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Date and time:

This paper is in two parts: part A and part B. You should answer ALL questions from part A and TWO questions from part B. Part A carries 40 marks, and each question from part B carries 30 marks. The marks for each part of a question are indicated at the end of the part in [.] brackets.

There are 100 marks available on this paper.

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Part A

You should attempt all of these questions

Each question has one correct answer

(a) What is the result of executing the following instructions:

```
a = 0
b = 2
print('(a/b) is', float(a/b))
```

- i. A syntax error
- ii. A run-time error
- iii. The local printer will print the message “(a/b) is 0.0”
- iv. The string '(a/b) is 0.0' will be displayed on the screen
- v. None of the above

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(b) What is the final value of the variable a after executing the following assignments:

```
a = 0
b = 2
b = a-b
a = b
b = 0
```

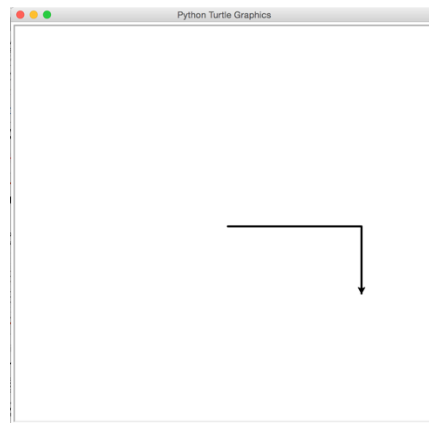
- i. 0
- ii. 2
- iii. -2
- iv. None of the above

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(c) In which order should the following statements be executed for the turtle to draw the figure plotted in the graphic window shown on the right:

```
1 jo = turtle.Turtle()
2 jo.forward(100)
3 import turtle
4 wn.exitonclick()
5 jo.forward(200)
6 wn = turtle.Screen()
7 jo.right(90)
```

- i. 3, 6, 1, 5, 7, 2, 4
- ii. 6, 3, 1, 2, 7, 5, 4
- iii. 3, 6, 1, 7, 5, 2, 4
- iv. 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 7, 2
- v. None of the above



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(d) The correct Python command to generate a random integer between 1 and 10 (inclusive) is:

- i. `random.randrange(0,11)`
- ii. `random.randrange(0,10)`
- iii. `random.randrange(1,11)`
- iv. `random.randrange(1,10)`
- v. None of the above

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(e) What is produced in output by the following code snippet:

```
x = 0
print(x - 2 <-1 and 2 + 3 == 5)
```

- i. False
- ii. True
- iii. `'x - 2 <-1 and 2 + 3 == 5'`
- iv. An error message
- v. None of the above

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(f) Executing the following statements will generate a (run-time or syntax) error:

```
x = -10
if x < 0:
    print("The number", x, "is invalid.")
else:
    if x > 0:
        print("The number", x, "is positive")
    else:
        print("The number", x, "is =0")
```

- i. True.
- ii. False.

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(g) Which sequence will the following code extract produce in output:

```
n = -2
for i in range(4,0,n):
    print(i)
```

- i. 4, 2, 0
- ii. 2, 0, -2
- iii. 0, 2, 4
- iv. 2, 0
- v. 4, 2
- vi. 2
- vii. None of the above.

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(h) What value will be printed on the screen as a result of executing the following code:

```
def subtractFrom(x,y):  
    y = y-x  
  
result = subtractFrom(0,1)  
print(result)
```

- i. 0
- ii. 1
- iii. -1
- iv. None (no value)
- v. An error message

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(i) What is printed on the screen by the following code fragment:

```
a = ['a', 1] + [True] + [[1,2,3], False]  
print(a[2])
```

- i. [1,2,3]
- ii. 'a'
- iii. True
- iv. 'a[2]'
- v. None of the above

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(j) What is the output of the following program:

```
def mystery(x):  
    z = ''  
    y = len(x)  
    while y > 0:  
        z = z + x[y-1]  
        y = y-1  
    return z  
  
print(mystery('mystery'))
```

- i. None (no output is produced)
- ii. '' (the empty string)
- iii. 'yretsym'
- iv. "mystery('mystery')"
- v. 'mystery'

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Part B

You should attempt two of these three questions

Question B1

- (a) i. What is the output of the following code fragment? Complement your answer with a short explanation.

```
for x in [1,3,5]:
    print(x)
    x = 2
```

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- ii. What is the output of the following code fragment? Explain.

```
for y in range(5,-1,-2):
    y = 1
    print(y)
```

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- (b) What is the output of the following program? Provide a brief explanation in support of your answer.

```
def setup(x,y):
    x = 0
    y = 0

def main():
    setup(a,b)
    print(a,b)

a = 2
b = 3
main()
```

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- (c) Write a function called `multiplyOdds` that takes an integer n as a parameter and returns the product of the first n odd counting numbers. (You can assume the number n is > 0)

For example, if $n = 4$, the value returned should be the result of $1 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7$, i.e., 105.

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Question B2

- (a) i. What does the execution of the following program produce on the screen? Complement your answer with a brief explanation.

```
res = 0
for x in range(5):
    for y in range(5):
        res = res + 1
print(res)
```

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- ii. What is the output of the following code snippet? Explain.

```
for i in range(5):
    res = 0
    for j in range(5):
        res = res + 1
print(res)
```

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- (b) Assuming `a` is a list of integers, explain why the following code fragment generates an error:

```
for i in range(-1, len(a)):
    a[i+1] = 1 + a[i]
```

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- (c) Write a function called `listExpand` that accepts a list as a parameter and returns a new list obtained by replacing each element the original one with i copies of that element, where i is the position of that element in the list (i.e., the first element in the list occupies the first position, the second element the second position, and so on).

For example: given the list `[2, 'a', 7.1]` as input, the function should return `[2, 'a', 'a', 7.1, 7.1, 7.1]`

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Question B3

- (a) i. Consider the following code:

```
import turtle
jose = turtle.Turtle()
nick = turtle.Turtle()
jose.color('pink')
jose = nick
nick.color('blue')
jose.forward(100)
```

What color is the line drawn by the turtle 'nick' on the graphic window? Justify your answer with an explanation.

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- ii. Explain what is wrong with the following program:

```
def exponent(x,y):
    z = x**y
    return z

exponent(2,3)
print(z)
```

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- (b) Explain what the function "drawIt" defined below does, and what the main program following the definition uses it for (your explanation should include a drawing showing what the program produces in the graphic window):

```
import turtle
def drawIt(t, l, a, c):
    for i in range(len(c)):
        t.color(c[i])
        t.forward(l)
        t.left(a)

w = turtle.Screen()
j = turtle.Turtle()
drawIt(j, 100, 120, ['red', 'blue', 'green'])
drawIt(j, -100, -120, ['red', 'blue', 'green'])
```

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- (c) Without using the method `replace()`, write a function called `noDigits` that takes a string as a parameter and returns a new string obtained by stripping the original one of all the digits.

For example, given the string “H9e2llo Wo7r3l4d”, the function should return “Hello World”.

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End of exam