



General Certificate of Education

Computing 6510

CPT3 Practical Systems Development

Mark Scheme

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Instructions to examiners

The following forms of notation should be used on candidates' scripts:

- Ticks - to indicate what is accepted as correct or creditworthy, placed in the body of the answer, and on diagrams.
- Underscoring - To identify errors/irrelevance in written answers.
- Crosses - to indicate a wrong answer.
- Very brief comments - placed in at suitable points in the body of the text to amplify the marking.
- BOD - means benefit of the doubt and is used where the candidate's answer has been given a mark on the balance of probabilities that the candidate's answer has met the requirements of the mark scheme even though it could be interpreted differently.
- NE - means not enough and is applied to an answer that falls short of what is required; NB if NE is given for evidence then the dependent marks can be awarded.
- O/S - means outside the mark scheme. The candidate's answer is creditworthy but the answer does not match any of the answers on the mark scheme for the particular question. Nevertheless a mark is awarded.
- C/F - means carried forward. This arises when a candidate offers an answer, which is not creditworthy in one question but is creditworthy in a later question. The mark is carried forward to the question, which is creditworthy.
- C/B - means carried back. This is similar to a carry forward but the mark is carried back to an earlier question.
- T/O - means talked out. The candidate's answer is contradictory.
- F/T - means followed through. If the candidate made a mistake in the earlier part of an answer, mark the answer using the correct method on their answer from the earlier part.
- P1 – penalise once.

The following notation is used in the mark scheme

- ; - means a single mark;
- // - means alternative response;
- / - means an alternative word or sub-phrase;
- A - means acceptable creditworthy answer;
- R - means reject answer as not creditworthy;
- I - means ignore;
- * - means the marks are dependent upon the reference to evidence.

Scanned evidence of hard copy is acceptable but screenshots are not.

1	(a)	(i)	Page reference of examiner details;	1	
		(ii)	Page reference of centre's exam entry details;	1	
	(b)	(i)	(6 digits and unique)length/type/format/ presence/uniqueness check or description; applied to scenario;	2	
		(ii)	length/type/format/presence or description; applied to scenario;	2	
		(iii)	(10000 to 79999 and unique) length/type/format/range/presence/uniqueness or description; applied to scenario; NB Checks must be <u>different</u> Examiner number could be between 100000 and 999999	2	
	(c)	(i)	Data type: text/string/alpha/char; A - Integer if explanation supports it Why: fixed number of digits/leading zeros/ no calcs required;	2	
		(ii)	Data type: boolean/char/integer; Why: flag//only two possible values to be stored // yes/no;	2	
		(iii)	Data type: real/fixed point/float/floating point/single/ decimal//currency; A integer if stored in pence Why: need decimal part/has fractional part/ not a whole number // that it is a payment/money amount;	2	
		(iv)	Data type: integer; Why: whole number/calculations required; Why must match data type	2	16
2	(a)	(i)	Page reference for coding/SQL/QBE/;	1	
		(ii)	fixed payment and number of scripts and script fee (must have two); correct calculation = fixed payment + number of scripts * script fee; check if tax is to be deducted; tax calculation = 78% of total or deduct 22% (allow tax rate); no tax calculation gross pay = net pay;	max 4*	
	(b)	(i)	Page reference for hard copy of examiner list for each subject; (Allow continuous list)	1	

	(ii)	Use of query/report/ loop to produce; Group/order/select by subject reference code; idea of sorting/ordering by centre; and by examiner; Outer loop examiner; Inner loop centre;	3* max	
(c)	(i)	Page reference for coding/SQL/QBE for total payments;	1	
	(ii)	for each examiner//for each subject; fee per script/candidate; multiplied by number of scripts/candidates; addition of preparation fee//addition of preparation fee for each examiner; total for each subject [<i>only if selected by examiner</i>]; final total for all subjects;	3* max	
(d)	(i)	Page reference for hard copy of an examiner's list of centres with number of scripts;	1	
	(ii)	Identification of/grouping by examiner; used to look up centres; and identify number of candidates; use report/printout etc; page break after each examiner;	3* max	
			17	
3	(a)	(i)	Use of validation rule/range check; with boundaries of <u>10000 and 79999</u> ; production of error message;	max 2
		(ii)	Page reference for test or test plan for acceptance or rejection;	1
	(b)	(i)	page reference for normal data;	1
		(ii)	typical/valid data; which is acceptable (by the system);	2*
		(iii)	page reference for erroneous data;	1
		(iv)	data that will be rejected; by the validation rules/invalid;	2*
		(v)	page reference for extreme/boundary data;	1
		(vi)	use of data that is just inside/on; and just outside a boundary; in order to establish that the boundary validation has been set correctly;	max 2*
			12	

4	(a)	(i)	Page reference for payslip with tax deducted;	1	
		(ii)	Page reference for payslip with no tax deducted;	1	
	(b)	(i)	Criterion 1 for good design;	1	
			Method of achieving this;	1	
			Criterion 2 for good design;	1	
			Method of achieving this;	1	
			<i>e.g. spacing of information;</i>		
			<i>clear font/appropriate font size;</i>		
			<i>clear layout;</i>		
			<i>specific contents as specified in brief;</i>		
			<i>other if appropriate;</i>		
		(ii)	Page reference design criterion 1;	1*	
			Page reference design criterion 2;	1*	
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5			Data Protection Act;	1	
			privacy and protection of data of living people//		
			personal data is being stored;	1	
					2
6			Any two printers from, dot matrix, inkjet/bubblejet,		
			monochrome laser, colour laser, thermal;	2	
			dot matrix/laser;	1	
			(dot matrix) use of carbonised paper// (laser) speed		
			of printing large volumes/cheaper consumables for		
			large volumes;	1	
					4
7	(a)		Changing flag to allow for 3 cases/extra field;		
			selecting appropriate tax rate;		
			3 different calculations;	3	
			setting variable to be used in tax calculation;	max	
	(b)		Listings/SQL Statements etc;		
			Structure Chart;		
			pseudocode / algorithm design;		
			Entity descriptions;		
			lists of variables;		
			User Guide;		
			test plan;		
			Systems maintenance;	3	
			Data dictionary;	max	
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