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Test 1

Question	Max	Mark	Internal	External
1	10			
2	10			
3	10			
TOTAL	30			

Marks : 30
Time : 40 minutes
Instructions:

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

Question 1 [10]

- a) Match each of the following computing devices to a concept below: [2]
abacus, slide rule, difference engine, punched cards
slide rule = logarithms
difference engine = lots of friction
punched cards = census
abacus = balls and rods [$\frac{1}{2} \times 4$]
- b) What are the 5 main components of the Von Neumann architecture? [2]
Control Unit, Arithmetic Logic Unit, Memory, Input, Output [- $\frac{1}{2}$ for any missing]
- c) Why is a dual-core CPU not exactly Von Neumann? [1]
it executes instructions in parallel, it has 2 control units, etc.
- d) What is the difference between an algorithm and a computer program? [2]
an algorithm is any sequences of instructions but a program is a sequence of instructions given to a computer
- e) What is a compiler? [1]
translates high level language to low level language
- f) What is the primary advantage of Java bytecode, as opposed to machine code? [1]
bytecode is platform independent, can be run anywhere, etc.
- g) Provide 2 examples of low level programming languages. [1]
machine code [$\frac{1}{2}$], assembly language [$\frac{1}{2}$]

Question 2 [10]

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();

        float x = (a+b+c)/3;

        System.out.println (x);
    }
}
```

- a) What does this program do? [2]
calculates the average of 3 integers
- b) What is the output if the input is the numbers 3, 5 and 5? [1]
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- c) Give an example of an identifier from the program. [1]
a,b,c,x,main,test ...
- d) Give an example of a name that is not a legal identifier in Java. [1]
123,+1+2, etc.
- e) How would you fix the calculation of the variable x so that the answer is not rounded off? [1]
change 3 to 3.0f (exactly 3.0f, not 3.0)
- f) Give an example of the name of a variable that contains an object in the program. [1]
System.out, input
- g) What is a method? [1]
named sequence of instructions (in a class)
- h) Although this program will compile and run, what critical element is missing? [1]
comments

i) If a program does not compile, what type of error probably exists in the program?

[1]

syntax error

Question 3 [10]

- a) Briefly describe an algorithm to buy bread from a supermarket. Assume you are already in the supermarket. There should be at most 6 steps. [3]

find aisle with bread, pick up bread, take bread to cashier, wait in queue until your turn, give bread to cashier, pay for bread when asked

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

N = input.nextInt();

- c) Write the Java statement to calculate **totalPrice** as the price of **N** loaves of bread at a cost of **pricePerLoaf** for each loaf. You may assume **totalPrice** and **pricePerLoaf** are already declared as float variables and **N** is declared as an int. [1]

*totalPrice = N * pricePerLoaf;*

- d) Write the Java statement to output "Pay for bread now". [2]

System.out.println ("Pay for bread now");

- e) Briefly describe an algorithm to minimise the cost of packets you need at the supermarket when you buy a month's groceries. [2]

Take enough of your own reusable packets!