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## INSTRUCTIONS

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## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

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1 An array, `NumberArray`, stores 100 integer values. The array needs to be sorted into ascending numerical order.

(a) Describe how an insertion sort will sort the data in `NumberArray`.

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(b) Another type of sorting algorithm is a bubble sort.

The procedure `Bubble()` takes an array as a parameter. It performs a bubble sort on the array. The sorting algorithm stops as soon as all the elements are in ascending order.

Complete the procedure `Bubble()`.

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PROCEDURE Bubble(BYREF NumberArray : ARRAY[0 : 99] OF INTEGER)

    DECLARE Outer : INTEGER

    DECLARE Swap : BOOLEAN

    DECLARE Inner : INTEGER

    DECLARE Temp : INTEGER

    Outer ← LENGTH(NumberArray) - 1

    REPEAT

        Inner ← .....

        Swap ← FALSE

        REPEAT

            IF NumberArray[Inner] > NumberArray[Inner + 1]

                THEN

                    Temp ← NumberArray[Inner]

                    NumberArray[Inner] ← NumberArray[Inner + 1]

                    NumberArray[Inner + 1] ← Temp

                    Swap ← .....

                ENDIF

            Inner ← Inner + 1

        UNTIL Inner = .....

        Outer ← Outer - 1

    UNTIL Swap = ..... OR Outer = .....

ENDPROCEDURE

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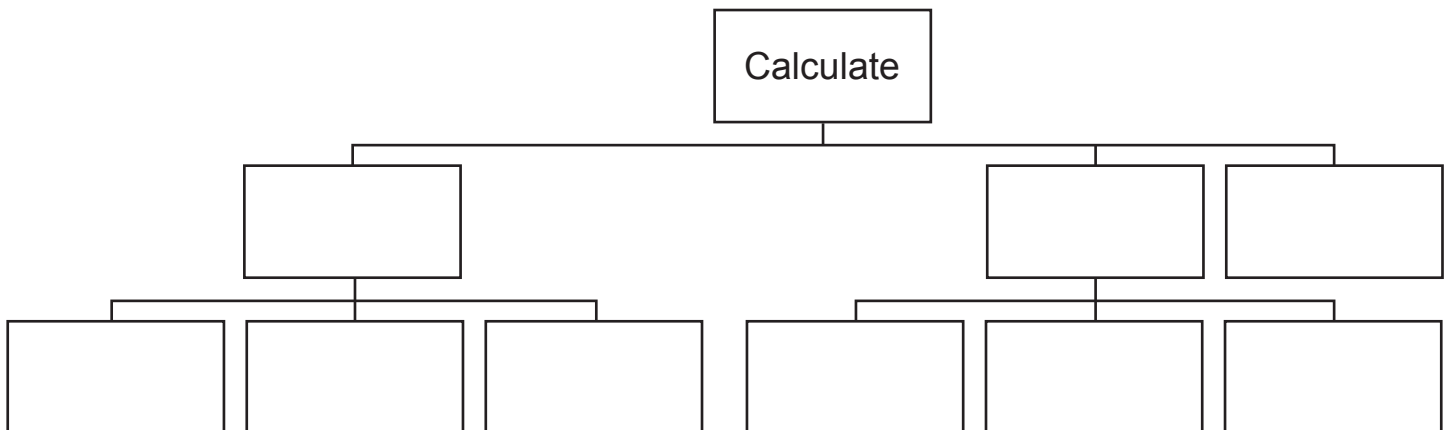
2 Complete the JSP structure diagram for the following pseudocode procedure.

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PROCEDURE Calculate()
  INPUT Number1
  INPUT Number2
  INPUT Command
  IF Command = 1
    THEN
      Value ← Function1(Number1, Number2)
    ELSE
      IF Command = 2
        THEN
          Value ← Function2(Number1, Number2)
        ELSE
          Value ← Function3(Number1, Number2)
      ENDIF
    ENDIF
  OUTPUT Value
ENDPROCEDURE

```

**JSP structure diagram**



3 A user has to choose a new password to create an account. It is recommended that the password has at least two of the following elements:

- upper-case letter
- numeric character
- symbol.

The system outputs:

- "Strong" if there are at least two of the elements
- "Medium" if there is only one of the elements
- "Weak" if there are none of the elements.

Complete the following decision table for the password system described.

		Rules							
<b>Conditions</b>	One or more upper-case letters	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	One or more numeric characters	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
	One or more symbols	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Actions</b>	Strong								
	Medium								
	Weak								

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- 4 Each node of a binary tree is a record. Each record has a left pointer, an integer data value between 0 and 100 inclusive, and a right pointer.

For example:

Item	Example data
LeftPointer	2
Data	34
RightPointer	3

- (a) Write **pseudocode** to declare the record with the identifier `Node`.

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- (b) Write **pseudocode** to declare a new node, `Node100`, **and** assign 100 to its data value, 1 to the left pointer and 4 to the right pointer.

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(c) The ordered binary tree is stored as a 1D global array named `BinaryTree` of type `Node`.

`RootNode` and `FreePointer` are declared as global variables.

A null pointer is represented by `-1`.

The current state of the binary tree is shown in the following table:

<code>RootNode</code>		<code>Index</code>	<code>LeftPointer</code>	<code>Data</code>	<code>RightPointer</code>
	0	[0]	1	23	3
<code>FreePointer</code>	6	[1]	-1	5	2
		[2]	-1	8	4
		[3]	5	100	-1
		[4]	-1	9	-1
		[5]	-1	88	-1
		[6]	-1	null	-1
		[7]	-1	null	-1

(i) State the purpose of the free pointer.

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(ii) Identify an appropriate integer value to represent null data.

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(iii) Draw the current state of the binary tree.

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(iv) The procedure `AddData()`:

- takes the node to be added to the tree as a parameter
- finds the location for the node to be stored
- stores the node in the next free array index
- stores `-1` in the new node's `LeftPointer` and `RightPointer`
- updates the pointers in the other nodes
- updates `FreePointer`.

Complete the pseudocode for the procedure `AddData()`.

```

PROCEDURE AddData(NewNode)
    BinaryTree[FreePointer] ← .....
    BinaryTree[FreePointer].LeftPointer ← -1
    BinaryTree[FreePointer].RightPointer ← -1
    DECLARE PositionFound : BOOLEAN
    DECLARE PointerCounter : INTEGER
    PositionFound ← .....
    PointerCounter ← RootNode
    WHILE NOT .....
        IF ..... < BinaryTree[PointerCounter].Data
            THEN
                IF BinaryTree[PointerCounter].LeftPointer = -1
                    THEN
                        BinaryTree[PointerCounter].LeftPointer ← FreePointer
                        PositionFound ← TRUE
                    ELSE
                        PointerCounter ← BinaryTree[PointerCounter].LeftPointer
                ENDIF
            ELSE
                IF BinaryTree[PointerCounter].RightPointer = -1
                    THEN
                        BinaryTree[PointerCounter].RightPointer ← FreePointer
                        PositionFound ← TRUE
                    ELSE
                        PointerCounter ← BinaryTree[PointerCounter].RightPointer
                ENDIF
            ENDIF
        ENDWHILE
        FreePointer ← FreePointer .....

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5 Study the following recursive pseudocode algorithm.

```

FUNCTION Recursive (Num1, Num2 : INTEGER) RETURNS INTEGER
  IF Num1 > Num2
    THEN
      RETURN 10
    ELSE
      IF Num1 = Num2
        THEN
          RETURN Num1
        ELSE
          RETURN Num1 + Recursive (Num1 * 2, Num2)
        ENDIF
      ENDIF
    ENDIF
ENDFUNCTION
    
```

(a) The function is called as follows:

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Recursive (1, 15)
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Dry run the function and complete the trace table. Give the final return value.

**Trace table:**

Function call	Num1	Num2	Return value

Final return value .....

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6 Details of errors generated in a program are stored in a stack.

Details of each error are stored in a record structure, `Error`.

(a) State which error will be the first retrieved from the stack.

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(b) The stack is implemented as a 1D array with the identifier `ErrorArray`.

The pointer `LastItem` stores the position of the last error in the array.

(i) The function, `AddItemToStack`, takes the next error, the array, and pointer as parameters.

If the stack is full, the function returns `FALSE`; otherwise it adds the error to the stack, changes the pointer's value and returns `TRUE`.

Complete the following pseudocode for the function `AddItemToStack`.

```
FUNCTION AddItemToStack(BYREF ErrorArray : ARRAY[0 : 99] OF Error,
                        BYREF LastItem : INTEGER,
                        BYVALUE Error1 : Error) RETURNS BOOLEAN
```

```
IF LastItem = .....
THEN
    RETURN .....
ELSE
    ErrorArray[LastItem + 1] ← .....
    LastItem ← .....
    RETURN .....
ENDIF
ENDFUNCTION
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(ii) Explain the reasons why `ErrorArray` and `LastItem` are passed by reference, but `Error1` is passed by value. [4]

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(iii) The function `RemoveItem` takes the next error from the stack and returns it.

If there are no errors in the stack, it returns the global record `NullError`.

Complete the pseudocode algorithm `RemoveItem`.

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FUNCTION RemoveItem(BYREF ErrorArray : ARRAY[0 : 99] OF Error,
                   BYREF LastItem : INTEGER) RETURNS Error

  DECLARE ItemToRemove : Error

  IF .....

    THEN

      RETURN .....

    ELSE

      ItemToRemove ← ErrorArray[.....]

      LastItem ← LastItem - 1

      RETURN .....

  ENDFUNCTION

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(iv) The errors that have been processed are stored in a global queue, `ErrorComplete`.

The function `Enqueue` adds a record to `ErrorComplete`:

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Enqueue (ErrorToAdd)
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`Enqueue ()` returns `TRUE` if the record is successfully added to the queue, and returns `FALSE` if the queue is full.

The procedure `RunError ()` should:

- remove a record from the stack using the function `RemoveItem ()`
- output an appropriate message if there were no records in the stack
- if an error record is returned, add the record to the queue using the function `Enqueue ()`
- if the record is added to the queue, output an appropriate message
- if the record is not added to the queue, output an appropriate message.

Complete the pseudocode procedure `RunError ()`.

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PROCEDURE RunError (BYREF ErrorComplete : ARRAY[0 : 99] OF Error,  
                   BYREF ErrorArray : ARRAY[0 : 99] OF Error)
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## 7 A treasure box is hidden within a computer game.

The box has a code that needs to be entered to allow the user into the box. The box contains up to 10 objects that are defined as being of the class `FieldObject`. The definition for the class `Box` is:

<b>Box</b>	
Size : STRING	// small, medium or large
Contents : ARRAY[0 : 9] OF FieldObject	// the 10 items the box holds
Lock : STRING	// the code to unlock the box
Strength : INTEGER	// the strength of the box // decreases by 1 each time an // incorrect code is entered
Constructor()	// instantiates an object of the Box // class and assigns initial values // to the attributes
Unlock()	// checks if the code is correct to // unlock the box
GetContents()	// returns the array
SetSize()	// sets the size of the box
SetContents()	// sets the contents of the box
SetLock()	// sets the lock code
SetStrength()	// sets the strength









**8** A game stores details about characters.

A declarative programming language is used to represent the following knowledge base:

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01 hair(blonde).
02 hair(black).
03 hair(red).
04 face(glasses).
05 face(moustache).
06 face(beard).
07 person(ismail).
08 person(anisha).
09 person(kim).
10 person(kyle).
11 has(kyle, glasses).
12 has(kyle, beard).
13 has(anisha, red).
14 has(kyle, black).

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These clauses have the following meaning:

Clause	Explanation
01	Hair can be blonde
04	Glasses can be on the face
08	Anisha is a person
12	Kyle has a beard
13	Anisha has red hair

A person,  $x$ , is a selected person if they have black hair and either a moustache or a beard.

Write a rule to represent this condition.

SelectedPerson( $X$ )

IF

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