# A-level Computing 

COMP1/Unit 1: Problem Solving, Programming, Data Representation and Practical Exercise
Mark scheme

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To Examiners:

1. When to award '0' (zero) when inputting marks on QMS and on scripts: A mark of 0 should be awarded where a candidate has attempted a question but failed to write anything creditworthy. Insert a hyphen when a candidate has not attempted a question. By these two actions the Principal Examiner will be able to distinguish between the two (nothing credit worthy/unattempted) when analysing any statistics.
2. This mark scheme contains the correct responses which we believe that candidates are most likely to give. Other valid responses are possible to some questions and should be credited. Examiners should refer off-mark scheme responses that they believe are creditworthy to a Team Leader.

The following annotation is used in the mark scheme:
; - means a single mark
II - means alternative response
I - means an alternative word or sub-phrase
A. - means acceptable creditworthy answer
R. - means reject answer as not creditworthy

NE - means not enough
I. - means ignore

DPT - means "Don't penalise twice". In some questions a specific error made by a candidate, if repeated, could result in the loss of more than one mark. The DPT label indicates that this mistake should only result in a candidate losing one mark, on the first occasion that the error is made. Provided that the answer remains understandable, subsequent marks should be awarded as if the error was not being repeated'.

No marks will be awarded for answers to testing questions where there is no evidence of programming code for the question(s) asked or where the screen captures provided by the candidate do not match what would be produced by the programming code.

| Qu | Part | Marking Guidance | Marks |
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| 1 | 01 | 167;; <br> If final answer is incorrect MAX 1 can be awarded for some correct working out being shown by the candidate: $\begin{aligned} & 1010 \text { 0111; } \\ & 10 \text { * } 16 / / 160 / / \text { A * } 16 ; \\ & \text { A } 10 ; \end{aligned}$ <br> Multiplying a value by 16 and adding on 7 ; | 2 |
| 1 | 02 | $0111.1010 / / 01111010$ <br> Mark as follows: <br> 4 bits before binary point are 0111; <br> 4 bits after binary point are 1010; | 2 |
| 1 | 03 | 1;110 1110; <br> R. if not 8 bits | 2 |


| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 4}$ | $127 ;$ | 1 |
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| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 5}$ | The number to subtract is converted into a negative number; <br> NE. Convert into two's complement <br> This is then added to the first number; <br> Two marks for example: |
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| $23=00010111$ <br> $-48=11010000 ;---------25)$ <br> $11100111 ; ~(=-25)$ <br> A. if not used 8 bits in examples <br> A. 23 + -48 is worth 1 mark only (if there is no description) <br> Note: for the first mark in the example to be awarded the two bit patterns <br> must be correct. For the second mark in the example accept an incorrect <br> answer as long as it is a correct addition using one of the two correct bit <br> patterns. | 4 |  |


| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 6}$ | $11101110 ;$ <br> R. 01110111 | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 7}$ | $11101011 ;$ <br> DPT A. 11010111 | $\mathbf{1}$ |


| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 8}$ | Get the two's complement (of a positive binary value) // <br> Converts a positive binary value into its negative equivalent; <br> A. It inverts all bits after the first 1 is received; | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| 1 | 09 |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Input | Original State | Output | New State |  |
|  |  | 0 | SO | 0 | SO |  |
|  |  | 1 | S0 | 1 | S1 |  |
|  |  | 0 | S1 | 1 | S1 |  |
|  |  | 1 | S1 | 0 | S1 |  |
|  |  | Mark as follows: <br> SO as original state for $2^{\text {nd }}$ row; 1 as output for $3^{\text {rd }}$ row; Final row correct; |  |  |  |  |


| $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | Unicode uses more bits for each character // <br> ASCII uses fewer bits for each character // <br> Unicode can represent a wider range of characters // <br> ASCII can represent a smaller range of characters // <br> Unicode uses 16/32 bits, ASCII uses 7 bits (A. 8 bits); | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| 2 | 11 | Role of sender: <br> Sender counts/checks the number of 1s in the bit pattern/value/data; and adds an extra bit to ensure even number of 1 s ; <br> // <br> Sender adds a 0 parity bit if there are an even number of 1 s in the bit pattern/value/data; if odd number of 1 s then a 1 parity bit is added; <br> Role of receiver: <br> Receiver counts/checks the number of 1 s in the bit pattern/value/data received; if there are an odd number of 1s it identifies that an error has occurred; <br> A. if even number of 1 s it accepts the data received; <br> A. if even number of 1 s data is assumed to be correct; <br> A. if odd number of 1 s it requests that the data be resent; <br> $\mathbf{R}$. if even number of 1 s , data is correct <br> // <br> Receiver regenerates parity bit from data received; compares generated parity bit with received parity bit - if different it identifies that an error has occurred; <br> A. if the same it accepts the data received; <br> A. if the same data is assumed to be correct; <br> A. if different it requests that the data be resent; <br> $\mathbf{R}$. if the same, data is correct <br> A. an odd number of errors (in the bit pattern received) will be detected; <br> Marking Guidance <br> R. Implication that sender or receiver are people <br> MAX 2 if role of sender and receiver not included in answer <br> R. if mark point is about bit pattern being even/odd rather than the number of 1 s being even/odd | $\operatorname{Max}_{4}$ |
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| 2 | 12 | Error correction (not just error detection) (for single errors); <br> Can detect when two errors have occurred in data transmission; Reduces the need for the retransmission of data; Decreases the likelihood of an undetected error // improved error detection; <br> R. Implication that the parity bits are calculated by a person | $\begin{gathered} \text { Max } \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| 2 | 13 | 0; | 1 |
| 2 | 14 | $1,4,8 ;$ <br> Note: order of answers unimportant | 1 |
| 3 | 15 | $16 \text { (bit); }$ <br> A. 2 bytes | 1 |
| 3 | 16 | 8,800,000 // 100 * 2 * 44,000;;; <br> /I <br> 100; <br> 2; A. 16 $\div 8$; A. different value for the sampling resolution (16) being used in the calculation but only if matches answer to part 15 $44,000 ;$ <br> MAX 2 if final answer incorrect | 3 |


| $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | Because of Nyquist's theorem // Because we should sample at least <br> double the highest frequency in the original sound; <br> Some people can hear higher frequencies than the average (so more <br> than double has been chosen); <br> There is no need to sample at a higher rate as humans won't notice any <br> difference in quality above this level // sampling at a lower rate would <br> mean that some people would notice the lower quality of the recording // <br> sampling at a lower rate would mean that some meaningful changes in <br> the analogue signal could be missed; <br> higher rate would require more, unnecessary, storage space; | Max |
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| $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | Compression has been used; <br> A. Explanation of a particular compression method that could have been <br> used on the recording e.g. lower sampling frequency used // lower <br> sampling resolution used; | $\mathbf{1}$ |


| 4 | 19 | Correct variable declarations for Guess, NumberOfGuesses and NumberToGuess; <br> Correct prompt "Player One enter your chosen number: "; Followed by NumberToGuess assigned value entered by the user; $1^{\text {st }}$ loop has syntax allowed by the programming language and one correct condition for the termination of the loop; <br> A. alternative correct logic for condition <br> $1^{\text {st }}$ loop has syntax allowed by the programming language and has $2^{\text {nd }}$ correct condition for the termination of the loop; <br> A. alternative correct logic for condition <br> Correct prompt "Not a valid choice, please enter another number: " followed by NumberToGuess assigned value entered by the user - must be inside the $1^{\text {st }}$ iteration structure; <br> Guess and NumberOfGuesses initialised correctly; <br> $2^{\text {nd }}$ loop has syntax allowed by the programming language and both correct conditions for the termination of the loop and is after the initialising of Guess and NumberOfGuesses; A. alternative correct logic for conditions <br> Correct prompt "Player Two have a guess: " followed by Guess assigned value entered by the user - must be inside the $2^{\text {nd }}$ iteration structure; <br> NumberOfGuesses incremented inside the $2^{\text {nd }}$ iteration structure; If statement with correct condition - must not be in an iterative structure; Correct output message in Then part of selection structure; Correct output message in Else part of selection structure; <br> I. Case of variable names and output messages <br> A. Minor typos in variable names and output messages <br> I. spacing in prompts <br> A. initialisation of variables at (or immediately after) declaration stage | 13 |
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| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | ****SCREEN CAPTURE**** <br> Must match code from 19, including prompts on screen capture matching <br> those in code. Code for 19 must be sensible. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Mark as follows: <br> 'Player One enter your chosen number: ' + user input of 0 <br> 'Not a valid choice, please enter another number: ' Message shown; | $\mathbf{4}$ |  |  |


|  | user input of 11 <br> 'Not a valid choice, please enter another number: ' Message shown; <br> user input of 5 <br> 'Player Two have a guess: ' + user input of 5; <br> 'Player Two wins' message shown; R. If no evidence of user input <br> A. alternative output messages if match code for 19 |  |
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| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{2 1}$ | ****SCREEN CAPTURE**** <br> Must match code from 19, including prompts on screen capture matching <br> those in code. Code for 19 must be sensible. <br> Mark as follows: <br> 'Player One enter your chosen number: ' + user input of 6; <br> 'Player Two have a guess: ' + user input of 1 <br> 'Player Two have a guess: ' + user input of 3 <br> 'Player Two have a guess: ' + user input of 5 <br> 'Player Two have a guess: ' + user input of 7 <br> 'Player Two have a guess: ' + user input of 10; <br> 'Player One wins' message shown; R. If no evidence of user input <br> A. alternative output messages if match code for 19 |  |
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| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | If a FOR loop was used then Player Two will always have 5 guesses // a <br> WHILE loop will mean that the loop will terminate when Player Two <br> guesses correctly // the number of times to iterate is not known before the <br> loop starts; | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ | AmountToShift // StartPosition // EndPosition // <br> SizeOfRailFence // N // Count // Key // ASCIICode // NewASCIICode <br> // Count2 // Count1 // NoOfColumns // NoOfRows // <br> NoOfCiphertextCharacters // <br> NoOfCiphertextCharactersProcessed // i // j // <br> PositionOfNextCharacter // LastFullRowNo // <br> AmountToReduceNoOfColumnsTimesjBy // <br> BeginningofNextRowIndex // CurrentPosition; |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| R. if any additional code <br> R. if spelt incorrectly <br> l. case \& spaces | $\mathbf{1}$ |  |  |


| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | EveryNthCharacterSteganography; <br> R. if any additional code (including routine interface) <br> R. if spelt incorrectly <br> I. case \& spaces | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | Pascal <br> Ord // Length; <br> VB.Net <br> Asc // Length; <br> VB6 <br> Asc // Len; <br> Python | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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|  | ord // len // int; <br> Java <br> int // length; |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R. if any additional code <br> R. if spelt incorrectly <br> l. case \& spaces |  |  |


| 5 | 26 | Pascal <br> Ciphertext := '' // <br> Plaintext := '' // <br> ChangedText := '' // <br> TextFromFile := '' // <br> HiddenMessage := ''; <br> I. semicolons <br> VB.Net / VB6 <br> Ciphertext = "" // <br> Plaintext = "" // <br> ChangedText = "" // <br> TextFromFile = "" // <br> HiddenMessage = ""; <br> Python <br> Ciphertext = '' // <br> Plaintext = '' // <br> ChangedText = '' // <br> TextFromFile = '' // <br> HiddenMessage = '' <br> Java <br> ciphertext = "" // <br> plaintext = "" // <br> changedText = "" // <br> textFromFile = "" // <br> hiddenMessage = "" <br> l. semicolons <br> R. if any additional code <br> R. if spelt incorrectly <br> I. case \& spaces |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

ChangedText = '' //
TextFromFile = $1 /$

Java
ciphertext = "" //
plaintext = "" //
changedText = "" //
textFromFile = "" //
hiddenMessage = "n
R. if any additional code
R. if spelt incorrectly
I. case \& spaces

| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | Because if decrypt has been selected; then the plaintext alphabet needs <br> to be shifted in the opposite direction; | $\mathbf{2}$ |
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| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 8}$ | Mark as follows: <br> Identify the problem that will occur; <br> Explanation of how MOD 26 solves the problem; <br> MAX 1 if no example used in explanation <br> Example answer <br> Without MOD 26 then the shift will only be applied correctly to letters early <br> in the alphabet e.g. if the AmountToShift is 1 then the letter $Z$ will be <br> given a NewASCIICode of 91 (ASCII code for $Z$ is 90$)$ ) and this does not | $\mathbf{2}$ |
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|  |  | represent a letter; Using MOD 26 ensures that the ciphertext alphabet <br> wraps round to the beginning of the alphabet (in this example <br> NewASCIICode would become 65 the ASCII Code for A); |  |
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| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 9}$ | ApplyShiftToASCIICodeForCharacter; <br> R. if spelt incorrectly <br> l. case \& spaces | $\mathbf{1}$ |


| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | NewASCIICode; <br> A. ApplyShiftToASCIICodeForCharacter (Pascal / VB.Net / VB6 <br> only); <br> R. if spelt incorrectly <br> I. case \& spaces | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{3 1}$ | GetType0fCharacter // <br> Ord (Pascal / Python only) // <br> Asc (VB only) // <br> int (Java only); <br> R. if spelt incorrectly <br> l. case \& spaces | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| 5 | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | Pascal / VB6 <br> For 1 To Length(OriginalText); <br> VB.Net <br> For 0 To (OriginalText.Length - 1); <br> Python 2/3 <br> for in range (0, len(OriginalText)):; <br> Java (count = 0; count < originalText.length(); <br> for (c) <br> count++); <br> A. Alternative correct logic <br> A. Any clear description that conveys correct logic | $\mathbf{1}$ |
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| 6 | 33 | If statement with correct condition for Key being 0 or less; and If <br> statement with correct condition for Key being 26 or more // <br> one If statement correct condition for Key being 0 or less; with condition <br> for Key being 26 or more linked using Or // <br> one If statement with a list/range of values accepted between 1; and 25 <br> (inclusive); <br> Correct error message "Invalid key - a default value has been used <br> instead" displayed and Key assigned a value of 1; <br> Error message and (their) default value assigned for all, and only under <br> all, correct conditions and the new code has been put in correct place in <br> subroutine and value of Key is always returned to calling routine; | $\mathbf{4}$ |
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| A. Minor typos in error message <br> I. Capitalisation and spacing in error message |  |  |  |


| $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{3 4}$ | ****SCREEN CAPTURE**** <br> Must match code from 33, including prompts on screen capture matching <br> those in code. Code for 33 must be sensible. <br> Mark as follows: <br> Plaintext set to be Zebra and option $g$ (encrypt) selected on menu; <br> I. Case of plaintext <br> Test showing correct working for test where 0 entered for value of Key // <br> Test showing correct working for test where 27 entered for value of Key; <br> Tests show correct working when values of 0,27 and 4 entered for <br> Key; <br> A. Any error message as long as it matches code for 33 <br> R. If case of ciphertext does not match case of plaintext <br> A. alternative values for ciphertext if they would be produced by correct <br> code from 33 based on an incorrect value for the plaintext entered by the <br> user <br> Note: <br> Tests with value of 0 and 27 should result in error message being <br> displayed and ciphertext of Afcsb. <br> Test with value of 4 should result in no error message being shown and <br> ciphertext of Difve. | $\mathbf{3}$ |
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| $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{3 5}$ | New option " m. Brute force rail fence solver" displayed <br> on the menu; <br> A. Minor typos in menu option |  |
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| I. Capitalisation and spacing in menu option <br> A. New option added anywhere in the menu <br> R. if no evidence of where code has been put in the Skeleton Program <br> (mark can be awarded if evidence can be found in either part 35 or from <br> screen captures of test evidence in part 37) | $\mathbf{1}$ |  |  |


| $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | New case statement for option m; R. if no evidence of where code has <br> been put in the Skeleton Program (mark can be awarded if evidence can <br> be found in either part 36 or from screen captures of test evidence in part <br> 37 ) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A. any character instead of $m$ (except those used for other menu options <br> already) - only if matches prompt from 35 |  |  |
| For loop going from 2 to (length of Ciphertext -1); <br> A. 1 instead of 2 <br> A. Length of Ciphertext (i.e. no -1) <br> A. While/Repeat loop with correct increment assignment statement <br> Correct call to DecryptUsingRailFence inside repetition structure; <br> Call to DisplayPlaintext inside repetition structure; <br> DisplayPlaintext uses the value returned by <br> DecryptUsingRailFence as a parameter; | 5 |  |


| 7 | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | ****SCREEN CAPTURE**** <br> Must match code from 36, including prompts on screen capture matching <br> those in code. Code for 36 must be sensible. <br> Mark as follows: <br> Entering correct ciphertext - RLNAFCIEE; <br> New menu option displayed and option m entered and accepted; <br> A. other character instead of m - as long as matches code for 36 <br> Displays correct possible plaintext messages; <br> l. case of plaintext <br> The correct plaintext messages are: <br> RCLINEAEF <br> RAILFENCE <br> RACELFIEN <br> RNFIELACE <br> RNFIEELAC <br> RNFCIEELA <br> RNAFCIEEL <br> If the repetition structure starts at 1, or goes up to length of <br> Cipher <br> RLNAFCIEE will also be shown (i.e. the original Cipher text entered <br> by the user). | $\mathbf{3}$ |
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| $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | New option " o. Fibonacci sequence (text from file)" <br> displayed on the menu; |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| A. Minor typos in menu option <br> I. Capitalisation and spacing in menu option <br> A. New option added anywhere in the menu <br> R. if no evidence of where code has been put in the Skeleton Program <br> (mark can be awarded if evidence can be found in either part 38 or from <br> screen captures of test evidence in part 41) | $\mathbf{1}$ |  |  |


| $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | Created a new subroutine named GetNthFibonacciNumber; <br> A. either a procedure or function <br> Routine interface syntactically correct with parameter n of correct data <br> type; <br> A. parameter data type and/or return value data type unspecified (VB6 / <br> VB.Net) <br> Value calculated by subroutine is returned to calling routine; R. use of <br> global variable <br> Calculates value of 1 if $\mathrm{n}=1 ;$ <br> Calculates value of 1 if $\mathrm{n}=2 ;$ <br> Calculates value of 2 if $\mathrm{n}=3$ and calculates value of 3 if $\mathrm{n}=4$; <br> Calculates value of 5 if $\mathrm{n}=5$, calculates value of 8 if $\mathrm{n}=6$ and calculates <br> value of 13 if $\mathrm{n}=7 ;$ <br> 3 marks are available if there is an attempt to get the subroutine working <br> for any positive integer n : <br> Appropriate iterative/recursive structure; <br> Adding ( $n-1)^{t h}$ and ( $\left.n-2\right)^{t h}$ Fibonacci numbers; <br> Calculates correct Fibonacci number for any positive integer value n and | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
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|  |  | this value is returned to the calling routine; |  |
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| $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | Additional case for option o added correctly; A. any character instead of <br> o (except those used for other menu options already) - only if matches <br> prompt from 38 R. if no evidence of where code has been put in the <br> Skeleton Program (mark can be awarded if evidence can be found in <br> either part 40 or from screen captures of test evidence in part 41) |  |
| Plaintext, N, StartPosition and EndPosition given initial values <br> correctly before the loop; <br> Iterative structure has syntax allowed by the programming language and <br> correct condition; A. alternative logic for condition as long as results in <br> exactly the same working <br> Plaintext changed correctly - inside the loop; A. answers which use a <br> pass by reference parameter with a procedure for <br> GetNthFibonacciNumber instead of a function return value <br> Values for N and StartPosition changed correctly - inside the loop; | $\mathbf{6}$ |  |  |


| $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $* * * * S C R E E N ~ C A P T U R E * * * *$ <br> Must match code from 39 and 40 including prompts on screen capture <br> matching those in code. Code for 39 and 40 must be sensible. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mark as follows: <br> Entering requested start position (665) and end position (697) values <br> and option o entered and accepted; <br> A. Other character instead of o - as long as matches code for 40 <br> Displays correct hidden message - "HelP Me"; <br> R. if spelt incorrectly R. if capitalisation not correct | $\mathbf{2}$ |  |  |

Pascal


| 6 | 33 | ```*. Readln(Key); If (Key < 1) Or (Key > 25) Then Begin Writeln('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead'); Key := 1; End; Alternative answer Readln(Key); If (Key <= 0) Or (Key >= 26) Then Begin Writeln('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead'); Key := 1; End;``` | 4 |
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|  |  | ```Alternative answer Readln(Key); If Key < 1 Then Begin Writeln('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead'); Key := 1; End; If Key > 25 Then Begin Writeln('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead'); Key := 1; End; Alternative answer If Not (Key In[1..25]) Then...``` |  |
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| 7 | 35 | ```Writeln('DECRYPT'); Writeln(' j. Caesar cipher'); Writeln(' k. Rail fence'); Writeln(' m. Brute force rail fence solver'); Writeln('STEGANOGRAPHY'); ...``` | 1 |
| 7 | 36 | ```DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext); End; 'm' : Begin For SizeOfRailFence := 2 To Length(Ciphertext)-1 Do Begin Plaintext := DecryptUsingRailFence (CipherText, SizeOfRailFence); DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext); End; End;``` | 5 |
| 8 | 38 | ```Writeln('STEGANOGRAPHY'); Writeln(' n. nth character (text from file)'); Writeln(' o. Fibonacci sequence (text from file)'); ...``` | 1 |


| 8 | 39 | ```Possible 10 mark answer Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(N : Integer) : Integer; Var Count : Integer; NthFibonacciNumber : Integer; NMinus1thFibonacciNumber : Integer; NMinus2thFibonacciNumber : Integer; Begin NthFibonacciNumber := 1; NMinus1thFibonacciNumber := 1; If N > 2 Then For Count := 3 To N Do Begin NMinus2thFibonacciNumber := NMinus1thFibonacciNumber; NMinus1thFibonacciNumber := NthFibonacciNumber; NthFibonacciNumber := NMinus1thFibonacciNumber + NMinus2thFibonacciNumber; End; GetNthFibonacciNumber := NthFibonacciNumber; End; Alternative }10\mathrm{ mark answer Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(N : Integer) : Integer; Var NthFibonacciNumber : Integer; Begin If N <= 2 Then NthFibonacciNumber := 1 Else NthFibonacciNumber := GetNthFibonacciNumber(N - 1) + GetNthFibonacciNumber(N - 2); GetNthFibonacciNumber := NthFibonacciNumber; End; \\ Example answer worth 7 marks \\ Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(N : Integer) : Integer; VarNone``` | 10 |
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|  | GetNthFibonacciNumber <br> End; |  |
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| 8 | 40 | ```DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext); End; 'o' : Begin Plaintext := ''; N := 2; GetPositionsToUse(StartPosition, EndPosition); While StartPosition <= EndPosition Do Begin Plaintext := Plaintext + GetTextFromFile(StartPosition, StartPosition); StartPosition := StartPosition + GetNthFibonacciNumber(N); N := N + 1; End; DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext); End;``` | 6 |
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## VB.Net

| 4 | 19 | ```Module Module1 Sub Main() Dim NumberToGuess As Integer Dim NumberOfGuesses As Integer Dim Guess As Integer Console.Write("Player One enter your chosen number: ") NumberToGuess = Console.ReadLine() While NumberToGuess < 1 Or NumberToGuess > 10 Console.Write("Not a valid choice, please enter another number: ") NumberToGuess = Console.ReadLine() End While Guess = 0 NumberOfGuesses = 0 While Guess <> NumberToGuess And NumberOfGuesses < 5 Console.Write("Player Two have a guess: ") Guess = Console.ReadLine() NumberOfGuesses = NumberOfGuesses + 1 End While If Guess = NumberToGuess Then Console.Write("Player Two wins") Else Console.Write("Player One wins") End If Console.ReadLine() End Sub End Module``` | 13 |
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| 633 | $\ldots$ <br> Key = Console.ReadLine <br> If Key < 1 Or Key $>25$ Then <br> Console.WriteLine( "Invalid key - a default value has <br> been used instead") <br> Key = 1 <br> End If <br> $\ldots$ |  |
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| Alternative answer <br> Key = Console.ReadLine <br> If Key <= 0 Or Key >= 26 Then <br> Console.WriteLine("Invalid key - a default value has <br> been used instead") <br> Key = 1 <br> End If <br> $\cdots$ | 4 |  |


|  | Alternative answer |  |
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| $\ldots$ |  |  |
| Key = Console.ReadLine |  |  |
| If Key < 1 Then |  |  |
| Console.WriteLine("Invalid key - a default value has |  |  |
| been used instead") |  |  |
| Key = 1 |  |  |
| End If |  |  |
| If Key > 25 Then |  |  |
| Console.WriteLine("Invalid key - a default value has |  |  |
| been used instead") |  |  |
| Key = 1 |  |  |
| End If |  |  |
| $\ldots$ |  |  |


| 7 | 35 | ```Sub DisplayMenu() ... Console.WriteLine("DECRYPT") Console.WriteLine(" j. Caesar cipher") Console.WriteLine(" k. Rail fence cipher") Console.WriteLine(" m. Brute force rail fence solver") Console.WriteLine("STEGANOGRAPHY") ... End Sub``` | 1 |
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| 7 | 36 | ```... Case "m" For SizeOfRailFence = 2 To (Ciphertext.Length - 1) Plaintext = DecryptUsingRailFence(Ciphertext, SizeOfRailFence) DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext) Next``` | 5 |


| 8 | 38 | ```Sub DisplayMenu() ... Console.WriteLine("STEGANOGRAPHY") Console.WriteLine(" n. nth character (text from file)") Console.WriteLine(" o. Fibonacci sequence (text from file)") ... End Sub``` | 1 |
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| $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | Possible 10 mark answer <br> Function GetNthFibonacciNumber (ByVal N As Integer) As <br> Integer <br> Dim Count As Integer <br> Dim NthFibonacciNumber As Integer <br> Dim NMinus1thFibonacciNumber As Integer | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
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|  |  | ```Dim NMinus2thFibonacciNumber As Integer NthFibonacciNumber = 1 NMinus1thFibonacciNumber = 1 For Count = 3 To N NMinus2thFibonacciNumber = NMinus1thFibonacciNumber NMinus1thFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber NthFibonacciNumber = NMinus1thFibonacciNumber + NMinus2thFibonacciNumber Next GetNthFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber End Function Alternative 10 mark answer Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(ByVal N As Integer) As Integer Dim NthFibonacciNumber As Integer If N <= 2 Then NthFibonacciNumber = 1 Else NthFibonacciNumber = GetNthFibonacciNumber(N - 1) + GetNthFibonacciNumber(N - 2) End If GetNthFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber End Function Example answer worth 7 marks Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(ByVal N As Integer) As Integer Dim NthFibonacciNumber As Integer Select Case N Case 1 NthFibonacciNumber = 1 Case 2 NthFibonacciNumber = 1 Case 3 NthFibonacciNumber = 2 Case 4 NthFibonacciNumber = 3 Case 5 NthFibonacciNumber = 5 Case 6 NthFibonacciNumber = 8 Case 7 NthFibonacciNumber = 13 End Select GetNthFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber End Function``` |  |
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| 8 | 40 | ```DisplayPlainText(Plaintext) Case "o" Plaintext = ""``` | 6 |


|  | N = 2 <br> GetPositionsToUse(StartPosition, EndPosition) <br> While StartPosition <= EndPosition <br>  <br> GetTextFromFile(StartPosition, StartPosition) <br> StartPosition = StartPosition + <br> GetNthFibonacciNumber(N) <br> $N=N+1$ <br> End While <br> DisplayPlainText(Plaintext) <br> End Select <br> $\cdots$ |  |
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VB6

| 4 | 19 | ```Private Sub Form_Load() Dim NumberToGuess As Integer Dim NumberOfGuesses As Integer Dim Guess As Integer NumberToGuess = ReadLine("Player One enter your chosen number: ") While NumberToGuess < 1 Or NumberToGuess > 10 NumberToGuess = ReadLine("Not a valid choice, please enter another number: ") Wend Guess = 0 NumberOfGuesses = 0 While Guess <> NumberToGuess And NumberOfGuesses < 5 Guess = ReadLine("Player Two have a guess: ") NumberOfGuesses = NumberOfGuesses + 1 Wend If Guess = NumberToGuess Then WriteLineWithMsg ("Player Two wins") Else WriteLineWithMsg ("Player One wins") End If End Sub``` <br> Alternative answers could use some of the following instead of WriteLineWithMsg / ReadLine: <br> Text1.Text = Text1.Text \& ... <br> WriteLine <br> WriteWithMsg <br> Msgbox <br> InputBox <br> WriteNoLine | 13 |
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| 6 | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $\ldots$ <br> Key = ReadLine("Enter the amount that shifts the plain <br> alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ") <br> If Key < 1 Or Key > 25 Then <br> WriteLineWithMsg ("Invalid key - a default value has <br> been used instead") <br> Key = 1 <br> End If <br> $\ldots$ |  |
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| A. Text1.Text = Text1.Text \& "Invalid key - a default <br> value has been used instead" <br> A. WriteWithMsg ("Invalid key - a default value has <br> been used instead") <br> A. Msgbox ("Invalid key - a default value has been <br> used instead") <br> A. WriteNoLine ("Invalid key - a default value has been <br> used instead") <br> Alternative answer | 4 |  |  |


|  |  | ```Key = ReadLine("Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ") If Key <= 0 Or Key >= 26 Then WriteLineWithMsg ("Invalid key - a default value has been used instead") Key = 1 End If ... Alternative answer Key = Console.ReadLine If Key < 1 Then WriteLineWithMsg ("Invalid key - a default value has been used instead") Key = 1 End If If Key > 25 Then WriteLineWithMsg ("Invalid key - a default value has been used instead") Key = 1 End If ...``` |  |
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| 7 | 35 | ```Private Sub DisplayMenu() ... WriteLine ("DECRYPT") WriteLine (" j. Caesar cipher") WriteLine (" k. Rail fence cipher") WriteLine (" m. Brute force rail fence solver") WriteLine ("STEGANOGRAPHY") ... End Sub``` | 1 |
| 7 | 36 | ```\cdots Case "m" For SizeOfRailFence = 2 To (Len(Ciphertext)- 1) Plaintext = DecryptUsingRailFence(Ciphertext, SizeOfRailFence) Call DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext) Next ...``` | 5 |
| 8 | 38 | ```Private Sub DisplayMenu() ... WriteLine ("STEGANOGRAPHY") WriteLine (" n. nth character (text from file)") WriteLine (" o. Fibonacci sequence (text from file)") End Sub``` | 1 |


| 8 | 39 | ```Possible 10 mark answer Private Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(ByVal N As Integer) As Integer Dim Count As Integer Dim NthFibonacciNumber As Integer Dim NMinus1thFibonacciNumber As Integer Dim NMinus2thFibonacciNumber As Integer NthFibonacciNumber = 1 NMinus1thFibonacciNumber = 1 For Count = 3 To N NMinus2thFibonacciNumber = NMinus1thFibonacciNumber NMinus1thFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber NthFibonacciNumber = NMinus1thFibonacciNumber + NMinus2thFibonacciNumber Next GetNthFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber End Function Alternative 10 mark answer Private Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(ByVal N As Integer) As Integer Dim NthFibonacciNumber As Integer If N <= 2 Then NthFibonacciNumber = 1 Else NthFibonacciNumber = GetNthFibonacciNumber(N - 1) + GetNthFibonacciNumber(N - 2) End If GetNthFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber End Function Example answer worth }7\mathrm{ marks Private Function GetNthFibonacciNumber(ByVal N As Integer) As Integer Dim NthFibonacciNumber As Integer Select Case N Case 1 NthFibonacciNumber = 1 Case 2 NthFibonacciNumber = 1 Case 3 NthFibonacciNumber = 2 Case 4 NthFibonacciNumber = 3 Case 5 NthFibonacciNumber = 5 Case 6 NthFibonacciNumber = 8 Case 7 NthFibonacciNumber = 13 End Select``` | 10 |
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|  | GetNthFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber <br> End Function |  |
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| 8 | 40 | ```... Call DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext) Case "o" Plaintext = "" N = 2 Call GetPositionsToUse(StartPosition, EndPosition) While StartPosition <= EndPosition Plaintext = Plaintext & GetTextFromFile(StartPosition, StartPosition) StartPosition = StartPosition + GetNthFibonacciNumber(N) N = N + 1 Wend Call DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext) End Select``` | 6 |
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Python 3

| 4 | 19 | ```# Question 4 print('Player One enter your chosen number: ') NumberToGuess = int(input()) while (NumberToGuess < 1) or (NumberToGuess > 10) : print('Not a valid choice, please enter another number: ') NumberToGuess = int(input()) Guess = 0 NumberOfGuesses = 0 while (Guess != NumberToGuess) and (NumberOfGuesses < 5) : print('Player Two have a guess: ') Guess = int(input()) NumberOfGuesses = NumberOfGuesses + 1 if Guess == NumberToGuess : print('Player Two wins') else : print('Player One wins')``` <br> Alternative print/input combinations: <br> NumberToGuess = int(input('Player One enter your chosen number: ')) <br> Guess = int(input('Player Two have a guess: ')) | 13 |
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| 6 | 33 | ```Key = int(input('Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ')) if (Key < 1) or (Key > 25): print('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead') Key = 1``` <br> Alternative answer: <br> Key = int(input('Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ')) <br> if (Key <= 0) or (Key >= 26): <br> print('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead') $\text { Key = } 1$ <br> Alternative answer: <br> Key = int(input('Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ')) <br> if Key < 1: | 4 |
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|  |  | ```print('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead') Key = 1 if Key > 25: print('Invalid key - a default value has been used instead') Key = 1 \\ Alternative Answer \\ if not Key in \([1,25]\) :``` |  |
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| 7 | 35 | ```print('DECRYPT') print(' j. Caesar cipher') print(' k. Rail fence') print(' m. Brute force rail fence solver') print('STEGANOGRAPHY')``` | 1 |
| 7 | 36 | ```DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext) elif Choice == 'm': for SizeOfRailFence in range (2, len(CipherText): Plaintext = DecryptUsingRailFence(CipherText, SizeOfRailFence) DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext)``` | 5 |
| 8 | 38 | ```def DisplayMenu(): print('STEGANOGRAPHY') print(' n. nth character (text from file) ') print(' o. Fibonacci sequence (text from file) ')``` | 1 |
| 8 | 39 | ```Possible 10 mark answer def GetFibonacciNumber(N): NthFibonacciNumber = 1 NMinus1thFibonacciNumber = 1 for Count in range (3, N + 1) : NMinus2thFibonacciNumber = NMinus1thFibonacciNumber NMinus1thFibonacciNumber \(=\) NthFibonacciNumber NthFibonacciNumber = NMinus1thFibonacciNumber + NMinus2thFibonacciNumber return NthFibonacciNumber Alternative 10 mark answer def GetNthFibonacciNumber(N):``` | 10 |



| 8 | 40 | ```elif Choice == 'o' : Plaintext = "" N = 2 StartPosition, EndPosition = GetPositionsToUse() while StartPosition <= EndPosition : Plaintext = Plaintext + GetTextFromFile(StartPosition, StartPosition) StartPosition = StartPosition + GetNthFibonacciNumber(N) N = N + 1 DisplayPlaintext(Plaintext)``` | 6 |
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Python 2

| 4 | 19 | ```# Question 4 print 'Player One enter your chosen number: ' NumberToGuess = int(raw_input()) while (NumberToGuess < 1) or (NumberToGuess > 10) : print 'Not a valid choice, please enter another number: ' NumberToGuess = int(raw_input()) Guess = 0 NumberOfGuesses = 0 while (Guess != NumberToGuess) and (NumberOfGuesses < 5) : print 'Player Two have a guess: ' Guess = int(raw_input()) NumberOfGuesses = NumberOfGuesses + 1 if Guess == NumberToGuess : print 'Player Two wins' else : print 'Player One wins'``` <br> Alternative print/input combinations: <br> NumberToGuess = int(raw_input('Player One enter your chosen number: ')) <br> Guess = int(raw_input('Player Two have a guess: ')) | 13 |
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| 6 | 33 | ```Key = int(raw_input('Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ')) if (Key < 1) or (Key > 25): print 'Invalid key - a default value has been used instead' Key = 1``` <br> Alternative answer: <br> Key $=$ int(raw_input('Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ')) <br> if (Key <= 0) or (Key >= 26): <br> print 'Invalid key - a default value has been used instead' <br> Key $=1$ <br> Alternative answer: <br> Key = int(raw_input('Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: ')) <br> if Key < 1: <br> print 'Invalid key - a default value has been used instead' | 4 |
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| $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | Possible 10 mark answer <br> def GetFibonacciNumber(N) : <br> NthFibonacciNumber $=1$ <br> NMinus1thFibonacciNumber $=1$ <br> for Count in range (3, N + 1) : <br> NMinus2thFibonacciNumber $=$ <br> NMinus1thFibonacciNumber <br> NMinus1thFibonacciNumber = NthFibonacciNumber <br> NthFibonacciNumber = NMinus1thFibonacciNumber + <br> NMinus2thFibonacciNumber <br> return NthFibonacciNumber | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
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| Alternative 10 mark answer |  |  |  |
| def GetNthFibonacciNumber(N): |  |  |  |




Java

| 4 | 19 | ```int numberToGuess; int numberOfGuesses; int guess; numberToGuess = console.readInteger("Player One enter your chosen number: "); while(numberToGuess < 1 \|| numberToGuess > 10){ numberToGuess = console.readInteger("Not a valid choice, please enter another number: "); } guess = 0; numberOfGuesses = 0; while (guess != numberToGuess && numberOfGuesses < 5){ guess = console.readInteger("Player Two have a guess: "); numberOfGuesses++; } if(guess == numberToGuess){ console.println("Player Two wins"); }else{ console.println("Player One wins"); }``` | 13 |
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| 6 | 33 | ```key = console.readInteger("Enter the amount that shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: "); if (key < 1 \|| key > 25) { console.println("Invalid key - a default value has been used instead."); key = 1; }``` <br> Alternative answer: <br> key = console.readInteger("Enter the amount that <br> Alternative answer: <br> key $=$ console.readInteger("Enter the amount that <br> shifts the plain alphabet to the cipher alphabet: "); <br> if (key < 1 ) \{ <br> console.println("Invalid key - a default value has been used instead."); <br> key = 1; <br> \} <br> if (key > 25 ) \{ | 4 |
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| 8 | 40 | ```case 'o': { plaintext = ""; n = 2; getPositionsToUse(start, end); while(start.position <= end.position) { plaintext += getTextFromFile(start.position, start.position); start.position += getNthFibonacciNumber(n); n++; } displayPlaintext(plaintext); break; }``` | 6 |
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