

Advanced GCE F453 QP COMPUTING

Unit F453: Advanced Computing Theory

Specimen Paper

Candidates answer on the question paper.



Time: 2 hours

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer all the questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part of question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 120.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

 Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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Answer all questions

I	(a)	(i) 	Give one example of an interrupt that allows the job to be resumed after the system has serviced the interrupt.
		 (ii)	Describe how the system ensures that it is possible to resume the interrupted job.
	(b)	(i)	Explain why operating systems use scheduling.
			[4]
		(ii)	Round-robin scheduling is one method that may be used by a multi-user operating system. Describe round-robin scheduling.
	(c)	 Δn (pperating system may use segmentation or paging.
	(6)	(i)	Describe two ways in which segmentation and paging are similar.
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		••••	[2]

	(ii)	Des	scribe two ways in which segmentation and paging are different.
2	(a)	 Des	cribe the steps taken by an assembler.
			[4]
	(b)		ne compilers produce intermediate code for a virtual machine.
		(i)	Explain two advantages of using intermediate code.
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		 (ii)	Explain the meaning of the term virtual machine and how intermediate code is run on it.
	(c)	 (i)	Describe what is meant by a library routine and its use when producing programs.
			[4]

	(ii)	Describe how library routines are used when producing software.
		[3]
3	(a)	Discuss the use of different computer architectures for different problem solutions.
		quality of your written communication will be assessed in your answer to this stion.
		[8]
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(b) (i)	Describe parallel processing.
	[5]
(ii)	Describe one advantage and one disadvantage of a parallel processor compared with a single processor system.
	Advantage
	Disadvantage
	[2]
	• •
(c)	Explain, with the aid of an example, the following statement:
(-)	"A co-processor is a simple form of parallel processor."
	The process is a simple form of parametric process.
	[2]
(d)	Explain the use of an array processor.
(d)	Explain the use of an array processor.
	[2]

4	In each nart o	f this auestion	all working r	nust be shown.

A real binary number may be represented in normalised floating point binary notation using 5 bits for the mantissa and 3 bits for the exponent, both in two's complement binary.

The diagram shows the binary number 01000100 in this format.

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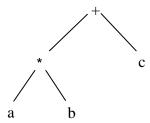
(a)	Con	vert 01000100 to denary.	
			[3]
(b)	Writ	e the denary number +5 in this binary format.	
			[3]
(c)	(i)	Write, in this format, the largest (positive) binary number that can be represented.	
			 [1]
	(ii)	Give the denary equivalent of this largest (positive) binary number.	
			 [1]
(d)		stead, 4 bits are used for the mantissa and 4 bits for the exponent, state the ct on the range and accuracy of the numbers that can be represented.	
	Rar	nge	
	Acc	curacy	
			[2]

5	(a)		agram shorrs are used		eue data	structure s	toring data	items A	, B and C.	Two
		front	points	to the fi	rst item ir	n the queue	:			
		free	points	to the fr	ee space	immediate	ly after the	queue		
			A	В	С					
			<u></u>			<u></u>				
			front			free				
			lete the dia ble, you sho					each cha	ange. For	each
		(i)	Two items			m the queu				[1]
							:	:		
		(ii)) is add	ed to the	original q	ueue.			[1]
								:	:	
	(b)	term 	queue in p dynamic ir 	this cor	ntext.					[1]
		R	S					Р	Q	
				1				↑		
				free				front		
		(i) 	Explain wl	ny this re	epresenta	ation of a q	ueue may b	e more e	efficient.	
		(ii)					e and front			[2] same
										[1]

6			ve language is used to give information about a number of shapes that nt edges.	
	flat(A).		{shape A is flat}	
	flat(B).			
	solid(C	;).	{shape C is solid}	
	equal(A).	{edges of shape A are of equal length}	
	edges((A,3).	{shape A has 3 edges}	
	edges((B,4).		
	regulai	r_poly	ygon(X) := flat(X), equal(X).	
			= flat(X), edges(X,3).	
	(a)	State	e the meaning of the following terms.	
		(i)	backtracking	
			[1]
		(ii)	instantiation	•
			[11
	(b)		n the information given, show how any solutions to the query are found.	•
		?tria	ngle(T)	
				••
			[4	4]
	(c)	l lein	ig the same notation, define the shape pent which is a flat shape with 5	TJ
	(0)		es of equal length.	
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[2]
[2]
n, show
[1]
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[1]
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[1] where
[1] where

(d) (i) The binary tree shows operands a, b and c with operators + and *.



Obtain the reverse Polish form of the expression by using post-order traversal of the tree.

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(ii) An expression in reverse Polish notation is fgh*+

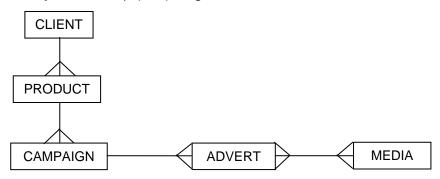
Show how a stack may be used to evaluate this expression when f=3, g=4 and h=5.

8	(a)	Stat	te the type of addressing described in each of the following.	
8		(i)	Add the number 13 to the contents of the accumulator.	
				[1]
		(ii)	Add the number stored in address 25 to the contents of the accumulator.	
				[1]
	(b)	In t term	he context of assembly languages, state the meaning of the following as:	
		(i)	opcode (operation code)	
				[1]
		(ii)	operand	
	(c)	Des	cribe the use and purpose of the index register.	
	(d)	Des	cribe the relationship between assembly language and machine code.	
				[1]

9 An advertising company produces advertisements for clients. Data is stored in a relational database.

When a client wants to launch a new product or improve sales, a campaign is prepared. The campaign may include a number of adverts for television, radio and magazines. Different adverts for a product may use the same media items (e.g. video clips, music, photos).

This is shown on the entity-relationship (E-R) diagram.



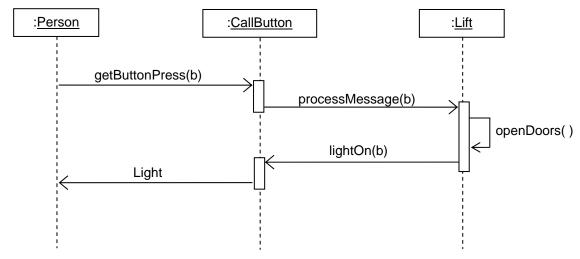
(a)	(i)	From the diagram, describe the relationship between CAMPAIGN and ADVERT.	
			• • •
			1

(ii) Draw this E-R diagram in third normal form (3NF).

(b)		database designer considers including the following attributes in the tables if for PRODUCT and CAMPAIGN.
	PRC	DDUCT (<u>ProdId,</u> ProdName)
	CAN	MPAIGN (CampaignId, ClientId, ProdId, Fee, StartDate)
	(i)	Define the term primary key.
		[1]
	(ii)	Give one example of a primary key in this database.
	(iii)	Explain why ClientId (from the CLIENT table) should not be included in the CAMPAIGN table.
		[2]
(c)		following shows some of the Structured Query Language (SQL) used to in data from the database.
	SEL	ECT CampaignId, ProdId, Fee, StartDate
	FRC	DM CAMPAIGN
	WHI	ERE Fee > 20000
	ORE	DER BY Fee DESC;
	Des	cribe the purpose of this code.
		[3]

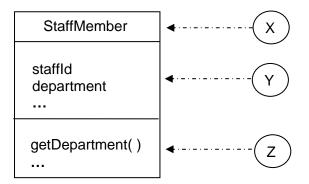
10 (a) A shop has a lift which may be used by customers and staff.

The Unified Modelling Language (UML) sequence diagram shows what happens when a person presses the button to call the lift when the lift is already at the correct floor.



` '	Explain the meaning of the vertical dotted lines in the diagram.	
	m the diagram, give one example of each of the following.	[2]
` '	An object.	F41
(iii)	A message.	
(iv)	A signal.	
		[1]

(b) This is one of the class diagrams for the shop, with sections labelled X, Y and Z.



• •	State the meaning of each section of the diagram.	
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	Explain the meaning of the ellipsis () in section Z.	
	[
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(c) This shows another class diagram. Person surname forename address StaffMember Customer staffld customerId department getDepartment() Using this diagram, explain the term inheritance.[4]

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Question Number	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	Give one example of an interrupt that allows the job to be resumed after the system has serviced the interrupt.	
	Peripheral e.g. printer (buffer empty)	
	user interrupt e.g. new user log on request.	
	[1 per bullet, max 1]	[1]
1(a)(ii)	Describe how the system ensures that it is possible to resume the interrupted job.	
	Values taken from registers	
	values stored on stack	
	so they can be replaced in registers (when ISR has finished).	
	[1 per bullet, max 2]	[2]
1(b)(i)	Explain why operating systems use scheduling.	
	Ensure all tasks are processed	
	by changing priorities where necessary	
	process as many jobs as possible	
	in the least possible time	
	maximise number of interactive users	
	receiving fast response times.	
	[1 per bullet, max 4]	[4]
1(b)(ii)	Round robin scheduling is one method that may be used by a multiuser operating system. Describe round robin scheduling.	
	Each user allocated a time slice	
	when time slice is up, system moves to next user	
	if next user needs processor, user given time slice	
	repeat until all users serviced	
	users may have different priorities	
	time slices are very small/fractions of seconds	
	no apparent delay for any user.	
	[1 per bullet, max 3]	[3]
1(c)	An operating system may use segmentation or paging.	
1(c)(i)	Describe two ways in which segmentation and paging are similar.	
	Allow programs to run despite insufficient memory	
	segments and pages are stored on disk	
	segments and pages are assigned to memory when needed.	
	[1 per bullet, max 2]	[2]

Question Number	Answer			
1(c)(ii)	Describe two ways in which segmentation and paging are different.			
1(0)(11)	 Segments are different sizes but pages are fixed size 			
	 segments are different sizes but pages are fixed size segments are complete sections of programs, but pages are made to 			
	fit sections of memory			
	 segments are logical divisions, pages are physical divisions. 			
	[1 per bullet, max 2]	[2]		
2(a)	Describe the steps taken by an assembler.			
	Translates a program from assembly language into machine code			
	 one assembly language instruction is changed into one machine code instruction 			
	 reserves storage for instructions and data 			
	 replaces mnemonic opcodes by machine codes 			
	 replaces symbolic addresses by numeric addresses 			
	 creates symbol table to match labels to addresses. 			
	[1 per bullet, max 4]	[4]		
2(b)	Some compilers produce intermediate code for a virtual machine.			
2(b)(i)	Explain two advantages of using intermediate code.			
	 Intermediate code is platform-independent/may be used on a variety of machines 			
	 intermediate code program has been compiled so is error-free. 			
	[1 per bullet]	[2]		
2(b)(ii)	Explain the meaning of the term virtual machine and how intermediate code is run on it.			
	 A virtual machine is a theoretical (or generalised) computer on which the program can run 			
	 intermediate code is run using an interpreter (for the specific computer). 			
	[1 per bullet]	[2]		

Question Number	Answer					
2(c)(i)	Describe what is meant by a library routine and their use when producing programs.					
	Piece of software					
	routines often perform common tasks					
	routines are compiled					
	routines are error-free					
	available to programmer to use with a new program.					
	[1 per bullet, max 4]	[4]				
2(c)(ii)	Describe how library routines are used when producing software.					
	May allow programmer to use code which was written in a different (source) language					
	linker is used to link the routine to the program					
	standard routines for sorting/searching available					
	allow programmer to use others' expertise					
	fit into modularisation of algorithm					
	may be used multiple times					
	the loader will handle addresses when loaded.					
	[1 per bullet, max 3]	[3]				

Question Number	Answer				
3(a)	Discuss the use of different computer architectures for different problem solutions.				
	High level response [6-8 marks]				
	Candidates will show a clear understanding of the problem and answer the question. Candidates will accurately and clearly, as a minimum give both positive and negative implications and a discussion will take place. The information will be presented in a structured and coherent form appropriate to a				
	discussion.				
	There will be few if any errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.				
	Technical terms will be used appropriately and correctly.				
	Medium level response [3-5marks]				
	Candidates will show an understanding of the problem and may answer the question from one viewpoint only. Candidates may only give either positive or negative implications The information will be presented in a structured format appropriate to a discussion. There may be occasional errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Technical terms will be mainly correct.				
	Low level response [0-2 marks]				
	Candidates may demonstrate a limited understanding of the problem. Information may be a list of points, with no implications. Information will be poorly expressed and the presentation of the information may not be appropriate for a discussion. There will be a limited, if any, use of technical terms.				
	Errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling may be intrusive.				
	Points to be made:				
	Von Neumann architecture				
	involves the use of data and instruction being held together in memory				
	sequential processing				
	 involves the use of a sequence of instructions carried out in a specific order to solve a problem 				
	following a specific algorithm				
	where the order will change the outcome				
	 suits any example where the outcome is dependent on steps being taken in a defined order eg the solution to a formula 				
	necessarily time hungry because it uses a single processor				
	parallel processing				
	uses multiple processors to come out instructions at the come time.				
	 to carry out instructions at the same time requires complex processing to adapt the sequential algorithm 				
	 requires complex processing to adapt the sequential algorithm speeds up arithmetic processes 				
	mention of co-processing				
	mention of array processing				
	 used in time dependent operations which require large amounts of processor time 				
	eg weather forecasting				
	explanation of interdependency of conditions in physical blocks				
		[8]			

3(b)(i)	Describe parallel processing.	
	Points to be made:	
	More than one processor	
	controlled by a complex operating system	
	working together	
	to perform a single job	
	which is split into tasks	
	 each task may be performed by any processor. 	
		[5]
3(b)(ii)	Describe one advantage and one disadvantage of a parallel processor compared with a single processor system.	
	Advantage	
	 increased speed/multiple instructions processed at once 	
	complex tasks performed efficiently	
	Disadvantage	
	not suitable for some programs	
	programs written specially/may need to be rewritten	[2]
3(c)	Explain, with the aid of an example, the following statement:	
	"A co-processor is a simple form of parallel processor."	
	A component added to the central processor	
	improves speed by performing certain tasks	
	e.g. maths co-processor/floating-point accelerator.	
	[1 per bullet, max 2]	[2]

Question Number	Answer	Marks					
3(d)	 Explain the use of an array processor. A processor that allows any instruction to operate simultaneously on multiple data locations the same calculation on different data is very fast. 						
	[1 per bullet, max 2]	[2]					
4	In each part of this question, all working must be shown. A real binary number may be represented in normalised floating point binary notation using 5 bits for the mantissa and 3 bits for the exponent, both in two's complement binary. The diagram shows the binary number 01000100 in this format.						
	0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0						
	mantissa exponent						
4(a) 4(b)	Convert 01000100 to denary. • Exponent 100 represents -4 • mantissa 0.1, move point 4 places left so becomes 0.00001 • value is 1/32 (= 0.03125). or • Exponent 100 represents -4 • mantissa 0.1 represents ½ • value is ½ multiplied by 2 -4 = 1/32 (= 0.03125). Write the denary number +5 in this binary format.						
	0.101, point moved 3 places						
	 3 written as 011 01010 011.						
	[max 3 marks]	[3]					
4(c)(i)	Write, in this format, the largest (positive) binary number that can be represented.						
	01111 011	[1]					
4(c)(ii)	Give the denary equivalent of this largest (positive) binary number. (111.1 equivalent to) 7.5						
4(d)	If, instead, 4 bits are used for the mantissa and 4 bits for the exponent, state the effect on the range and accuracy of the numbers that can be represented.						
	Larger rangevalues less accurate.	[2]					

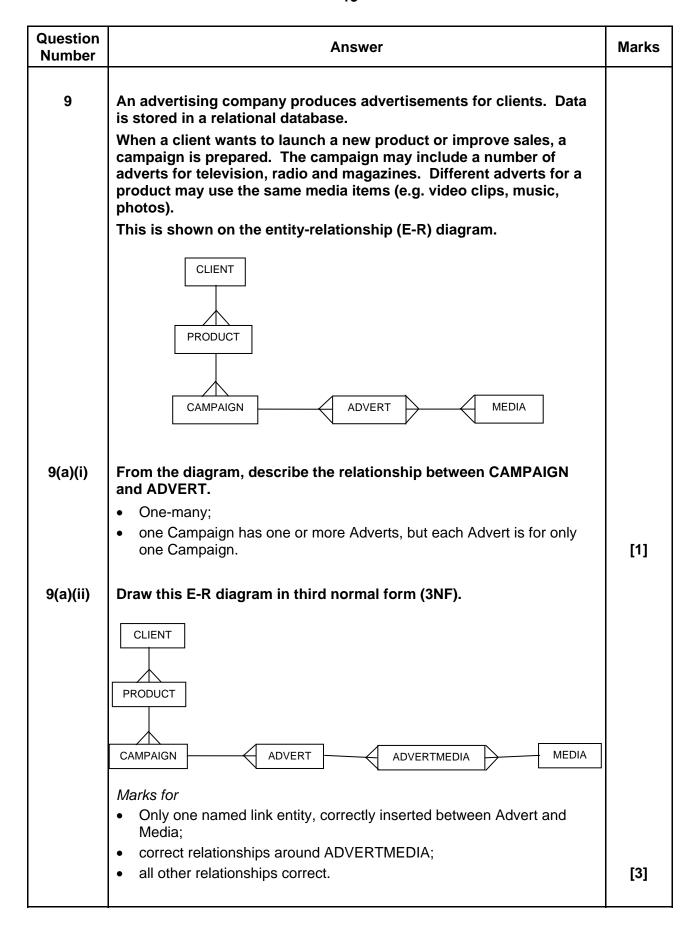
Question Number					Answer	•				Marks
The diagram shows a queue data structure storing data items A, B and C. Two pointers are used: <pre>front</pre>										
		le, you s						ilaligoi i	or odon	
5(a)(i)	Two ite	ems are	remove	d from t	he queu	e.				
		(A)	(B)	С]	:	<u>:</u>	<u> </u>	:	
				↑	↑					
				front	free					[1]
F(a)(ii)	One ite	m Dia a	addad ta	the ori	ainal au	0110				
5(a)(ii)	One ite	em D is a	B	C C	<u>ginai</u> qu	eue. T	[·]	
		<u> </u>	Ь	C		J .	i		. .	
		front				free				[1]
		Home				1100				1.1
5(b)		ieue in p term dyr				a struc	ture. St	ate the m	eaning	
	• Size	e change	s as data	a is adde	ed and re	emoved	d/size is	not fixed.		[1]
5(c)	A queu		tructure	could l	be repre	sented	l by a ci	rcular qu	eue.	
	R	S	T					Р	Q	
	- ' \							- 	•	
			free					ا front		
		I	155	I	I				ı	
5(c)(i)	Explaii	n why th	is repre	sentatio	n of a q	ueue n	nay be r	nore effic	ient.	
	Easier to program (because fixed size);									
	• all a	available	storage	may be	re-used.					[2]
5(c)(ii) Describe the situation in which the free and front pointers have same value.							ve the			
		eue is em	npty.							
		c for bulle								[1]

Question Number	Answer				
6	A declarative language is used to give information about a number of shapes that have straight edges.				
	flat (A). {shape A is flat} flat (B).				
	solid (C). {shape C is solid}				
	equal (A). {edges of shape A are of equal length}				
	edges (A,3). {shape A has 3 edges} edges (B,4).				
	regular_polygon(X) := flat(X), equal(X).				
	triangle(X) := flat(X), edges(X,3).				
6(a)	State the meaning of the following terms.				
6(a)(i)	backtracking				
	Going back to a previously found successful match.				
6(a)(ii)	instantiation				
	Giving a variable (in a statement) a value.				
6(b)	From the information given, show how any solutions to the query are found.				
	?triangle(T)				
	• T = A, flat(A)				
	edges(A,3) succeedsA				
	• T = B, flat(B)				
	edges(B,3) failsno further definitions for flat				
	[1 per bullet, max 4]	[4]			
6(c)	Using the same notation, define the shape <u>pent</u> which is a flat shape with 5 edges of equal length				
	• pent (X) :=				
	 flat(X), equal(X), edges(X,5) [all terms included, in any order] correct notation throughout 				
	- correct notation throughout				

Question Number	Answer	Marks
6(d)	Describe the difference between declarative languages and procedural languages.	
	Declarative	
	States what is required.	
	Procedural	
	 Describes how to solve a problem. 	
	[1 per bullet, max 2]	[2]
7(a)	A system uses the following definitions in Backus-Naur form (BNF)	
' (u)	Color = 0 1 2 3 4	
	<alpha> ::= P Q R S</alpha>	
	<code> ::= <alpha> <digit> <alpha> <code></code></alpha></digit></alpha></code>	
	Each of the following is <u>not</u> a valid code. From the definitions given, show where the rules have been broken.	
7(a)(i)	Т3	
	• T is not <alpha>.</alpha>	[1]
7(a)(ii)	PQ23R	
	Only allow one DIGIT.	[1]
7(b)	Use the BNF definitions from (a) to write a definition for NUMBER, where NUMBER has one or more DIGITs. e.g. <number> ::= <digit> <digit> <number></number></digit></digit></number>	
	marks for	
	<number> ::= <digit></digit></number>	
	 <digit> <number> or <number> <digit></digit></number></number></digit>	[2]

Question Number	Answer	Marks				
7(c)	Draw a syntax diagram to represent the definition of IDENTIFIER, where IDENTIFIER has one ALPHA, then one DIGIT, followed by at least one CODE.					
	(You do <u>not</u> have to draw diagrams for ALPHA, DIGIT or CODE).					
	IDENTIFIER:					
	LETTER DIGIT CODE					
	marks for					
	Definition label;3 terms in order;					
	correct loop around CODE.	[3]				
7(d)(i)	The binary tree shows operands a, b and c with operators + and *					
	* C					
	a b					
	Obtain the reverse Polish form of the expression by using post-order traversal of the tree.					
	ab*c+					
	[Max 2 marks; 1 mark only for ab*]					
7(d)(ii)	An expression in reverse Polish notation is fgh*+					
	Show how a stack may be used to evaluate this expression when f=3, g=4 and h=5.					
	h h					
	g g h*g(20) f f f f+h*g(23)					
		[4]				

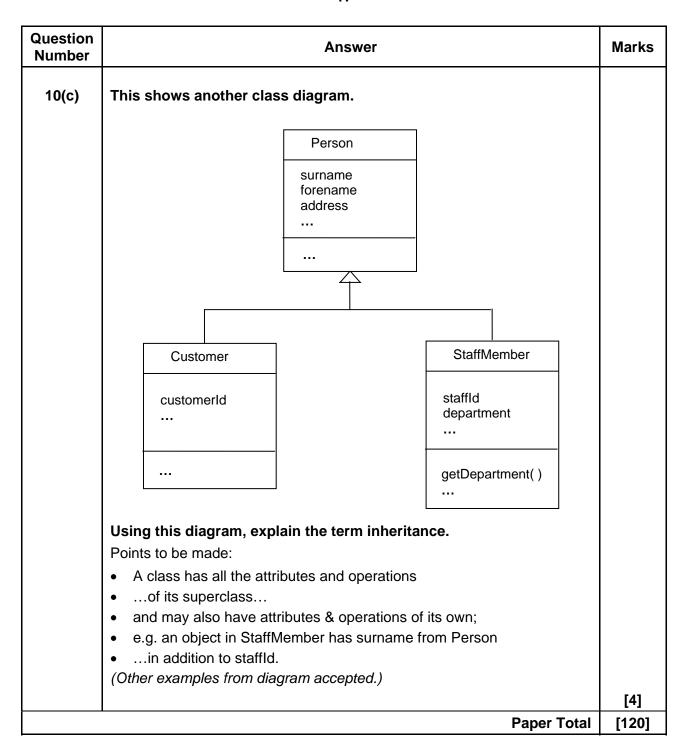
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8(a)	State the type of addressing described in each of the following.		
8(a)(i)	Add the number 13 to the contents of the accumulator.		
, , , ,	Immediate.	[1]	
8(a)(ii)	Add the number stored in address 25 to the contents of the accumulator.		
	Direct.	[1]	
8(b)	In the context of assembly languages, state the meaning of the term		
8(b)(i)	opcode (operation code)		
, , , ,	The (mnemonic) part of the instruction that indicates what it is to do.	[1]	
8(b)(ii)	operand		
	The data part of the instruction.	[1]	
8(c)	Describe the use and purpose of the index register.		
	 Stores a number used to modify the address in the address field (or data) of an instruction 		
	used in indexed addressing		
	allows access to a range of memory locations		
	e.g. used to access an array.		
	[1 per bullet, max 3]	[3]	
8(d)	Describe the relationship between assembly language and machine code.		
	(Usually) one assembly language instruction is translated into one machine code instruction.	[1]	



Question Number	Answer	Marks		
9(b)	The database designer considers including the following attributes in the tables used for PRODUCT and CAMPAIGN. PRODUCT (ProdId, ProdName) CAMPAIGN (CampaignId, ClientId, ProdId, Fee, StartDate)			
9(b)(i)	Define the term primary key.			
	Unique identifier in a table.	[1]		
9(b)(ii)	Give <u>one</u> example of a primary key in this database.			
	Prodld in Product/CampaignId in Campaign.	[1]		
9(b)(iii)	Explain why ClientId (from the CLIENT table) should <u>not</u> be included in the CAMPAIGN table.			
	Transitive dependency/knowing ProdID, ClientId can be determined			
	Campaign is related to Client via Product			
	 if ClientId were included in Campaign, the database would not be in 3NF. 			
	[1 per bullet, max 2]	[2]		
9(c)	The following shows some of the Structured Query Language (SQL) used to obtain data from the database.			
	SELECT CampaignId, ProdId, Fee, StartDate			
	FROM CAMPAIGN			
	WHERE Fee > 20000 ORDER BY Fee DESC;			
	Describe the purpose of this code.			
	Lists attributes CampaignId, ProdId, Fee and StartDate			
	for all Campaigns that had fees of more than £20000			
	in order of Fee from highest to lowest.	[3]		

Question Number	Answer			
10(a)	A shop has a lift which may be used by customers and staff. The Unified Modelling Language (UML) sequence diagram shows what happens when a person presses the button to call the lift when the lift is already at the correct floor.			
	:Person :CallButton :Lift getButtonPress(b) processMessage(b)			
	openDoors()			
10(a)(i)	 Explain the meaning of the vertical dotted lines in the diagram. Lifeline of object earliest time at top down to latest time at bottom. 	[2]		
10(a)(ii)	From the diagram, give one example of each of the following. An object. • An instance of Person/an instance of CallButton/an instance of Lift.			
10(a)(iii)	A message. • getButtonPress() / processMessage() / openDoors() / lightOn()	[1]		
10(a)(iv)	A signal. • Light.	[1]		

Question Number	Answer			
10(b)	This is one of the class diagrams for the shop, with sections labelled X, Y and Z.			
	StaffMember			
	staffId department			
	getDepartment()			
10(b)(i)	State the meaning of each section of the diagram. • X: class name			
	Y: attributes for the class			
	 Z: operations for the class. 	[3]		
10(b)(ii)	Explain the meaning of the ellipsis () in section Z.			
	There are more operations available (the others have been elided)			
	this simplifies the diagram			
	only relevant operations are shown.	[1]		
	[1 per bullet, max 1]			



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9	5	6	11
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