

NCC EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER STUDIES

PROGRAMMING METHODS

DECEMBER 2008 – LOCAL EXAMINATION

SECTION A Answer all questions from this section.

SECTION B Answer any 2 questions from this section.

Time: 2 hours

Clearly cross out surplus answers.

Failure to do this in Section B will result in only the first two answers being marked.

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SECTION A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

Marks

QUESTION 1

Briefly explain the difference between *Third Generation Languages (3GL)* and *Fourth Generation Languages (4GL)*.

QUESTION 2 4

Explain the difference between the 'and' and 'or' logic operations. Give an example of each.

QUESTION 3

State FOUR (4) advantages of using CRC (Class, Responsibility, Collaboration) cards.

QUESTION 4 4

Explain the difference between a *compiler* and an *interpreter*.

QUESTION 5 4

State any FOUR (4) programming languages that can be used to develop web applications.

QUESTION 6

Explain the difference between user documentation and system documentation.

OUESTION 7

Define an object-oriented (OO) language and state TWO (2) advantages of OO languages.

QUESTION 8 4

Rewrite the following *REPEAT...UNTIL* statement using a *FOR* loop.

num=10

REPEAT

num := num + 5

Display num

UNTIL num < 100

OUESTION 9 4

Explain the difference between sequence diagrams and collaboration diagrams.

QUESTION 10 4

List FOUR (4) duties of the Database Administrator.

Total 40 Marks

QUESTIONS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE

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SECTION B ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1		Marks
A)	State FIVE (5) reasons why robust and reliable software is needed.	10
B)	Explain the difference between: i) Inheritance and Polymorphism	4
	ii) A WHILE loop and a REPEATUNTIL	4
C)	Draw a flowchart to solve the following problem:	12
	Your system must allow the user to input TEN (10) employee's annual income. If the annual income is greater or equal to \$50,000, a 6% tax on the income must be charged, otherwise only 4% will be charged.	
	Total 30 I	Marks

QUESTION 2		Marks
A)	List and explain five levels of testing.	10
B)	Name and draw the UML notation for THREE (3) use case elements	6
C)	Draw a collaboration diagram for following specification:	10
	The student needs to log into the student system to enrol for modules at the beginning of every semester. After registration, the system will display a list of registered module names and their corresponding module codes	
D)	List FOUR (4) attributes of good documentation. Total 3	4 80 Marks

QUESTION 3		Marks
A)	List and explain the FIVE (5) stages of the Software Development Lifecycle.	10
B)	Briefly explain the THREE (3) specifications included in System Documentation.	6
C)	Write the Bubble sort algorithm to sort TEN (10) integers.	10
D)	State TWO (2) examples of the Third Generation Languages and TWO (2) examples of Object-oriented Languages.	4
	Total 3	80 Marks

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