3.1.1 User-defined data types(Pastpapers 2015 – 2019)

- show understanding of why user-defined types are necessary
- define and use non-composite types: enumerated, pointer
- define and use composite data types: set, record and class/object
- choose and design an appropriate user-defined data type for a given problem

3.1.2 File organisation and access

- show understanding of methods of file organisation: serial, sequential (using a key field) and random (using a record key)
- show understanding of methods of file access: sequential access for serial and sequential files direct access for sequential and random files
- select an appropriate method of file organisation and file access for a given problem

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3 (a) A particular programming language allows the programmer to define their own data types. **ThisDate** is an example of a user-defined structured data type.

TYPE ThisDate DECLARE ThisDay: (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,18,19,20,21,22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,29,30, 31) DECLARE ThisMonth: (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec) DECLARE ThisYear: INTEGER ENDTYPE A variable of this new type is declared as follows: DECLARE DateOfBirth: ThisDate (i) Name the non-composite data type used in the ThisDay and ThisMonth declarations. [1] (iii) Name the data type of ThisDate. [1] (iii) The month value of DateOfBirth needs to be assigned to the variable MyMonthOfBirth. Write the required statement. [1]

- **(b)** Annual rainfall data from a number of locations are to be processed in a program. The following data are to be stored:
 - location name

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- height above sea level (to the nearest metre)
- total rainfall for each month of the year (centimetres to 1 decimal place)

A user-defined, composite data type is needed.



type can be used to store all the data for one particular location.
(i) Write the definition for the data type LocationRainfall.
[5]
(ii) The programmer decides to store all the data in a file. Initially, data from 27 locations will be stored. More rainfall locations will be added over time and will never exceed 100.
The programmer has to choose between two types of file organisation. The two types are serial and sequential.
Give two reasons for choosing serial file organisation.

The programmer chooses LocationRainfall as the name of this data type. A variable of this

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3	(a) (i)	enumerated	1
	(ii)	record	1
	(iii)	MyMonthOfBirth ← DateOfBirth.ThisMonth	
	(b) (i)	TYPE LocationRainfall DECLARE LocationName : STRING DECLARE LocationHeight : INTEGER DECLARE TotalMonthlyRainfall : ARRAY[112] OF REAL ENDTYPE	
	(ii)	no need to re-sort data every time new data is added only a small file so searching will require little processing new records can easily be appended	
			[max 2] Total: 10



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ENDTYPE

4 (a) A particular programming language allows the programmer to define their own data types. An example of a user-defined data type for an address is:

TYPE ThisAddress

DECLARE ThisHouseNo : INTEGER

DECLARE ThisStreet : STRING

DECLARE ThisTown : STRING

A variable of this new type is declared as follows:

DECLARE HomeAddress : ThisAddress			
(i) Write the statement that assigns the house number 34 to HomeAddress.			
[1]			
(ii) The type definition for ThisAddress is to be changed. Rewrite one line from the definition for each of the following changes.			
House numbers are in the range from 1 to 10.			
DECLARE			
The possible towns are limited to: Brightown, Arunde and Shoram.			
DECLARE[2]			
(b) Temperature data from a number of weather stations are to be processed by a program. The following data are to be stored:			
weather station ID (a unique four-letter code) latitude (to 2 decimal places) average temperature (to the nearest whole number) for each year from 2001 to 2015 inclusive			
A programmer designs a composite data type WeatherStation . A variable of this type can be used to store all the data for one particular station.			
(i) Write the definition for the user-defined data type WeatherStation.			



(ii) The programmer decides to store all the data in a file. The number of weather stations could grow to reach 20000, but not all stations will be present at first.

The programmer decides on random organisation for the file.

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4	(a) (i)	HomeAddress.ThisHouseNo ← 34	1	
	(ii)	DECLARE ThisHouseNo: 110		
		DECLARE ThisTown: [Brightown, Arunde, Shoram]	1	
	(b) (i)	TYPE WeatherStation DECLARE StationID : STRING DECLARE Latitude : REAL DECLARE Temperature : ARRAY[115] OF INTEGER ENDTYPE		
	(ii)	StationID is hashed to produce home location If home location is free insert record Else use overflow method to find free location	1 1 1	
			Total: 11	

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4 (a) Three file organisation methods and two file access methods are shown below. Draw lines to link each file organisation method to its appropriate file access method or methods

File organisation method	File access method
serial	direct
sequential	sequential
random	

- **(b)** A bank has a very large number of customers. The bank stores data for each customer. This includes:
 - unique customer number
 - personal data (name, address, telephone number)
 - transactions

The bank computer system makes use of three files:

- A a file that stores customer personal data. This file is used at the end of each month for the production of the monthly statement
- B a file that stores encrypted personal identification numbers (PINs) for customer bank cards. This file is accessed when the customer attempts to withdraw cash at a cash machine (ATM).
- C a file that stores all customer transaction records for the current month. Every time the customer makes a transaction, a new record is created.

For each of the files A, B and C, state an appropriate method of organisation. Justify your choice.

(i) File A organisation	 	
Justification	 	
	 	[3]



(ii) File B organisation	
Justification	
	[3]
	ι
(iii) File C organisation	
Justification	
	[3]

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4 (a)		
	File organisation method Serial File access method direct	1
	sequential	2
	random	1
(b) (i)	Sequential As all customers get statement // high hit rate Suitable for batch processing of the records // the records will be processed one after the other File organised using customer's unique ID (as primary key field) // Serial As all customers get statement // high hit rate Suitable for batch processing of the records // the records will be processed one after the other Order not important	
		Max 3
(ii)	Random	1
	Real-time transaction processing Requires fastest access to data	1
	No need to search through records	1
		Max 3



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1 (a) Consider the following user-defined data type:

TYPE LibraryBookRecord

DECLARE ISBN : INTEGER
DECLARE Title : STRING

ENDTYPE

(i) Write a pseudocode statement to declare a variable, Book, of type LibraryBookRecord.
[1]
(ii) Write a pseudocode statement that assigns 'Dune' to the Title of Book.
[1]
(b) The user-defined data type LibraryBookRecord needs to be modified by adding the following fields: a field called Genre which can take two values, fiction or non-fiction a field called NumberOfLoans which can be an integer value in the range 1 to 99
Write the updated version of LibraryBookRecord.
[3]

(c) A pointer is a variable that stores the address of a variable of a particular type. Consider the code on page 3, which uses the following identifiers:

Identifier	Data type	Description
IntPointer	^INTEGER	pointer to an integer
IntVar	INTEGER	an integer variable
Temp1	INTEGER	an integer variable
Temp2	INTEGER	an integer variable

The four assignment statements are executed. The diagram shows the memory contents after execution.

Variable	Memory address	Contents
		7
	8217	
IntVar	8216	88
	8215	
	8214	
		7
	7307	
IntPointer	7306	8216
	7305	
		7
	6717	
Temp1	6716	88
Temp2	6715	57
	6714	
		7

Use the diagram to state the current values of the following expressions:

i) @Temp2	[1
ii) IntPointer	[1]
iii) IntPointer^	[1]
iv) IntPointer^ - Temp2 + 6	[1



(d) Write pseudocode statements that will achieve the following:(i) Assign the value 22 to the variable Temp2.
[1]
(ii) Place the address of Temp1 in IntPointer.
[1]
(iii) Copy the value in Temp2 into the memory location currently pointed at by IntPointer
[1]

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	DECLARE Book : LibraryBookRecord	1
1(a)(ii)	Book.Title ← "Dune"	1
1(b)	TYPE LibraryBookRecord DECLARE ISBN : INTEGER DECLARE Title : STRING DECLARE Genre : (Fiction, Non-Fiction) 1 DECLARE NumberOfLoans : 1 99 ENDTYPE mark for correct declaration and first two fields (note: only if attempt at modification) 1	3
1(c)(i)	6715	1
1(c)(ii)	8216	1
1(c)(iii)	88	1
1(c)(iv)	FALSE	1
1(d)(i)	Temp2 ← 22	1
1(d)(ii)	IntPointer ← @Temp1	1
1(d)(iii)	IntPointer^ ← Temp2	1

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1 (a) Consider the following pseudocode user-defined data type:

TYPE MyContactDetail

DECLARE Name : STRING
DECLARE HouseNumber : INTEGER

ENDTYPE

(i) Write a pseudocode statement to declare a variable, NewFriend, of type MyContactDetail.
[1]
(ii) Write a pseudocode statement that assigns 129 to the HouseNumber of NewFriend.
[1]
(b) The user-defined data type MyContactDetail needs to be modified by:
adding a field called Area which can take three values, uptown, downtown or midtown amending the field HouseNumber so that house numbers can only be in the range 1 to 499.
Write the updated version of MyContactDetail.
(c) A pointer is a variable that stores the address of a variable of a particular type. Consider the
pseudocode on page 3, which uses the following identifiers:

Identifier	Data type	Description
IPointer	^INTEGER	pointer to an integer
Sum	INTEGER	an integer variable
MyInt1	INTEGER	an integer variable
MyInt2	INTEGER	an integer variable



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The four assignment statements are executed. The diagram shows the memory contents after execution.

Variable	Memory Address	Contents
		7
	5848	
	5847	
IPointer	5846	4402
	5845	
		7
	4403	
Sum	4402	33
	4401	
		7
	3428	
MyInt1	3427	91
MyInt2	3426	33
	3425	
		7



Use the diagram to state the current values of the following expressions:	
(i) IPointer	[1]
(ii) IPointer [^]	[1]
(iii) @MyInt1	[1]
(iv) IPointer^ = MyInt2	[1]
(d) Write pseudocode statements that will achieve the following:	
(i) Place the address of MyInt2 in IPointer.	
	[1]
(ii) Assign the value 33 to the variable MyInt1.	
	[1]
(iii) Copy the value in MyInt2 into the memory location currently pointed at b	•
	[1]

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	DECLARE NewFriend : MyContactDetail	1
1(a)(ii)	NewFriend.HouseNumber ← 129	1
1(b)	Declaration of Name, Area, HouseNumber 1 Inclusion of three correct values for Area 1 Inclusion of correct range for HouseNumber 1 For example: TYPE MyContactDetail DECLARE Name : STRING DECLARE Area : (uptown, downtown, midtown) 1 DECLARE HouseNumber : 1499 18.1	3
1(c)(i)	4402	1
1(c)(ii)	33	1
1(c)(iii)	3427	1
1(c)(iv)	TRUE	1
1(d)(i)	IPointer ← @MyInt2	1
1(d)(ii)	MyInt1 ← 33	1
1(d)(iii)	IPointer^ ← MyInt2	1



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2 A programmer uses non-composite and composite data types to create a program.	
(a) Define the term non-composite data type.	
[1]	
(b) Describe two different non-composite data types.	
Data type 1	
Description	
Data type 2	
Description	
	[4]
(c) Define the term composite data type.	
[1]	
(d) Describe two different composite data types.	
Data type 1	
Description	
Data type 2	
Description	
	[4]



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Answers

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	single data type that does not involve a reference to another type/usually built in to a programming language	1
2(b)	1 mark for data type, 1 for definition, max 4, 2 data types Integer	4
2(c)	data type constructed from other data types	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(d)	1 mark for naming, 1 for description, max 4, 2 data types Record collection of related items which may have different data types Array (Indexed) collection of items with the same data type List (Indexed) collection of items that can have different data types Set stores a finite number of different values that have no order // supports mathematical operations Class/Structure	4
	☐ Gives the properties and methods for an object	

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1 Data types can be defined in a programming language. The data type, **StudentRecord**, is defined by the code:

TYPE StudentRecord

DECLARE StudentID : INTEGER

DECLARE StudentFirstName : STRING

DECLARE StudentSurname : STRING

DECLARE StudentDOB : DATE

DECLARE StudentCourse : ARRAY[1:10] OF STRING

ENDTYPE

A variable, CollegeStudent, is declared with the code:
DECLARE CollegeStudent : StudentRecord
(a) Write a pseudocode statement to assign 6539 to the StudentID of CollegeStudent.
[1]
(b) The type definition for StudentRecord is changed.
(i) Students can take six courses from: Computer Science, Engineering, Science, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Music, Drama and English Language.
Rewrite one line from the type definition of StudentRecord to implement the change.
DECLARE
[2]
(ii) The values for the field StudentID must be between 1 and 8000 inclusive.
Rewrite one line from the type definition of StudentRecord to implement the change.
DECLARE[1]
(c) A programmer is asked to write a program to process the assessment data for each student. Students sit one exam in every course they take.
A composite data type, StudentAssessment, needs to be defined with the following three fields. a student assessment code (a unique code of three letters and two digits) the marks for the six exams



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the average mark of the six exams

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(i) Write pseudocode to define the data type StudentAssessment.
[4]
(ii) Data about all students and their assessments are stored in a file that uses random organisation. The StudentID is used as the key field.
The program allows a user to enter data for a new student.
Explain how the program adds the new data to the file.
[3]
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1(a)	CollegeStudent.StudentID ← 6539	1
1(b)(i)	1 mark per bullet	2
	StudentCourse: ARRAY[1:6] OF	
	All valid string options, for example: DECLARE StudentCourse: ARRAY[1:6] OF ("Computer Science", "Engineering", "Science", "Maths", "Physics", "Chemistry", "Music", "Drama", "English Language")	
1(b)(ii)	DECLARE StudentID: 1 8000	1
1(c)(i)	1 mark per bullet Type declaration Type and ENDTYPE Declaring Code as STRING Declaring Mark as ARRAY [1:6] OF INTEGER AverageMark as REAL For example: TYPE StudentAssessment DECLARE Code : STRING DECLARE Mark : ARRAY[1:6] OF INTEGER	4
	DECLARE AverageMark : REAL ENDTYPE	
1(c)(ii)	Any 3 from, 1 mark per bullet	3
	studentID/key field is hashed to produce home location If home location is free, insert record/data Else use overflow method to find free location to store record / data If no free location available then file is full and record/data cannot be stored	