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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- · marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Question	Answer						
			Section A				
1(a)(i)	Many correct answ	Many correct answers, they must be meaningful. The name is an example only.					
	1 mark per bullet p	oint					
	Variable name	Winner4to6					
	 Data type 	string					
	• Use	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
1(a)(ii)	Many correct answ	ers, they must be r	meaningful. The names are examples only.	5			
	1 mark per bullet p	oint					
	5 arrays seen At least one suitable name of a TelNumber						
	 At least one suitable name e.g. IdNumber At least one suitable datatype e.g. string 						
	At least one suitable use e.g. to store the unique identification number						
	All 5 names, datatypes and uses correct						
	Array examples						
	Array name	datatype	Use				
	IdNumber	integer	unique identification number				
	Name	string	name of child				
	Age	integer	age of child in years				
	NumRuns	integer	number of 2 kilometre runs completed				
	PB	real	fastest time run				

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(b)	Many correct answers. 1 mark for each correct point (max 4).	4
	 Ensuring uniqueness e.g. Search list of previously stored identification numbers (1) To check it has not already been used. (1) 	
	 Calculation and addition of check digit Attempt at calculation of check digit from the first three digits // calculation from all four digits to obtain zero remainder (1) Adding the calculated check digit as a fourth digit // confirming the check digit is valid. (1) 	
1(c)	Any four from: 1 Initialisation//Setting up array for race times for this race 2 Loop for all runners 3 Input ID 4 Check for valid ID number 5 Input start time and finish time 6 Calculate run time 7 Store run time in suitable array//Use ID index to store run time in appropriate position 8 Store ID in suitable array//Find index for runner	4

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Question	Answer	Marks					
1(c)	Sample answer:						
	Counter ← 1						
	Found ← FALSE						
	WHILE NOT Found = TRUE						
	OUTPUT "Please enter ID number use 9999 to finish "						
	INPUT ParkrunID						
	Search ← 1						
	REPEAT						
	IF ParkrunID = IdNumber[search] THEN Found ← TRUE						
	Search ← Search + 1						
	UNTIL Search = 21 OR Found = TRUE						
	ENDWHILE						
	RunnerID[Counter] ParkRunID						
	WHILE ParkRunID <> 9999						
	INPUT StartTime						
	INPUT FinishTime						
	RunnerTime[Counter] ← FinishTime - StartTime						
	Counter ← Counter + 1						
	Found ← FALSE						
	WHILE NOT Found = TRUE						
	OUTPUT "Please enter ID number (use 9999 to finish) "						
	INPUT ParkrunID						
	Search ← 1						
	REPEAT						
	IF ParkrunID = IdNumber[Search] THEN Found ← TRUE						
	Search ← Search + 1						
	UNTIL Search = 21 OR Found = TRUE						
	ENDWHILE						
	RunnerID[Counter] ← ParkRunID						
	ENDWHILE						

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(d)	1 mark for each correct point (max 4).	4
	Explanation: 1 Search the results for this park run 2 Separate check for each age range 3 If time recorded is faster 4 store new fastest time 5 store the ID/Name for the runner 6 Use ID number/Index to look up name after all runners have been searched 7 Output name and fastest time Programming statements may be used but must be fully explained.	

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Question	Answer					
	Section B					
2(a)	Any five from: 1 Use of correct variables 2 Input 3 numbers 3 Check all 3 input numbers are different 4 Attempt to find the largest two numbers input 5 Correctly finding the largest two numbers 6 Multiply their two largest numbers together and assign to variable 7 Output the result of the multiplication					
	Sample answer: REPEAT OUTPUT "Enter three different numbers" INPUT Number1, Number2, Number3 UNTIL Number1 <> Number2 AND Number2 <> Number3 AND Number3 <> Number1 IF Number3 < Number2 AND Number3 < Number1 THEN Answer Number1 * Number2 ENDIF IF Number2 < Number3 AND Number2 < Number1 THEN Answer Number1 * Number3 ENDIF IF Number1 < Number2 AND Number1 < Number3 ENDIF IF Number1 < Number2 AND Number1 < Number3 ENDIF OUTPUT "Answer ", Answer					
2(b)	There are many correct answers. E.g.:					
	7, 7, 7 (1 mark) should be rejected as numbers are equal (1 mark)					
	7, 8, 9 (1 mark) normal data answer should be 72 (1 mark)					

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Question		Marks					
3	1 mark for each correct line (max 3) Each box must have only one connection.						
	Programming concept	Description					
	Library routine	A subroutine that does not have to return a value.					
	Structure diagram	A standard subroutine that is available for immediate use.					
	Procedure	A subroutine that always returns a value.					
	Function	An overview of a program or subroutine.					

Question	Answer			
4	Answers must be given in context. There are many possible answers. E.g.:			
	Selection use of IF statement to check the values of the meter readings IF Reading > 400 and Reading < 900 THEN	(1 mark) (1 mark)		
	Repetition use of FOR loop to check all 2000 meter readings FOR Meter = 1 TO 2000 NEXT	(1 mark) (1 mark)		

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Question					Answer		М	larks
5(a)		Height	Depth	Chlorine	ОК	OUTPUT		6
		6	2.5	2	True	Pool OK to use		
		Height	Depth	Chlorine	ок	OUTPUT		
		4	3	1.5	True	Water too deep		
					False			
		Height	Depth	Chlorine	ОК	ОИТРИТ		
		6	3.5	4	True	Water too deep		
					False	Too much chlorine add more water		
	1 mark for first 4 c 1 mark for the out							
5(b)	Any one from: Cannot add more No validation e.g. Tells you to add cl Runs only once	allows a n	egative heig	ght/depth/amour	nt of chlorine	9		1

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Question	Answer						
6(a)	Many correct answers, an example is given. 1 mark for each correct row (max 4).						
		Field	Data type				
		Reference Number	Text				
		Size	Text				
		Туре	Text/Boolean				
		Price in \$	Number/Currency				
6(b)	1 mark per bullet:				3		
	Incorrect field name fIncorrect criteria for FType not checked	For Reference Number Price in \$ should be <					

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