

2009 HSC Software Design and Development Marking Guidelines

Section I

Question	Correct
	Response
1	A
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	C
3	D
4	В
5	В
6	C
7	D
8	D
9	В
10	В
11 12	C
12	A
13	D
13 14 15 16	C
15	A
16	В
17	A
18	A
19	C
20	D



Section II

Question 21 (a) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2

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Criteria	Marks
Identifies an appropriate development approach and gives reasons justifying its suitability with reference to the situation	3
• Identifies an appropriate development approach and discusses this in the context of the scenario	2
Identifies a software development approach	1

Question 21 (a) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H5.3, H6.3

Criteria	Marks
Describes benefits of using the tool in relation to the situation	3
Describes a benefit of using the tool	2
Identifies a benefit of the tool	1



Question 21 (b) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H5.1

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Sketches in general terms technical constraints relevant to the situation	2
Identifies a technical constraint(s)	1

Question 21 (b) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H3.1

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Discusses relevant social and/or ethical issues for and/or against the operation of the system	3
Describes a relevant social or ethical issue	2
Identifies a social or ethical issue	1

Question 21 (c)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2

Criteria	Marks
Describes features examined using live test data, linking conditions to performance	3
Describes a feature that is examined using live test data related to a performance issue	2
Identifies a feature examined using live test data	1



Question 21 (d) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H1.2, H3.1, H6.1

MARKING GUIDELINES

	Criteria	Marks
ſ	 Identifies a common cause of failure of software projects 	1

Question 21 (d) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H3.1, H6.1

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Criteria	Marks
Identifies consequences of inappropriately developed software that are relevant to the end-user	2
Identifies a consequence of inappropriately developed software that is relevant to the end-user OR	1
Identifies consequences of inappropriately developed software	

Question 21 (d) (iii)

Outcomes assessed: H3.1

Criteria	Marks
Describes the responsibilities of developers making evident the relationship between the responsibilities of developers and successful software projects	3
Briefly describes responsibilities of software developers	2
Identifies a responsibility of software developers	1



Question 22 (a) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H5.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Correctly names the tool	1

Question 22 (a) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H5.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Explains the use of this particular tool	2
Identifies a purpose of the tool	1

Question 22 (b) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H5.2

Criteria	Marks
• Shows changes to all variables during the processing of the algorithm, producing a correct sort	4
Shows changes which are substantially correct, to most of the variables during the processing of the algorithm	3
Makes some attempt at changes to some of the variables following the processing of the algorithm	2
• Identifies some of the variables used in the algorithm using a disk check structure	1



Question 22 (b) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H6.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Provides characteristics and/or features of the standard algorithm	
AND	2
Identifies the standard algorithm	
Provides characteristics and/or features of the standard algorithm	
OR	1
Identifies the standard algorithm	

Question 22 (b) (iii)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H5.2

Criteria	Marks
 Writes an algorithm which uses a temporary variable to swap data AND Shows the passing of parameters 	3
Uses a temporary variable to appropriately swap data within a sub- program	2
• Demonstrates some understanding of swap algorithm	1



Question 22 (c) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H5.1, H5.2

Criteria	Marks
Draws a data flow diagram which;	
 Appropriately uses all of the diagram elements: external entity, process, data store and data flow line 	4
AND	
Provides an accurate representation of the scenario	
Draws a data flow diagram which:	
 Appropriately uses most of the diagram elements: external entity, process, data store and data flow line 	3
AND	
Provides a partial representation of the scenario	
Draws a data flow diagram which:	
 Uses some of the diagram elements: external entity, process, data store and data flow line 	2
AND	
Provides a rudimentary representation of the scenario	
Draws a diagram which displays a knowledge of some of the data flow diagram elements: external entity, process, data store and data flow line	1



Question 22 (c) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H5.1, H5.2

Criteria	Marks
Constructs a data dictionary which is substantially correct	4
Constructs a data dictionary which displays most of the characteristics of the fields	
AND	2
Identifies most of the variables/data in the system	3
AND	
Provides some details which describe the variables/data identified	
Constructs a data dictionary which displays some of the common characteristics of the fields	
AND	2
• Identifies some of the variables/data in the electronic assessment submission system	
Constructs a data dictionary which displays some of the common characteristics of the fields in a data dictionary	
- Field name	
- Data type	1
- Field width	
 Number of decimal places 	
Description of the purpose of the field	



Question 23 (a) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H6.1

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Recognises and names appropriate reasons for changing the code of an existing solution	2
Recognises and names a reason why a modification would be made	1

Question 23 (a) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H5.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Makes evident the relationship between different forms of documentation and how it would assist in locating code to be changed	3
Indicates the main features of different types of relevant documentation	
OR	2
Indicates how one identified form of documentation would assist in locating code to be changed	2
Identifies how one identified form of documentation would assist in locating code to be changed	1

Question 23 (b) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H4.3

Criteria	Marks
Identifies and describes the error	2
Identifies where the error lies	1



Question 23 (b) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H4.3

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
• Provides evidence as to how the value of the variable is used to detect a false start or Start Block Occupied = False	2
• Identifies that a starting time remaining at -1.000, or Start Block Occupied = False, would be used to identify a false start	1

Question 23 (b) (iii)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H4.3

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Includes correct statement to display	
AND	2
Locates it correctly	
Includes a correct statement to display OR locates it correctly	1

Question 23 (c) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Names the correct data structure	1

Question 23 (c) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H4.3

Criteria	Marks
Identifies TWO errors	
AND	3
Describes the impacts of both errors	
Identifies TWO errors	
OR	2
Identifies ONE error and describes its impact	
Identifies ONE error OR identifies an impact	1



Question 23 (c) (iii)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2, H4.3

Criteria	Marks
Demonstrates understanding by providing a substantially correct algorithm that solves the problem	5
Demonstrates understanding by providing relevant segments of an algorithm, providing a partial solution to the problem	3–4
Attempts to develop a solution to the problem	1–2



Section III

Question 24 (a) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H1.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Correctly identifies a method from the code segment	1

Question 24 (a) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H1.2, H4.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
• Provides a substantially correct definition of TEACHER as a subclass of PERSON, showing some attributes	2
Provides a definition of a sub-class TEACHER	1

Question 24 (a) (iii)

Outcomes assessed: H1.2

Criteria	Marks
• Explains the importance of inheritance, demonstrating an understanding of the characteristics and features, referring to the code.	3
• Explains the importance of inheritance, demonstrating an understanding of characteristics and features OR	2
• Provides characteristic(s) of inheritance with some reference to the code	
Provides a characteristic of inheritance	
OR	1
Provides a relevant example	



Question 24 (b) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H1.2

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Identifies an appropriate paradigm, provides supporting argument and relates the argument correctly to the code fragment	2
Identifies an appropriate paradigm	
OR	1
Identifies a characteristic of an appropriate paradigm	

Question 24 (b) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H4.2

Criteria	Marks
Provides a substantially correct evaluation showing some working	3
Provides a partial solution	
OR	2
Provides a correct evaluation	
Shows some working	1



Question 24 (c) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H2.1

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Sketches in general terms the qualities of programmer productivity	2
Identifies a quality of programmer productivity	1

Question 24 (c) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H2.1

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Provides characteristics and features of historical reasons for the development of different paradigms	3
 Provides characteristics and features of a reason for the development of different paradigms OR Identifies reasons for the development of different paradigms 	2
Identifies a reason for the development of different paradigms	1

Question 24 (d)

Outcomes assessed: H1.2, H4.1, H4.2

Criteria	Marks
• Justifies the selection of an appropriate paradigm, linking the features of the selected paradigm to the implementation of the solution to the scenario	4
Identifies an appropriate paradigm	
AND	2–3
Describes a feature(s) of the selected paradigm	
Identifies a paradigm	1



Question 25 (a) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H1.3

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Displays an understanding of place value in binary representation of integers	1

Sample answer/Answers could include:

1*1 + 1*8 = 9

Question 25 (a) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H1.3

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
• Produces a substantially correct solution, showing an understanding of two's complement and addition	2
Shows an understanding of two's complement OR binary addition	1

Question 25 (a) (iii)

Outcomes assessed: H1.3, H4.1

Criteria	Marks
Explains the importance of floating point representation, demonstrating an understanding of characteristics and features	3
AND	3
Provides relevant examples	
• Explains the importance of floating point representation, demonstrating an understanding of characteristics and features	2
OR	2
Provides relevant examples	
Provides a basic explanation	
OR	1
Provides an example	



Question 25 (b) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H1.1, H1.3

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
Describes the movement in both directions	2
Describes the movement in one direction	1

Question 25 (b) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H1.1, H1.3

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
• Explains that bits need to be included for each direction to the data packet and at least 2 bits are needed for each	3
Identifies data needed to be included in the data section of packet	2
Identifies that bits need to be included in the packet	1

Question 25 (c) (i)

Outcomes assessed: H1.1, H1.3

MARKING GUIDELINES

Criteria	Marks
• Identifies the purpose through identifying the main feature(s) of a flip-flop	2
Identifies a purpose of a flip-flop	1

Question 25 (c) (ii)

Outcomes assessed: H1.1, H1.3

Criteria	Marks
• Provides characteristics/features of the operation of a flip-flop, with reference to two inputs and two outputs	3
Provides characteristics/features of the operation of a flip-flop	2
• Identifies a feature/characteristic of the operation of a flip flop	1



Question 25 (d)

Outcomes assessed: H1.3

	Marks	
•	Provides and justifies an equivalent circuit, using truth tables	4
•	Demonstrates understanding of the logic	
A	2–3	
•	Attempts to draw a circuit equivalent to the proposed logic	
•	Demonstrate some understanding of the given circuit	1

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2009 HSC Examination Mapping Grid

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2	1	9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem	H1.2
3	1	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H5.2
4	1	9.1.2 Application of software development approaches	H5.1
5	1	9.1.1 Social and ethical issues	H3.1
6	1	9.1.2 Application of software development approaches9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H6.1
7	1	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H1.1, H1.3
8	1	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H1.2
9	1	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H1.2, H4.2, H4.3, H5.2
10	1	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions9.3 Developing a solution package	H1.2, H5.2
11	1	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions9.3 Developing a solution package	H1.3
12	1	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H1.1
13	1	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H1.3
14	1	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H5.2
15	1	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H4.3, H5.2
16	1	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H5.2
17	1	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H4.3
18	1	9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem	H1.2, H4.2, H5.2
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21 (a) (ii)	3	9.1.2 Application of software development approaches9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H5.3, H6.3
21 (b) (i)	2	9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem 9.3 Developing a solution package	H4.2, H5.1
21 (b) (ii)	3	9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem	H3.1
21 (c)	3	9.2.4 Testing and evaluation of software solutions 9.3 Developing a solution package	H4.2

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes	
		9.1.2 Application of software development		
21 (d) (i)	1	approaches	H1.2, H3.1, H6.1	
		9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	, ,	
		9.1.1 Social and ethical issues		
21 (d) (ii)	2	9.3 Developing a solution package	H3.1, H6.1	
21 (d) (iii)	3	9.1.1 Social and ethical issues	H3.1	
		9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem		
22 (a) (i)	1	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H5.2	
22 (=) (;;)	2	9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem	115.0	
22 (a) (ii)	2	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H5.2	
		9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions		
22 (b) (i)	4	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H4.2, H5.2	
		9.3 Developing a solution package		
22 (b) (ii)	2	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H6.2	
22 (b) (iii)	3	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H4.2, H5.2	
22 (c) (i)	4	9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem	H5.1, H5.2	
(-) (-)	-	9.3 Developing a solution package		
22 (c) (ii)	4	9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem	H5.1, H5.2	
	_	9.3 Developing a solution package		
23 (a) (i)	2	9.2.5 Maintenance of software solutions	H5.2	
23 (a) (ii)	3	9.2.5 Maintenance of software solutions	H5.2	
		9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	****	
23 (b) (i)	2	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H4.2, H4.3	
		9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem 9.2.1 Defining and understanding the problem		
23 (b) (ii)	2	9.2.3 Implementation of software solutions	H4.2, H4.3	
23 (0) (11)	2	9.3 Developing a solution package	114.2, 114.3	
23 (b) (iii)	2	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H4.2, H4.3	
23 (c) (i)	1	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H4.2	
		9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions		
23 (c) (ii)	3	9.3 Developing a solution package	H4.2, H4.3	
23 (c) (iii)	5	9.2.2 Planning and design of software solutions	H4.2, H4.3	
Section III				
24 (a) (i)	1	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H1.2	
24 (a) (ii)	2	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H1.2, H4.2	
24 (a) (iii)	3	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H1.2	
24 (b) (i)	2	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H1.2	
24 (b) (ii)	3	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H4.2	
24 (c) (i)	2	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H2.1	
24 (c) (ii)	3	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H2.1	
24(d)	4	9.4.1 Evolution of programming languages	H1.2, H4.1, H4.2	
25 (a) (i)	1	9.4.2 The software developer's view of the hardware	H1.3	
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Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
25 (a) (iii)	3	9.4.2 The software developer's view of the hardware	H1.3, H4.1
25 (b) (i)	2	9.4.2 The software developer's view of the hardware	H1.1, H1.3
25 (b) (ii)	3	9.4.2 The software developer's view of the hardware	H1.1, H1.3
25 (c) (i)	2	9.4.2 The software developer's view of the hardware	H1.1, H1.3
25 (c) (ii)	3	9.4.2 The software developer's view of the hardware	H1.1, H1.3
25 (d)	4	9.4.2 The software developer's view of the hardware	H1.3