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**DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MODULE I**

**STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING**

**3 hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- Write your **name** and **index number** in the spaces provided above.*
- Sign and write the **date of examination** in the spaces provided above.*
- Answer any **FIVE** of the following **EIGHT** questions.*
- All questions carry equal marks.*

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Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Marks
Marks									

This paper consists of 18 printed pages.

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

1. (a) (i) Outline **three** types of errors that can occur during program development. (3 marks)
- Syntax / compilation errors  
 Run-time errors  
 Logic error
- (ii) Describe **two** hardware requirements necessary for installation of programming software in a computer. (4 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between a *robust program* and a *legible program* as used in program design. (4 marks)
- (c) With the aid of an example, describe the term *escape sequence* as used in C programming language (3 marks)
- (d) Write a Pascal program that allows the user to key in an amount of money in Kenya shillings. The program should then calculate the equivalent of the amount in either dollars or pounds through the use of functions and output the amount keyed in and dollar or pound equivalent. Use the rates: 1 dollar = Ksh 80 and 1 pound = Ksh 120. (6 marks)

2. (a) Define the term *identifier* as used in programming. (1 mark)

An identifier is a series of characters consisting of letters, digits and underscores that does not begin with a digit.

- (b) (i) Describe the term *structure chart* as used in program development. (2 marks)



- (ii) Explain **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of using a flowchart in program design. (4 marks)

- I (i) Joseph would like to write a program which can read all the records from a text file. State **two** control structures that he would use to achieve his objective. (2 marks)

- (ii) The following is a Pascal program segment. Use it to answer the question that follows.

```
Begin
WriteLn('enter the value of x');
ReadLn(x);
For i:=1 to 5 do
  For j:=1 to 5 do
    Begin
      Y:=x + 5;
      Write(y, ' ');
    End;
  WriteLn;
End.
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- Given that the value of x input from the keyboard is 0, determine the expected output after the segment is executed. (5 marks)



3. (a) (i) Define the term *symbolic constant* as used in C programming. (1 mark)

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(ii) Describe each of the following programming design concepts:

I. modular; (2 marks)

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II. bottom up. (2 marks)

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(b) Differentiate between a *procedure* and a *function* as used in Pascal programming. (4 marks)

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(c) With the aid of a flowchart, describe the flow of instruction in a *repeat until* loop as used in programming. (4 marks)

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4. (a) (i) List **two** examples of *Internet based programming* languages. (1 mark)

Java  
HTML.

(ii) Outline **two** advantages of compiling a program. (2 marks)

(b) Explain **two** functions of a *user manual* as used in programming. (4 marks)

(c) (i) Differentiate between *binary search* and *sequential search*. (4 marks)

(ii) With the aid of an example, outline the general format of a *record* as used in Pascal programming. (4 marks)





- (ii) State the function of the `main()` statement as used in C programming language. (2 marks)

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- (b) Explain the result got from each of the following pointer arithmetic: (2 marks)

- (i) `ptr--;`

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- (ii) `ptr--7.` (2 marks)

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- (c) The following is a C program. Use it to answer the question that follows.

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    void <stdio.h>
#include <ostream.h>
{
    Integer i, j, y;
    For(i=1; i<n; i++)
        y = -i*y;
}

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- Identify **four** errors in the program. (4 marks)

- No main () function

- header file should be <stdio.h>

- Case sensitive : Y &

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6. (a) (i) Define each of the following terms as used in programming:

I. endless loop;

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II. nested loop;

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III. branching loop.

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(ii) Outline the typical format of a *switch* statement as used in C programs.

(2 marks)

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switch (expression)
{
    case item:
        statements;
        break;
    case item:
        statements;
        break;
    case item:
        default:
            break;
}
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(b) Describe the term *formal parameter* as used in programming.

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(c) (i) Under what circumstance would an *extreme* data be used during program testing. (3 marks)

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- (ii) The following is a list of reserved words in programming languages. Use the list to answer the question that follows:

*int, real, float, char, longinteger, switch, typedef*

Classify each of the words as either Pascal or C programming reserved word. (3 marks)

int →

real → Pascal

typedef → C

float → Pascal

long integer

switch → C

- (d) The following is a list of marks scored in a computer subject by five students. Use it to answer the question that follows.

80 56 90 45 69 marks

Write a Pascal program that accepts the scores and then determines the highest among them. The program should then output all the scores and state the highest. Use arrays. (7 marks)

7. (a) (i) Define the term *index* as used in program documentation. (1 mark)

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- (ii) Distinguish between *signed* and *unsigned* integers as used in C programs. (4 marks)

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- (b) Peter executed a Pascal program in his computer and got the following error:  
.....Stack overflow .....
- He was advised to dry run all the procedures which had a stack data structure.  
State **two** reasons that may justify this advise. (3 marks)

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- (c) Upendo society intends to develop a computerized system that accepts member's name, membership number, and number of months a member has been in the society. The system then calculates the amount of dividends paid to members as follows:
- 6% to those members whose shares exceed kshs. 50,000 and have been members for 6 months
  - 4% to those members whose shares do not exceed kshs. 50,000 and have been members for 6 months.

Write a pseudo code to represent the program logic. (6 marks)

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(d) Write a C program to produce the following output. Use *for ... loop*.

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5   4   3   2   1
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8. (a) (i) State **two** advantages of *quick sort* data structure as used in programming. (2 marks)

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(ii) Differentiate between a *structure* and a *union* as used in C programming. (4 marks)

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(b) State **two** reasons that justify the use of *data files* in programming. (2 marks)

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(c) (i) Outline **three** advantages of using *subprograms* in a program development. (3 marks)

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