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Computer Science

H446/02: Algorithms and programming

Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for Autumn 2021

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1. Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
^	Omission mark
BOD	Benefit of the doubt
×	Incorrect point
FT	Follow through
NAQ	
	Not answered question
NBOD	No benefit of doubt given
REP	Repeat
	Correct point
TV	Too vague
LI	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3

2. Subject-specific Marking Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper and its rubrics
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

USING THE MARK SCHEME

Please study this Mark Scheme carefully. The Mark Scheme is an integral part of the process that begins with the setting of the question paper and ends with the awarding of grades. Question papers and Mark Schemes are developed in association with each other so that issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed from the very start.

This Mark Scheme is a working document; it is not exhaustive; it does not provide 'correct' answers. The Mark Scheme can only provide 'best guesses' about how the question will work out, and it is subject to revision after we have looked at a wide range of scripts.

The Examiners' Standardisation Meeting will ensure that the Mark Scheme covers the range of candidates' responses to the questions, and that all Examiners understand and apply the Mark Scheme in the same way. The Mark Scheme will be discussed and amended at the meeting, and administrative procedures will be confirmed. Co-ordination scripts will be issued at the meeting to exemplify aspects of candidates' responses and achievements; the co-ordination scripts then become part of this Mark Scheme.

Before the Standardisation Meeting, you should read and mark in pencil a number of scripts, in order to gain an impression of the range of responses and achievement that may be expected.

In your marking, you will encounter valid responses which are not covered by the Mark Scheme: these responses must be credited. You will encounter answers which fall outside the 'target range' of Bands for the paper which you are marking. Please mark these answers according to the marking criteria.

Please read carefully all the scripts in your allocation and make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. Always be prepared to use the full range of marks.

LEVELS OF RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

The indicative content indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.

Using 'best-fit', decide first which set of BAND DESCRIPTORS best describes the overall quality of the answer. Once the band is located, adjust the mark concentrating on features of the answer which make it stronger or weaker following the guidelines for refinement.

- **Highest mark:** If clear evidence of all the qualities in the band descriptors is shown, the HIGHEST Mark should be awarded.
- **Lowest mark:** If the answer shows the candidate to be borderline (i.e. they have achieved all the qualities of the bands below and show limited evidence of meeting the criteria of the band in question) the LOWEST mark should be awarded.
- **Middle mark:** This mark should be used for candidates who are secure in the band. They are not 'borderline' but they have only achieved some of the qualities in the band descriptors.

Be prepared to use the full range of marks. Do not reserve (e.g.) high Band 3 marks 'in case' something turns up of a quality you have not yet seen. If an answer gives clear evidence of the qualities described in the band descriptors, reward appropriately.

	A01	AO2	AO3
High (thorough)	Precision in the use of question terminology. Knowledge shown is consistent and well-developed. Clear appreciation of the question from a range of different perspectives making extensive use of acquired knowledge and understanding.	Knowledge and understanding shown is consistently applied to context enabling a logical and sustained argument to develop. Examples used enhance rather than detract from response.	Concerted effort is made to consider all aspects of a system / problem or weigh up both sides to an argument before forming an overall conclusion. Judgements made are based on appropriate and concise arguments that have been developed in response resulting in them being both supported and realistic.
Middle (reasonable)	Awareness of the meaning of the terms in the question. Knowledge is sound and effectively demonstrated. Demands of question understood although at times opportunities to make use of acquired knowledge and understanding not always taken.	Knowledge and understanding applied to context. Whilst clear evidence that an argument builds and develops through response there are times when opportunities are missed to use an example or relate an aspect of knowledge or understanding to the context provided.	There is a reasonable attempt to reach a conclusion considering aspects of a system / problem or weighing up both sides of an argument. However the impact of the conclusion is often lessened by a lack of supported judgements which accompany it. This inability to build on and develop lines of argument as developed in the response can detract from the overall quality of the response.
Low (basic)	Confusion and inability to deconstruct terminology as used in the question. Knowledge partial and superficial. Focus on question narrow and often one-dimensional.	Inability to apply knowledge and understanding in any sustained way to context resulting in tenuous and unsupported statements being made. Examples if used are for the most part irrelevant and unsubstantiated.	Little or no attempt to prioritise or weigh up factors during course of answer. Conclusion is often dislocated from response and any judgements lack substance due in part to the basic level of argument that has been demonstrated throughout response.

	Assessment Objective
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms and data representation.
AO1.1	Demonstrate knowledge of the principles and concepts of abstraction, logic, algorithms, data representation or other as appropriate.
AO1.2	Demonstrate understanding of the principles and concepts of abstraction, logic, algorithms, data representation or other as appropriate.
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of computer science including to analyse problems in computational terms.
AO2.1	Apply knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of computer science.
AO2.2	Analyse problems in computational terms.
AO3	Design, program and evaluate computer systems that solve problems, making reasoned judgements about these and presenting conclusions.
AO3.1	Design computer systems that solve problems.
AO3.2	Program computer systems that solve problems.
AO3.3	Evaluate computer systems that solve problems, making reasoned judgements about these and presenting conclusions.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1a	 1 mark per bullet to max 3. e.g. Remove unnecessary details // remove character features that are not needed e.g. remove the outside world e.g. Remove complexity from the realistic entities // Simply real-life objects e.g. simplify characters/animals/tents e.g. by representing them with specific objects/shapes 	3 AO2.1 (2) AO2.2 (1)	
1bi	mark per bullet to max 2 e.g. Multiple processes being executed at the same time // appearing to happen simultaneously Giving processes a slice of the processor time Having multiple processors each carrying out a different process	2 AO1.1 (2)	
1bii	 1 mark per bullet to max 3 e.g: Game could have large number of requests to the server at a time server needs to respond in reasonable time having multiple processors handling the different requests would increase response time Users could override each other's changes e.g. needs to handle if someone updates their circus while someone else is visiting use record locking to stop edits if someone else has access to data Different users will have different response times therefore the processor can still handle other requests so that the performance for other users is not affected 	3 AO2.1 (2) AO2.2 (1)	
1ci	1 mark per bullet to max 2 e.g: A rule of thumb / estimate / guess That estimates the distance / cost from each node to the destination node To speed up the process of finding a solutionby identify which paths to follow first	2 AO1.1 (1) AO1.2 (1)	

	Node	Distance travelled	Heuristic	Distance travelled + Heuristic	Previous node	MARKING GUIDANCE	8 AO1.2 (3) AO2.1 (3)	
	A (√)	0	90	90		1 MARK	AO2.2 (2)	
	B (√)	∞ 21	80	101	A	1 MARK		
	C (√)	∞ 42	65	107	A	1 MARK		
1 cii	D (√)	∞ 21+38=59 42+12=54	50	109 104	B C	1 MARK		
	Е	<u>∞</u> 21+40=61	50	111	В	1 MARK		
	F (√)	∞ 42+12+23=77	30	107	D	1 MARK		
	G	42+12+23+33=110	0	110	F	1 MARK		
	Final path =	A,C,D,F,G and Distance	e = 110 (1 Mai	rk)				
1d	Visit rootVisit E ar						6 AO1.2 (1) AO2.1 (3)	
IU	•then P	and V (from S) nd K (from J)					AO2.2 (2)	

Mark Band 3 - High level (7-9 marks)

The candidate demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of data mining; the material is generally accurate and detailed.

The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly and consistently to the context provided.

Evidence/examples will be explicitly relevant to the explanation.

The candidate is able to weigh up the use of data mining which results in a supported and realistic judgment as to whether it is possible to use them in this context.

There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.

Mark Band 2 - Mid level (4-6 marks)

The candidate demonstrates reasonable knowledge and understanding of data mining; the material is generally accurate but at times underdeveloped.

The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly to the context provided although one or two opportunities are missed. Evidence/examples are for the most part implicitly relevant to the explanation.

The candidate makes a reasonable attempt to come to a conclusion showing some recognition of influencing factors that would determine whether it is possible to use data mining in this context. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence

Mark Band 1 – Low Level (1-3 marks)

The candidate demonstrates a basic knowledge of data mining with limited understanding shown; the material is basic and contains some inaccuracies. The candidates makes a limited attempt to apply acquired knowledge and understanding to the context provided.

The candidate provides nothing more than an unsupported assertion.

The information is basic and comunicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.

0 marks

No attempt to answer the question or response is not worthy of credit.

AO1: Knowledge and Understanding A01.1 Indicative content Data mining searches large amounts of data

(2) AO1.2 (2) AO2.1

(2)

AO3.3

(3)

not be obvious May include pattern matching algorithms

- May involve anomaly detection algorithms
- Used for business modelling
- Used to plan for future eventualities

Searches for relationships between

facts/components/events that may

AO2: Application

- Can look for how people use the website e.g. visiting times, what they click on, how long they spend on certain features, what they do first. which elements are used least
- Give recommendations for future changes to the game e.g. features to add, or remove

AO3: Evaluation

Candidates will need to evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of using data mining.

e.g.

- Can use to introduce new features
- Increase use from users
- Increase revenue by selling features used more often
- Make the game more appealing
- Remove features people don't use
- Use to target advertising
- Privacy concerns from users
- Misuse of information

1e

	1 mark for each number/statement up to a maximum of 6 marks:		
2ai	<pre>function binarySearch(dataArray:byref, upperbound, lowerbound, searchValue) while true middle = lowerbound + ((upperbound - lowerbound) DIV 2) if upperbound < lowerbound then return -1 else if dataArray[middle] < searchValue then lowerbound = middle + 1 elseif dataArray[middle] > searchValue then upperbound = middle - 1 else return middle endif endif endif endwhile endfunction</pre>	6 AO1.2 (2) AO3.3 (4)	
2aii	Dountil // repeatuntil // post condition	1 AO1.2 (1)	

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	WV01St-case	Binary	Linear	
		search	search	
	O(log(n))			
	O(1)	√	✓	
	O(n)			
	Best-case s	pace comple	xity:	
		Binary	Linear	
2b		search	search	
2D	O(log(n))			<i>A</i>
	O(1)	✓	✓	
	O(n)			
	Average tim	e complexity	<i>r</i> :	
		Binary	Linear	
		search	search	
	O(log(n))	✓		
	O(1)			
	O(n)		✓	
	1 mark for ar	ny example		
0	e.g.			1
2c	e.g. • Data	is not sorted you are lookin	a for io the fir	1 AO1.: (1)

3a	1 mark per bullet, each must be applied correctly to data Choose a pivot // identify start and end pointers Compare each element to the pivot // compare start and end pointers Put items < pivot in the left sublist Put items > pivot in the right sublist Choose a pivot in each sublist If start pointer is larger than end pointer then swap data items around And repeat the process until each item becomes a pivot	5 AO1.2 (2) AO2.2 (3)	
3b	 1 mark per bullet to max 2 decomposing data sets into smaller subsets and then sorting each split subset until each subset is sorted and then combining the subsets to provide a solution 	2 AO1.1 (1) AO2.1 (1)	

Mark Band 3 - High level (7-9 marks)

The candidate demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of IDEs; the material is generally accurate and detailed.

The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly and consistently to the context provided.

Evidence/examples will be explicitly relevant to the explanation.

The candidate is able to weigh up the use of IDEs which results in a supported and realistic judgment as to whether it is possible to use them in this context.

There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.

Mark Band 2 - Mid level (4-6 marks)

The candidate demonstrates reasonable knowledge and understanding of IDEs; the material is generally accurate but at times underdeveloped.

The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly to the context provided although one or two opportunities are missed. Evidence/examples are for the most part implicitly relevant to the explanation.

The candidate makes a reasonable attempt to come to a conclusion showing some recognition of influencing factors that would determine whether it is possible to use IDEs in this context.

There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence

Mark Band 1 – Low Level (1-3 marks)

The candidate demonstrates a basic knowledge of IDEs with limited understanding shown; the material is basic and contains some inaccuracies. The candidates makes a limited attempt to apply acquired knowledge and understanding to the context provided.

The candidate provides nothing more than an unsupported assertion.

The information is basic and comunicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.

0 marks

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No attempt to answer the question or response is not worthy of credit.

9 AO1: Knowledge and Understanding Indicative content (2) e.g.

(2) AO1.2 (2) AO2.1

(2)

AO3.3

(3)

 IDE is software that includes an editor, compiler, run-time environment

Creating

- Autocorrect
- AutocompletePretty printing

Testing

- Breakpoints
- Stepping
- Variable watch window

AO2: Application

e.g

- Tell you when you make a syntax error
- Allows you to write and run the code in one piece of software
- Suggests code so you don't have to remember code, or autocorrect spelling mistakes
- Helps you trace the program so you can see what happens when values change without having to manually insert print statements etc.
- Autogenerate boilerplate code.

AO3: Evaluation

Candidates will need to evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of using IDEs. e.g.

- Reduce errors through autocorrect and suggestions
- Reduce time to write the program because features help you spot errors before running the code, some errors will be corrected so you don't have to
- Write and test in one environment so you don't have to close and run elsewhere, then re-open etc.

5a	To create an instance of an object from a class	1 AO2.1 (1)	
5b	mark per bullet up to a maximum of 2 marks, e.g:	2 AO1.2 (1) AO2.2 (1)	
5c	<pre>1 mark for each completed statement up to a maximum of 5 marks: class building private numberFloors private width private height public procedure new(pFloors, pWidth, pHeight) numberFloors = pFloors width = pWidth height = pHeight endprocedure public function getNumberFloors() return numberFloors endfunction public function setNumberFloors(pFloors) if pFloors >= 1 then numberFloors = pFloors return true else return false endif endfunction endclass</pre>	5 AO2.2 (3) AO3.2 (2)	Accept other specific language conventions that would correctly achieve the same outcomes.

5d	1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 6 marks: • Class declaration for house with inherits building • Declaring bedrooms and bathrooms as private • New declaration • with all five parameters • Calling super constructor // equivalent with floors, width and height set • Setting bedrooms and bathrooms e.g. class house inherits building private bedrooms, bathrooms public procedure new(pFloors, pWidth, pHeight, pBedrooms, pBathrooms) super.new(pFloors, pWidth, pHeight) bedrooms = pBedrooms bathrooms = pBathrooms endprocedure endclass	6 AO2.1 (1) AO2.2 (2) AO3.2 (3)	
5e	<pre>1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 4 marks:</pre>	4 AO2.1 (1) AO3.2 (3)	

f	<pre>1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 4 marks:</pre>	4 AO2.1 (1) AO3.2 (3)	
6а	Interval 1 • A is fetched Interval 2 • A is decoded • B is fetched Interval 3 • A is executed • B is decoded • C is fetched Interval 4 • B is executed • C is decoded • C is fetched Interval 4	4 AO1.2 (4)	
6b	 1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 2 marks: Reduces/removes latency CPU is not idle while waiting for next instruction Next instruction is fetched while current one is decoded/executed All parts of the processor can be used at any instance in time. 	2 AO1.2 (2)	

7a	 1 mark for the purpose and 1 mark for matching appropriate name (4 marks total), e.g: Pointer to the first element in the queue firstElement // any other meaningful name Pointer to the last element in the queue // Pointer to the first free element in the queue lastElement / any other meaningful name 	4 AO1.2 (4)	Must cover purpose and name for 2 marks for each pointer.
7b	 1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 5 marks, e.g: Check if the queue is full if the firstElement pointer (+1) = lastElement // length variable == queue's capacity if it is return False Adds element at lastElement (+1) position // Adds element at startposition+length increments lastElement pointer If lastElement is greater than last Index // pointer becomes pointer MOD array.size reset to 0 	5 AO1.2 (5)	Look out for variations in representing the queue

8ai	Select puzzle and display blank grid (below new game) Select box and change colour of boxes (below play game) Compare to answer and display correct/incorrect (below check answer) e.g. Nonogram Play game Check answer Check answer Display blank grid Select Puzzle Display blank grid Select Box Change colour of boxes Compare to answer Compare to answer Display Correct/incorrect	3 AO2.2 (3)	Boxes might be in 1 box, or split down into many. Positioning only needs to be below those identified. Ignore any additional/irrelevant boxes.
8aii	 1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 2 marks, e.g: e.g. Splits the problem into smaller chunks Smaller problems are more manageable Smaller problems are easier to solve To see where code can be reused in the solution To split tasks between different programmers 	2 AO1.1 (1) AO1.2 (1)	

	1 mark for input, 1 for process 1 for output		
8aiii	e.g.		
	Input:		
	Clicking a box	3	
	Process:	AO2.2	
	Generating new puzzle	(3)	
	Checking if block is black		
	Changing block to white		
	Output:		
	Grid with coloured squares		

	1 mark for each correctly completed statement up to a maximum of 5 marks:		
8bi	<pre>01 function countRow(puzzle:byref, rowNum:byval) 02 count = 0 03 output = " " 04 for i = 0 To 4 05 if puzzle[rowNum, i] == 1 then 06 count = count + 1 07 elseif count >= 1 then 08 output = output + str(count) + " " 09 count = 0 10 endif 11 next i 12 if count>= 1 then 13 output=ouput+str(count) 14 elseif output == "" then 15 output = "0" 16 endif 17 return output 18 endfunction</pre>	5 AO2.2 (2) AO3.2 (3)	Accept for i = 0 to row.length-1 for i = 0 to row.length for i=0 to 5
8bii	 1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 2 marks, e.g: Initialise the variable output with a space for use later on in the code So it can be used for concatenation later in the code to avoid an error being generated 	2 AO1.2 (1) AO2.2 (1)	
8biii	 1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 3 marks, e.g: check the value stored in each index check whether it is at the end of a row check whether each row has been given an output or not 	3 AO2.2 (3)	

8biv	<pre>1 mark per bullet up to a maximum of 6 marks:</pre>	6 AO2.2 (3) AO3.2 (3)	Accept for i = 0 to row.length-1 for i = 0 to row.length for i=0 to 5
8bv	 1 mark for clearly identifying each error and giving the correction. Line 01 needs answerGrid as parameter Line 04 == should be != Line 08 should be next row 	3 AO2.1 (3)	Do not award marks for line numbers alone without stating the error. Consider 1 mark for not changing line 04 but changing 05 to true and 09 to False

Mark Band 3 - High level (7-9 marks)

The candidate demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of local and global variables; the material is generally accurate and detailed.

The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly and consistently to the context provided.

Evidence/examples will be explicitly relevant to the explanation.

The candidate is able to weigh up the use of both local and global variables which results in a supported and realistic judgment as to whether it is possible to use them in this context.

There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.

Mark Band 2 - Mid level (4-6 marks)

The candidate demonstrates reasonable knoledge and understanding of local and global variables; the material is generally accurate but at times underdeveloped.

The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly to the context provided although one or two opportunities are missed. Evidence/examples are for the most part implicitly relevant to the explanation.

The candidate makes a reasonable attempt to come to a conclusion showing some recognition of influencing factors that would determine whether it is possible to use local and global variables in this context.

There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence

Mark Band 1 – Low Level (1-3 marks)

The candidate demonstrates a basic knowledge of local and global variables with limited understanding shown; the material is basic and contains some inaccuracies. The candidates makes a limited attempt to apply acquired knowledge and understanding to the context provided.

The candidate provides nothing more than an unsupported assertion.

The information is basic and comunicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.

0 marks

No attempt to answer the question or response is not worthy of credit.

AO1.1 (2) AO1.2 (2) AO2.1

(2)

AO3.3

AO1: Knowledge and Understanding Indicative content

Local variables:

- Scope within the module defined within
- Cannot access externally unless passed as parameter, or returned from function
- When module is exited, memory of variable is freed

Global variables:

- Scope within the entire program
- Can access from anywhere
- Retained in memory permanently ByRef Points to location of variable ByVal Sends the value

AO2: Application

- If global the arrays can be accessed from all modules by direct reference
- If local to the main, the arrays will need to be passed as parameters byreference
- Can send ByVal but not always possible with arrays in some languages
- Modules are self contained and then can be reused in other programs he wants to create without needing to take the global variables with them

AO3: Evaluation

e.g.

- +ve Local = memory efficient
- +ve Global = easier programming, simpler to follow, easier to debug
- -ve Global = memory inefficient, not good programming technique
- -ve Local = more difficult to trace/debug/follow where the values are passed
- Relatively small program don't know about overall plan for it, it might not be memory intensive, unlikely anyone else is going to access/amend e.g. use as a library therefore global would not waste significant resources

	1 mark per bullet to max 4	4	
8d	 e.g. Make use of random numbers Generate an x/horizontal size for the grid Generate a y/vertical size for the grid Loop through each row/column generate a number between 0 and the number of rows/columns (depending on MP4 answer) Loop through each box 	AO2.1 (2) AO2.2 (2)	
	generate a 1 or 0 to store in it		

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