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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.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

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

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- 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
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- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

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.

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1(a)(i)	One mark for each (different) data type and one mark for a corresponding example value Acceptable types: Integer, Real, String, Char, Boolean, Date,	6								
1(a)(ii)	Declaration	1								
1(b)	Two from (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of identifier / variable names • Explanations/descriptions (of what they are used for) • Data types 	2								
1(c)(i)	One mark for each stage (Input, Output) One mark for each correct example <table border="1" data-bbox="301 781 1128 1043"> <thead> <tr> <th>Stage</th> <th>Example statement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Input</td> <td><code>Next = Console.ReadLine()</code></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Process</td> <td><code>x = INT(y/3)</code></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Output</td> <td><code>Console.WriteLine("Goodbye")</code></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stage	Example statement	Input	<code>Next = Console.ReadLine()</code>	Process	<code>x = INT(y/3)</code>	Output	<code>Console.WriteLine("Goodbye")</code>	5
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1(d)	Three from the following (max 3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blank lines • Capitalisation of Keywords • Sensible variable names • Use of (library/built-in) functions • Comments • PrettyPrint / keywords coloured 	3								
1(e)	White-box	1								

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2(a)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count-controlled // FOR loop • Used when the number of iterations is known / fixed 	2												
2(a)(ii)	<pre>REPEAT CALL AlarmReset() Status1 ← GetStatus(Sys_A) Status2 ← GetStatus(Sys_B) UNTIL (Status1 = TRUE AND Status2 = TRUE)</pre> <p>One mark for each of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 REPEAT ... UNTIL 2 Call to AlarmReset() 3 Assignment of Status1 and Status2 4 correct logical test 	4												
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3	<div style="text-align: center;"> <pre> classDiagram class ChangePassword { } class GetPassword { } class UpdateFile { } ChangePassword --> GetPassword : AccountID ChangePassword --> UpdateFile : NewPassword GetPassword --> ChangePassword : OldPassword GetPassword --> UpdateFile : AccountID UpdateFile --> ChangePassword : NewPassword </pre> </div> <p>One mark for each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all three boxes correctly labelled • parameters in to <code>GetPassword()</code> • value back from <code>GetPassword()</code> • parameters in to <code>UpdateFile()</code> • BOOLEAN value back from <code>UpdateFile()</code> 	5

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4(a)	<p>One mark for each point.</p> <p>Valid string must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least one '.' characters • one '@' character • more than 5 other characters. 	3

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4(c)	<p>One mark for string and one mark for correct explanation.</p> <p>Same for second answer providing it results in a different path through the algorithm.</p> <p>Correct answers may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• without the correct number of '.'• without the correct number of '@'• without the correct number of 'other characters'	4

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5	<pre> FUNCTION Abbreviate(Name : STRING) RETURNS STRING DECLARE NewString : STRING DECLARE NextChar : CHAR DECLARE Index : INTEGER DECLARE Space : BOOLEAN CONSTANT SPACECHAR = ' ' Space ← TRUE NewString ← "" FOR Index ← 1 TO LENGTH(Name) NextChar ← MID(Name, Index, 1) IF Space = TRUE THEN NewString ← NewString & NextChar // first char of next word Space ← FALSE ELSE IF NextChar = SPACECHAR THEN Space ← TRUE ENDIF ENDIF ENDFOR RETURN NewString ENDFUNCTION </pre> <p>1 mark for each of the following (max 8):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Function header, ending and return parameters 2 Declare and Initialise <code>NewString</code> to either "" or first character of name 3 FOR loop picking out all characters from <code>Name</code>: 4 extract an individual character in a loop 5 check for space character in a loop 6 concatenate the next character to <code>NewString</code> in a loop 7 Return <code>NewString</code> 8 Accommodate a string with trailing space 	8

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6(a)(i)	<p>One mark per underlined section:</p> <pre> <u>DECLARE Result : ARRAY</u> <u>[0:99, 0:1]</u> <u>OF STRING</u> </pre>	3

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6(a)(ii)	<p>'Pseudocode' solution included here for development and clarification of mark scheme. Programming language example solutions appear in the Appendix.</p> <pre> FUNCTION FindBooksBy(SearchAuthor : STRING) RETURNS INTEGER DECLARE Title : STRING DECLARE Author : STRING DECLARE Isbn : STRING DECLARE Location : STRING DECLARE Count : INTEGER Count ← 0 OPENFILE "Library.txt" FOR READ WHILE NOT EOF ("Library.txt") READFILE "Library.txt", Title READFILE "Library.txt", ThisAuthor READFILE "Library.txt", ISBN READFILE "Library.txt", Location IF SearchAuthor = ThisAuthor THEN Result[Count, 0] ← Title Result[Count, 1] ← Location Count ← Count + 1 ENDIF ENDWHILE CLOSEFILE("Library.txt") RETURN Count ENDFUNCTION </pre> <p>One mark for each of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Function heading (and ending) including parameters 2 Declaration of variables used 3 Open file for reading (Allow Library or Library.txt) 4 WHILE loop checking for EOF(): 5 Read all information 'fields', in the correct order, in a loop 6 If the author matches write Title and Location to Result array in a loop 7 And increment array index in a loop // number found 8 Close file and RETURN Count 	8

Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	<pre> PROCEDURE DisplayResults (Author:STRING, Count:INTEGER) DECLARE Index, GLen : INTEGER DECLARE Gap : STRING Gap ← " " // 25 spaces IF Count = 0 THEN OUTPUT "Search found no books by: " & Author ELSE OUTPUT "Books written by: " & Author OUTPUT "Title" & LEFT(Gap, 20) & "Location" FOR Index ← 1 TO Count GLen ← 25 - LENGTH(Result[Index, 0]) OUTPUT Result[Index, 0] & LEFT(Gap, GLen) & Result[Index, 1] ENDFOR OUTPUT "Number of titles found: " & NUM_TO_STRING(Count) ENDIF ENDPROCEDURE </pre> <p>One mark for each of the following (max 7):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Procedure heading and ending including parameters 2 Declaration of local INTEGER variable for use as index 3 Test if count = 0 and if so output suitable message including Author for no books found otherwise output the two header strings (exact format not important) 4 A FOR loop for Count times 5 ... output two array elements from Result array in a loop 6 Final output statement 7 A reasonable attempt at calculating the number of spaces required to align 'Location' column: 8 Alignment correct 	7

Program Code Example Solutions

Q6 (a) (ii): Visual Basic

```
FUNCTION FindBooksBy(ByVal SearchAuthor As String) As Integer

    Dim Title As String
    Dim Author As String
    Dim Isbn As String
    Dim Location As String
    Dim Count As Integer

    Count = 0

    FileOpen(1, "Library.txt", OpenMode.Input)

    While Not EOF(1)
        Title = LineInput(1)
        ThisAuthor = LineInput(1)
        Isbn = LineInput(1)
        Location = LineInput(1)

        If SearchAuthor = ThisAuthor Then
            Result(Count, 0) = Title
            Result(Count, 1) = Location
            Count = Count + 1
        End If
    End While

    FileClose(1)

    Return Count
END FUNCTION
```

Q6 (a) (ii): Pascal

```
function FindBooksBy(SearchAuthor : string) : integer;

var
  Title : string;
  Author : string;
  Isbn : string;
  Location : string;
  Count : integer;
  MyFile : text;

begin
  Count := 0;
  assign(MyFile, 'Library.txt');
  reset(MyFile);

  while not EOF(MyFile) do
  begin
    readln(MyFile, Title);
    readln(MyFile, ThisAuthor);
    readln(MyFile, Isbn);
    readln(MyFile, Location);

    if SearchAuthor = ThisAuthor then
    begin
      Result[Count, 0] := Title;
      Result[Count, 1] := Location;
      Count := Count + 1;
    end;

  end;

  close(MyFile);
  FindBooksBy := Count;

end;
```

Q6 (a) (ii): Python

```
def FindBooksBy(SearchAuthor):  
  
    ## Title : STRING  
    ## Author : STRING  
    ## Isbn : STRING  
    ## Location : STRING  
    ## Count : INTEGER  
  
    Count = 0  
    MyFile = open("Library.txt", 'r')  
    Title = MyFile.readline()  
  
    while Title != "":  
        ThisAuthor = MyFile.readline()  
        Isbn= MyFile.readline()  
        Location = MyFile.readline()  
        if SearchAuthor == ThisAuthor.strip():  
            Result[Count][0] = Title  
            Result[Count][1] = Location  
            Count = Count + 1  
        Title = MyFile.readline()  
  
    MyFile.close()  
    return(Count)
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