFT("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns "ABC"

RIGHT(ThisString: STRING, x : INTEGER) RETURNS STRING
returns rightmost x characters from ThisString

Example: RIGHT("ABCDEFGH", 3) returns "FGH"

INT(x : REAL) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the integer part of x

Example: INT(27.5415) returns 27

RAND(x : INTEGER) RETURNS REAL
returns a real number in the range 0 to x (not inclusive of x)

Example: RAND(87) could return 35.43

MOD(ThisNum : INTEGER, ThisDiv : INTEGER) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the integer value representing the remainder when ThisNum is divided by ThisDiv

Example: MOD(10,3) returns 1

DIV(ThisNum : INTEGER, ThisDiv : INTEGER) RETURNS INTEGER
returns the integer value representing the whole number part of the result when ThisNum is divided by ThisDiv

Example: DIV(10,3) returns 3

NUM_TO_STRING(x : REAL) RETURNS STRING
returns a string representation of a numeric value.

Example: If x has the value 87.5 then NUM_TO_STRING(x) returns "87.5"

Note: This function will also work if x is of type INTEGER

STRING_TO_NUM(x : STRING) RETURNS REAL
returns a numeric representation of a string.

Example: If x has the value "23.45" then STRING_TO_NUM(x) returns 23.45

Note: This function will also work if x is of type CHAR

Operators (pseudocode)

Operator	Description
&	Concatenates (joins) two strings Example: "Summer" & " " & "Pudding" produces "Summer Pudding"
AND	Performs a logical AND on two Boolean values Example: TRUE AND FALSE produces FALSE
OR	Performs a logical OR on two Boolean values Example: TRUE OR FALSE produces TRUE

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