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Question	Max	Internal	External	Question	Max	Internal	External	
1	10			7	8			
2	10			8	7			
3	10			9	15			
4	10			10	20			
5	5							
6	5							
					TOTAL	100		

Marks : 100

Time : 180 minutes

Instructions:

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

Question 1 [10]

a) What is an algorithm? [1]

b) Are all algorithms also computer programs? Explain your answer. [1]

c) What is the purpose of a compiler? [1]

d) What is the purpose of a debugger? [1]

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

f) What is the difference between computer hardware and computer software? [2]

g) What is the purpose of the following hardware components: (i) memory (ii) hard drive? [2]

Question 2 [10]

Consider the following program and answer the questions that follow.

```
public boolean action ( int number )  
{  
    for ( int i=2; i<number; i++ )  
        if (number % i == 0)  
            return false;  
    return true;  
}
```

a) What does this method do? [2]

b) What is the formal parameter in this method? [1]

c) Is the dangling else a problem in this program? Explain why or why not. [2]

d) What simple change can be made to the loop so it performs fewer iterations without changing the meaning of the method? [2]

e) Assume you want to use equivalence classes to test the method. Describe the equivalence classes and provide a test value corresponding to each. [3]

Question 3 [10]

Consider the following method and answer the questions that follow.

```
public void drawShape ( int n )  
{  
    for ( int i=1; i<=n; i++ )  
    {  
        for ( int j=0; j<i; j++ )  
            System.out.print ( '*' );  
        System.out.println ( );  
    }  
}
```

- a) What is the output if n = 2? Write one character in each block and assume the top-left corner is where the output starts. [2]

- b) What is the output if n = 4? Write one character in each block and assume the top-left corner is where the output starts. [2]

- c) Rewrite the following 2 lines of the program in the form of a **while** loop. [2]

```
for ( int j=0; j<i; j++ )  
    System.out.print ( '*' );
```

- f) Write a method to draw the following square of single digit integers, for any given height from 1-9. In the example below, the height is 5. [4]

```
11111  
22222  
33333  
44444  
55555
```

Question 4 [10]

Examine the following incomplete class definition and answer the questions that follow.

```
public class Person
{
    private String name;
    private int age;

    public Person ( String aName, int anAge )
    {
        name = aName;
        age = anAge;
    }
    ...
}
```

a) Write accessors for the 2 instance variables.

[2]

b) Write mutators for the 2 instance variables.

[4]

c) What is the purpose of the constructor? [1]

d) Write the code to create an object with the initial values ["Kathy", 60] and assign this object to the variable theDean. [1]

e) If we wish to create another constructor in the same class, what condition must hold for this new constructor? [1]

f) What is information hiding? [1]

Question 5 [5]

Consider the code below which shows part of the Course class:

```
public class Course          // line 1
{ String name;              // line 2
  Student classrep;        // line 3
  Course corequisite;      // line 4
  Course prerequisite;     // line 5
  ...                       // other variables and methods...
  public Student someMethod( Course crs )
                              // line 6
  {
    System.out.println( corequisite.getName( ) ); // line 7
    System.out.println( Course.total );          // line 8
    corequisite = new Course ( );               // line 9
    prerequisite = crs;                         // line 10
    ...
    return new Student( classrep );             // line 11
  }
}
```

a) In which line above is a static variable being used? (just give the line number) [1]

b) In which line above is a copy constructor being called? (just give the line number) [1]

c) In which line above is there a privacy leak? (just give the line number) [1]

d) Why is it a good idea to use a copy constructor rather than object assignment i.e. what is the reason for having a copy constructor? [1]

e) When would you use a static variable rather than an ordinary instance variable i.e. what is the advantage of having a static variable in a class? [1]

Question 6 [5]

Write Java code to do each of the following tasks:

- a) Define a 1-dimensional array that holds the following integer values: [1]

1 3 -2 2 -7 -2 -10 -1

- b) Add 1 to the 1st element, 2 to the second element and so on. [2]

1 3 -2 2 -7 -2 -10 -1
would become

2 5 1 6 -2 4 -3 7

- c) Add the 2 adjacent elements of the array together and set the 1st of these elements to the sum. The last element of the array remains the same. [2]

2 5 1 6 -2 4 -3 7
would become

7 6 7 4 2 1 4 7

c) Explain why.

[1]

Question 8 [7]

You are given the class `equilateral` below where each side of the triangle is the same length.

```
public class equilateral
{
    protected int side1;

    public equilateral ( int s )
    { side1 = s; }

    public int perimeter ( )
    { return 3*side1; }

    public String toString ( )
    { return "Side 1 =" + side 1; }
}
```

Write a derived class called `triangle`. `triangle` is similar to `equilateral`, except that each side has a different length. Use the principles of inheritance in your solution and rewrite each of the methods. [7]

Question 9 [15]

a) Convert the decimal number 123 to binary, showing your working. [2]

b) Convert the octal number 123 to decimal, showing your working. [1]

c) Convert the octal number 321 to hexadecimal, showing your working. [2]

d) Convert the decimal fraction 0.3 to binary, showing your working. [3]

- e) Calculate $3 - 12$ using 8-bit 1's complement binary representation, showing all your working. (i.e. convert the numbers to 8-bit 1's complement before adding) [2]

- f) Find the value represented by the floating point number written below using IEEE754 representation (bias of 127 added to the exponent; first bit is the sign bit, next 8 bits are the biased exponent, rightmost 23 bits are the significand). Show all your working. [5]

0 01111111 10000000000000000000000

Question 10 [20]

Bridging the Generation Gap

Teenagers communicate electronically using a language that adults often do not understand. You have been asked to investigate a solution to translate a list of words in SMS language into regular English. For example, the word “l8r” would be translated into “later”.

You are only required to translate the following 5 words (translations are in brackets) :

u (you), r (are), l8r (later), gr8 (great), c (see)

You need to produce a single string as output, with words separated by spaces. If a word does not appear in the list above, it must remain untranslated.

a) Describe (in English) the algorithm you will use to perform the translation. [4]

b) Describe 2 classes you could use in your solution and what the purpose of each is. [4]

d) If the input to your method was provided as a single String instead of as separate words, explain how you could convert it into separate words. [2]
