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Question	Max	Internal	External	Question	Max	Internal	External	
1	9			7	3			
2	8			8	8			
3	8			9	15			
4	15			10	10			
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Marks : 100

Time : 180 minutes

Instructions:

- a) Answer all questions.
- b) Write your answers in the space provided.
- c) Show all calculations where applicable.

Question 1 [9]

a) What is the purpose of an operating system? [1]

b) Give 2 examples of operating systems (from different companies or communities). [2]

c) What is the purpose of random-access memory? [1]

d) What is an algorithm? [1]

e) List 2 reasons why algorithms must be precise. [2]

f) Briefly describe 1 advantage and 1 disadvantage of using Java bytecode, as opposed to machine code. [2]

Question 2 [8]

Consider the following program and answer the questions that follow.

```
import java.util.Scanner;

class Test
{
    public static void main ( String [] args )
    {
        Scanner input = new Scanner (System.in);

        int a = input.nextInt();
        int b = input.nextInt();
        int c = input.nextInt();

        int x = Math.min (Math.min (a, b), c);
        int y = Math.max (Math.max (a, b), c);

        System.out.println ((a+b)/6.0f+(b+c)/6.0f+(a+c)/6.0f);
    }
}
```

a) What does this program do? [2]

b) What is the output if the input is the numbers 5, 3 and 7? [1]

c) List all methods (other than main) from the program. [1]

d) Why must the main method be static? [1]

e) Rewrite the first statement of the main method in such a way that there is a syntax error. [1]

f) In the context of a debugger, what is a breakpoint? [2]

Question 3 [8]

- a) Briefly describe an algorithm to take a taxi or bus to town. Assume you are at the bus/taxi stop. There should be at most 6 steps. [3]

- b) Write the Java statement to input the number of taxis that pass you into the variable **N**. You may assume **N** is already declared as an int and there is already a Scanner object named **input**. [2]

- c) Write the Java statement to calculate the variable **totalTime** (in seconds) as the time you wait for **N** taxis to pass if one taxi passes every **timePerTaxi** seconds. You may assume **totalTime** and **timePerTaxi** are already declared as float variables and **N** is declared as an int. [1]

- d) Write the Java statement to output “Time wasted at bus stop: ”, immediately followed by the value of the variable **totalTime**. [2]

Question 4 [15]

Examine the following code and answer the questions that follow.

```
public class Driver {
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        for ( int date=0; date<10; date++ ) {
            if (date%2 == 0) {
                System.out.println(convertDate(date));
            }
        }
    }
    // convert a number to a day of the week
    public static String convertDate(int number) {
        String date = "";
        if (number == 2)
            date = "Monday";
        if (number == 3)
            date = "Tuesday";
        if (number == 4)
            date = "Wednesday";
        if (number == 5)
            date = "Thursday";
        if (number == 6)
            date = "Friday";
        if (number == 7)
            date = "Saturday";
        if (number == 8)
            date = "Sunday";
        return date;
    }
}
```

a) What is the output of this program?

[4]

Question 5 [10]

a) If a class called **Student** is created and one of the data fields (or instance variables) for the **Student** class is a reference to a **Date** object, what is the relationship between the **Student** object and the **Date** object? [1]

- i. The **Date** object is a **Student** object.
- ii. The **Date** object has a **Student** object.
- iii. The **Student** object is a **Date** object.
- iv. The **Student** object has a **Date** object.

b) Write skeleton Java code to illustrate the above description (i.e., create the **Student** class and a public **Date** object such as **enrolmentDate**). [2]

c) Write the body of the main method of a driver program to create an object of the **Student** class, called **aStudent**. [1]

d) Can **enrolmentDate** be accessed by calling **aStudent.enrolmentDate** from the driver program? Why or why not? [1]

Question 7 [3]

a) How can arrays be tested to check if their content is identical?

[3]

```
        return indexOfMax;
    }

    /**
    Precondition:  i and j are legal indices for the array a.
    Postcondition: Values of a[i] and a[j] have been
    interchanged
    */
    private void swap ( int i, int j, int[] a )
    {
        int temp;
        temp = a[i];
        a[i] = a[j];
        a[j] = temp;
    }
```


