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DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

2920/103: STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING

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TIME: 8.30-11.30 AM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

*Answer any five questions*

- 1
  - a) State the *differences* between the following terms.
    - i. Constant and Variable.
    - ii. Identifier and Keywords.
    - iii. High level languages and Low level languages.
    - iv. Monolithic programming and imperative programming (12 marks)
  - b) Explain any three programming tools that can be used during program development life cycle (6 marks)
  - c) Explain the meaning of the term *data type* as used in C programming. (2 marks)
2.
  - a) Write a C program that will accept two values through the keyboard and calculate their product. (6 marks)
  - b) Explain any **three** C programming variable Formatters. (6 marks)
  - c) Explain the meaning of the following terms as used in C programming
    - i. compiler
    - ii. Interpreter
    - iii. Executable code (6 marks)
  - d) Identify the difference between the following expressions
    - i. =
    - ii. == (2 marks)

3. a) Table1 shows the criteria used by a certain college to ward grades to students in an examination. Use it to answer the question that follows

Average	Grade
From 70 to 100	A
From 60 to 69	B
From 50 to 59	C
From 40 to 49	D
Less than 39	F

Table 1

- Write a C program that would prompt a user to enter three subject marks for a student, the program should then calculate the average and using it determine and output the grade. Use the *multiple if else* statement. (6 marks)
- b) Outline the methods of *declaring* a constant. (4 marks)
- c) State the reasons why the following identifiers are *invalid*
- i. Value\$sum
  - ii. Exit flag
  - iii. 3lotsofmoney
  - iv. Char (4 marks)
- d) Explain any four factors one should consider before buying a programming Language (4 marks)
- e) Explain the meaning of the term **Program** (2 marks)
- 4 a) Explain the *top down* and the *bottom down* approach . (4 marks)
- b) Explain any **four** qualities of a *good program*. (4 marks)
- c) Write a C program will accept a value representing the radius of a circle. The program should the calculate and display the area and perimeter of the circle  
**NB** use pie as 3.14 (6 marks)
- d) Write a pseudo code for a program that will accept a value then display the value, and a Message indicating whether the value is an *even* number or an *odd* number. (4 marks)
- e) Define the term *identifier* as used in programming. (2 marks)
- 5 a) Write a C program that will accept a value then determine if the value entered is an even number or an odd number (5 marks)

- b) Study the statement below  
scanf(“%d”,&number)  
Explain the purpose of the & sign and %d in the statement above. (3 marks)
- c) A module I student intends to create a program that would accept the amount of money spent in a supermarket in Kenya shillings. The program should then calculate the equivalent of the amount in either dollars or pounds and out put the results.
- i. Draw a flow chart to represent the program logic. (4 marks)
  - ii. Write a Pseudo code for the design in (i). Use the rates: 1  
dollar= Ksh 85 and 1 pound= Ksh 130. (4 marks)
- d) Distinguish between *or* and *not* logical operators as used in Structured programming. (4 marks)
6. a) Describe any four types of maintenance done on a computer system (4 marks)
- b) State the meaning of the following *escape codes*
- i. \n.
  - ii. \t.
  - iii. \v.
  - iv. \a. (4 marks)
- c) Distinguish between *simple* and *compound* statements as used in Structured programming. (4 marks)
- d) List the different types of *control structures* (4 marks)
- e) Describe the differences between initialization and declaration (4 marks)
- 7 a) Explain **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of using a flowchart in program design. (4 marks)
- b) Johnson is in a process of testing a program for a client. As a Computer Systems expert, explain to him the different types of test data to be used in the program (4 marks)
- c) Using an example, explain the conditional operator (6 marks)
- d) Write a C program that will accept three values through the keyboard, the program should output the largest value among the three (6 marks)
- 8 a) Outline **four** benefits of program documentation to the end user. (4 marks)

- b) Table 1 shows the main menu of a management information system. Use it to answer the question that follows.

	<b>Menu Activity</b>
1	Capture a New Student
2	Edit Record
3	Check Balance
	Close Record

Table 1

- Write a flow chart for a program that would prompt a user to enter an option. The program then outputs the menu activity. (6 marks)
- c) Distinguish between program *execution* and *deployment* as used in programming. (4 marks)
- d) Explain **three** stages in program development. (6 marks)