

5. Which of the following is required to network four computers in a star topology?

- (1) a firewall (2) a modem (3) a server (4) a switch

6. Which of the following is the octal equivalent of decimal 216_{10} ?

- (1) 40_8 (2) 43_8 (3) 73_8 (4) 330_8

7. Which of the following is the decimal equivalent of binary $1000\ 1000_2$?

- (1) 24_{10} (2) 136_{10} (3) 272_{10} (4) 1024_{10}

8. Which of the following is the hexadecimal equivalent of octal 1572_8 ?

- (1) DE_{16} (2) $37A_{16}$ (3) 3710_{16} (4) 12562_{16}

9. One Terabyte (1 TB) is equal to

- (1) 1024 KB (2) 1024×1024 KB
(3) $1024 \times 1024 \times 1024$ KB (4) $1024 \times 1024 \times 1024 \times 1024$ KB

10. Which of the following statements are true regarding the ASCII coding system?

A - Characters E and e are represented using the same code.

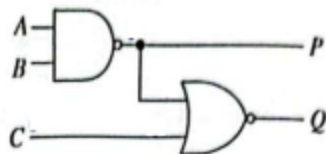
B - # and \$ symbols have different codes.

C - Sinhala characters do not have ASCII codes.

- (1) B only (2) A and C only (3) B and C only (4) All A, B and C

11. According to the adjacent logic circuit, what will be the respective outputs at P and Q when A, B and C inputs are respectively 1, 1 and 0?

- (1) 0, 0 (2) 0, 1 (3) 1, 0 (4) 1, 1



12. What is the shortcut key combination in a word processing software to select the entire document?

- (1) Ctrl + A (2) Ctrl + B (3) Ctrl + C (4) Ctrl + V

13. Which of the following icons in a word processing software can be used to align the left and right sides of a text parallel to each other?

- (1)  (2)  (3)  (4) 

14. Which of the following statements are correct regarding a word processing software?

A - It lets the user to add tables and images to a document.

B - Format Painter tool () lets a user to copy formatting like font style and apply it to other pieces of text.

C - Landscape and Portrait are the two page orientations available.

- (1) A and B only (2) A and C only (3) B and C only (4) All A, B and C

15. Which of the following icons could be used to format a character as a subscript in a Word Processing Software?

- (1) A (2) A² (3) A₂ (4) U

- To answer questions 16 and 17 consider the following spreadsheet segment which contains the ICT marks obtained by students for three term tests.

16. What is the formula to be entered into cell D9, to find the number of students who appeared for the 3rd term test?

- (1) =COUNT(B2:D8) (2) COUNT(D2:D8)
(3) =SUM(B2:D8) (4) =SUM(D2:D8)

17. What is the correct formula to be entered into cell E2 to calculate the average mark of Shanaya for the three term tests?

- (1) (57+70+absent)/3 (2) =(B2+C2+D2)/3 (3) AVERAGE(B2:D2) (4) =SUM(B2:D2)/3

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Name	1st Term	2nd term	3rd Term	
2	Shanaya	57	70	absent	
3	Nethmi	45	55	66	
4	Asjath	75	68	absent	
5	Bimsara	45	57	70	
6	Vasuki	56	67	78	
7	MalRaj	45	35	55	
8	Vasanthar	40	60	75	
9					
10					

18. Which of the following formulas (I, II, III) contain valid cell addresses?

I: X\$1\$+Y\$1

II: P\$1+\$Q\$2

III: M2*N\$2

- (1) I and II only (2) I and III only (3) II and III only (4) All I, II and III

- Questions 19 to 22 are based on the following four partially shown database tables that are designed for a bus seat reservation system.

BUS_STATION

Bus station code	Name
W1	Colombo
SI	Galle
NI	Jaffna

ROUTE

Note: Routes are identified by the Route_code. Many routes can start from the same bus station and many routes can end at the same bus station.

Route_code	From bus station code	To bus station code
1_1	W1	N1
2_1	W1	S1

ROUTE_INSTANCE

Note: Assume there is only one trip per route per day.

Route_code	Date	Available_seats
1_1	01-07-2024	23
1_1	02-07-2024	35
2_1	01-07-2024	34
2_1	02-07-2024	35

SEAT_RESERVATION

Note: Seat_number uniquely identifies a seat.

Route_code	Date	Seat_number	Passenger_name	Passenger_phone
1_1	01-07-2024	23	ABC Fernando	0111111111
1_1	01-07-2024	35	DEF Sivarajah	0333333333
2_1	01-07-2024	34	IJK Meerasahib	0222222222

19. What is most suitable to be the primary key of the ROUTE table?

- (1) From_bus_station_code
- (2) Route_code
- (3) To_bus_station_code
- (4) Route_code + From_bus_station_code

20. What is most suitable to be the primary key of the SEAT_RESERVATION table?

- (1) Route_code
- (2) Route_code + Date
- (3) Route_code + Seat_number
- (4) Route_code + Date + Seat_number

21. What is a foreign key in this database?

- (1) Bus_station_code in the BUS_STATION table
- (2) Date in the ROUTE_INSTANCE table
- (3) Seat number in the SEAT_RESERVATION table
- (4) To_bus_station_code in the ROUTE table

22. If it is decided to add a description to each route (e.g., Kurunegala-Anuradhapura-Vavuniya to Route 1_1), to which table should that field be added?

- (1) BUS_STATION
- (2) ROUTE
- (3) ROUTE_INSTANCE
- (4) SEAT_RESERVATION

23. The roots of a quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are found by the equation $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. If a program is to be written to use this equation to find roots, what would be the inputs to this program?
- (1) a, b, c (2) a, b, b^2 , c (3) x, a, b, c (4) x, a, b, b^2 , c
24. Suppose you are designing an algorithm to input an employee's age, check if that employee is eligible for retirement and output the result. The age of retirement is 60 years. Which of the following control structures would be most appropriate to use in this algorithm?
- (1) Selection only (2) Sequence only
(3) Iteration and selection only (4) Sequence and selection only
25. Consider the following P, Q and R logical expressions:
- P: $(A \geq 10) \text{ AND NOT } (B > 30)$ Q: $(A < 10) \text{ OR } (B < 30)$ R: $(A < 10) \text{ OR } (B = 30)$
- If above A and B contain the values 10 and 10 respectively, which of the following represents the correct outcomes of P, Q and R respectively?
- (1) false, false, true (2) false, true, true (3) true, true, false (4) true, true, true
26. Suppose you want to store the full name of a person in a variable. What would be the most suitable data type for that variable?
- (1) Boolean (2) Char (3) Integer (4) String
27. When operator precedence in Pascal is considered, what will be the result of $4 - 1 * 3 + 5$?
- (1) -4 (2) 6 (3) 14 (4) 24
28. In which of the following instances would you use an if-then-else selection structure in structured programming?
- (1) to assign a value to the variable age and print the value stored in age
(2) to validate a password entered by a user
(3) to calculate the sum of first 100 integers
(4) to repeat a task for 15 times

- Questions 29 and 30 are based on the Pascal codes shown in figures 1 and 2 respectively.

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program whileTest;
var
  a, sum: Integer;

begin
  sum := 0; a := 1;
  while a < 5 do
  begin
    sum := sum + a;
    a := a + 1;
  end;
  writeln(sum);
end.

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Figure 1

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program looptest;
var i, j : Integer;
begin
  for i := 1 to 2 do
  begin
    for j := 1 to 2 do
      write(i,j);
    end;
  end.
end.

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Figure 2

29. What would be the output if the code shown in Figure 1 is executed?

- (1) 0 (2) 10 (3) 11 (4) 15

30. Which nested control structure is visible in the Pascal code of Figure 2?

- (1) iteration inside iteration (2) iteration inside selection (3) selection inside iteration (4) selection inside selection

31. A program written in which of the following programming languages can be executed directly by the CPU of a computer?

- (1) Assembly (2) C (3) machine language (4) Pascal

32. Which of the following statements are true?

A - It is important to do 'Identification of requirements' correctly in both waterfall and iterative incremental models.

B - It is suitable if 'integration testing' is done only when the 'unit tests' are successful.

C - 'System testing' should be done only after 'acceptance testing'.

- (1) A and B only (2) A and C only (3) B and C only (4) All A, B and C

33. Which of the following will best help the users of a proposed system to get an idea of its features and how it will appear?

- (1) Interviews with system developers
(2) Questionnaires from system developers
(3) Sample reports/files given to system developers
(4) The prototypes of the proposed system shown by system developers

34. Consider the following steps to send an email using a service like Gmail:

- A - Login to the email account B - Click 'Send' C - Click 'Compose' or 'New'
D - Type the subject and the message E - Type the To address

Which of the following gives the correct order of the above steps?

- (1) A → B → C → D → E (2) A → C → E → D → B
(3) C → B → E → D → A (4) C → D → E → A → B

35. Which of the following are true regarding the use of a particular software through SaaS of cloud computing?
- A - The client needs an Internet connection to use the software.
 - B - The client needs to design and code the software.
 - C - An agreement with the cloud service provider is required to use the software.
- (1) A and B only (2) A and C only (3) B and C only (4) All A, B and C
36. Which of the following is essential to connect a computer to the Internet?
- (1) a fiber optic connection
 - (2) an uninterruptible power supply
 - (3) a web browser
 - (4) a service from an Internet Service Provider
37. Which of the following statements are true regarding raster images?
- A - If an image uses n bits to keep information about each pixel, then that image is capable of displaying 2^n colours.
 - B - Image resolution refers to the number of pixels that exist within an image.
 - C - A graphic with a large number of bits per pixel and a high resolution has a small file size.
- (1) A only (2) B only (3) A and B only (4) A and C only
38. Which of the following statements are true?
- A - acedb is an example for a video file type.
 - B - MP3 is an example for an audio file type.
 - C - The frames between two key frames in an animation are called tween frames.
- (1) A and B only (2) A and C only (3) B and C only (4) All A, B and C
39. You have been assigned to design a web page to be used by the out-patients to reserve times to meet doctors at a clinic of a government hospital. Which of the following is not essential to be included on that page?
- (1) A video showing the doctors treating the patients in the clinic
 - (2) Facility to view times available for reservation on a selected date
 - (3) Facility to enter patient's name, NIC number and phone number to complete a reservation
 - (4) Information on dates and times the clinic is open and location of the clinic
40. Consider the following statement taken from an HTML file:
- ```

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- Which of the following statements are not true with respect to it?
- (1) The *dunhinda.jpg* image is displayed if it exists.
  - (2) The *Dunhinda* text is displayed if *dunhinda.jpg* image file is not available.
  - (3) Either the *dunhinda.jpg* image or *Dunhinda* text will always appear at the right on the web page.
  - (4) The *Dunhinda* text will always appear on the right of the *dunhinda.jpg* image.





- (vi) Some formatting options available in a word processing software are shown below:

Option	<b>B</b>	<i>I</i>	<u>U</u>	<del>S</del>	¶	<u>A</u>	Aa
Label	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V

Write down the labels of the any two options that have been used to do the following sentence formatting.

Sentence before formatting: Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching. Sentence after formatting: NEVER STOP LEARNING, BECAUSE LIFE NEVER STOPS TEACHING.

- (vii) Indicate whether the following four statements labelled A to D regarding presentations/presentation software are true or false by drawing or X symbols respectively against each label.



A - The slide layout can be used to create a slide with a title, some text bullets and two images.

B - Video content cannot be added to an electronic presentation.

C - It is good to add a lot of long sentences to each slide.

D - Before making the slides, it is suitable to plan the presentation considering its purpose, the time duration and the expected audience.

- (viii) A program is required to check the spellings in a text file named by the user. The program is to offer suggestions for incorrect words and then do what the user wants with respect to them. A flowchart drawn for the purpose is shown at right.

Write down the labels of the correct replacements for P to U choosing from the given list.

List:

A - Is the word correct?

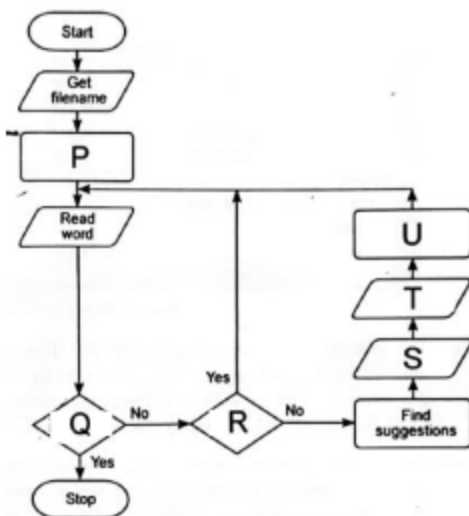
B - Do what user wants

C - End-of-file?

D - Get user input

E - Open file

F - Print suggestions



- (ix) (a) 'Identification of requirements' is the first step in the *System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)*.

List its 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> steps in the correct order.

- (b) In which step of SDLC is the use of prototypes most productive?

- (x) Consider the email header given below.

To: riyas@example.com

Cc: raja@abc.com, saman@example.com

Bcc: sheron@abc.com

Indicate whether the following statements labelled A to D are true or false by drawing ✓ or ✗ symbols respectively against each label.

A - riyas is the primary recipient of the email.

B - raja will know that sheron also received the email.

C - riyas can see that the email was also sent to saman.

D - Everyone in the To and Cc fields can see each other's email addresses.

2. The following spreadsheet shows some statistics related to ICT usage of Sri Lanka for the period of 2014-2020.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1			ICT Adoption of Sri Lanka in 2014-2020			
2	Year	Fixed telephone subscriptions	Fixed broadband subscriptions	Mobile cellular subscriptions	Number of Internet users	Difference of Mobile Cellular users and Internet users
3	2014	2,709,848	567,601	22,123,000	2,230,142	19,892,858
4	2015	3,287,676	625,917	23,899,642	2,581,740	21,317,902
5	2016	2,479,802	892,184	25,797,200	3,235,250	22,561,950
6	2017	2,603,178	1,220,504	28,199,084	4,580,952	23,618,132
7	2018	2,473,875	1,544,313	30,282,984	5,610,985	24,671,999
8	2019	2,291,464	1,666,317	28,352,588	6,278,403	22,074,185
9	2020	2,607,868	1,781,530	29,730,464	7,600,277	22,130,187
10	Lowest value	2,291,464				
11	Highest value		1,781,530			
12	Source: <a href="https://ourworldindata.org/">https://ourworldindata.org/</a>					

Source: [https://ourworldindata.org](https://ourworldindata.org/)

- (i) The column F is used to calculate the difference of mobile cellular subscriptions and the number of Internet users. The value relevant for the year 2014 is calculated by deducting the relevant value in column E from the relevant value in column D. Write down the suitable formula for cell F3 to display the result.
- (ii) Assume the formula written in cell F3 is copied to the cell range F4:F9 to get the differences of mobile cellular subscriptions and the number of Internet users for the period of 2015 to 2020. Write the formula which shows this difference for the year 2019 (cell F8).

- (iii) (a) What is the formula to be written in cell B10 to get the lowest value for fixed telephone subscriptions?
- (b) What is the formula to be written in cell C11 to get the highest value for fixed broadband subscriptions?
- (iv) Write down the labels of the following steps in proper order to format the numbers in the cell range B3:F11 as comma separated for every 1000.

Label	Description
A	Select 'Number' tab and select 'Number' under it
B	Click 'OK' button
C	Make Decimal places to 0 and click on the checkbox to activate 'Use 1000 separator'
D	Select the cell range B3:F11
E	Press right mouse button and select 'Format Cells'

- (v) From column and pie charts, what is most suitable to compare the values across the four categories (B3:E9) over the period 2014-2020?
- (vi) Assume that on a different spreadsheet the cell B4 contains the formula  $=B3+B2$ . If this formula is copied to cell C5, write down the formula that would appear in cell C5.

3. Following are the partially shown relational database tables that are used to store information about students, courses and course enrolment in a university.

#### STUDENT

Student_id	First_name	Last_name
S1000	Saman	Perera
S1001	Raj	Selvam
S1002	Shane	Almeida
S1003	Moshin	Ahmed

#### COURSE

Course_id	Course_name	Credits	Department
C200	Programming	4	Computer Science
C201	Organic Chemistry	3	Chemistry
C202	English Literature	3	English
C203	Molecular Biology	4	Biology
C204	Web Development	3	Computer Science

## ENROLMENT

Student_id	Course_id	Enrolment_date
S1000	C200	05-01-2024
S1001	C203	04-01-2024
S1002	C204	05-01-2024
S1003	C202	06-01-2024

- (i) (a) Write down the primary key of **ENROLMENT** table.  
(b) Write down the foreign key (s) of **ENROLMENT** table.
- (ii) Which tables need to be updated to accommodate the following?  
(a) the Computer Science Department introducing a new course named Cyber Security  
(b) a new student joining the University and enrolling in the Organic Chemistry course
- (iii) The Chemistry Department introduces a new course named Inorganic Chemistry (CourseID: C228) having 3 credits. Saman Perera enrolls in that course on 08-01-2024 and Moshin Ahmed enrolls in it on 09-01-2024. Write down the new records to be added to the relevant tables for the above change.  
**Note:** Use only the *table name* → (*field1 content, field2 content, ...*) format for each new record.  
E.g., STUDENT → (S1000, Saman, Perera)
- (iv) It is required to show the Course\_ids of all courses enrolled by the student S1001. The course name also needs to be shown. Which tables need to be joined for this purpose?
- (v) It is decided to add the name and the phone number of the teacher teaching each course to the new fields **Teacher\_name** and **Teacher\_phone** respectively. If a teacher could be assigned to teach several courses, recommend the most suitable table addition/change for this purpose.

4. The administration of a school decides to calculate the body mass index (BMI) of each student to find the 'underweight', 'normal', 'overweight' and 'obese' students.  
The BMI of a person weighing  $w$  kilograms and having a height of  $h$  metres is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{BMI} = w/h^2$$

E.g., The BMI of a person weighing 90 kg and 2 m tall  $90/2^2 = 90/4 = 22.5$

Then the person's weight status is found according to the following table:

BMI	Weight status
$\text{BMI} < 18.5$	Underweight
$18.5 \leq \text{BMI} < 25.0$	Normal
$25.0 \leq \text{BMI} \leq 29.9$	Overweight
$\text{BMI} > 29.9$	Obese

The school administration wants a program to find the weight status of all the 400 students in the school. In this program, for each student, the name, grade, weight in kilograms and height in metres should be taken as inputs. Then the student's BMI should be computed. Finally, the name, grade, the BMI and weight status (underweight, normal, overweight or obese) of the student should be printed.

A pseudocode skeleton that aids in writing this program is given below. Write down the suitable replacements for the blanks in it labelled from A to G. Note: The replacement to one of the blanks requires multiple lines.

```

BEGIN
 Count = 1
 WHILE Count <A...
 B..... name, grade, weight, height
 C...
 OUTPUT name, grade, bmi
 IFD.....
 OUTPUT "Underweight"
 ELSE
 IFE.....
 Output "Normal"
 Else
 F.....
 ENDIF
 G.....
 ENDWHILE
END

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5. (i) Match the descriptions labelled P to S with the correct terms from the list given and write the relevant term against each label using the **label → term** format.

Label	Description
P	A protocol for electronic mail transmission
Q	A protocol used for transmitting web pages over the Internet
R	A unique identifier for a device on the Internet
S	The address of a specific web page

**List:** {DNS, email address, HTTP, IP address, SMTP, URL}

- (ii) Choosing from the examples given in the list, write down the label of the suitable example for each of the items numbered from 1 to 6 using the **number → label** format.

1 - protocol

2 - IP Address

3 - Email Address

4 - Domain Name

5 - URL

6 - An operating system

**List:** { A - 192.168.1.1 , B - <https://www.example.com> , C - Java , D - john.doe@example.com, E - SaaS , F - TCP/IP , G - xyz.example.com, H - Ubuntu }

- (iii) The HTML source of the web page shown in Figure 1 is given in Figure 2 with certain missing tags labelled ❶ to ❿.

## Renewable Energy for Sri Lanka

Renewable energy sources are essential for sustainable development. Sri Lanka will benefit immensely by investing in it.

### Types of Renewable Energy

- Solar energy
- Wind energy
- Hydroelectric power
- Biomass energy

Some challenges and solutions for renewable energy adoption:

Challenge	Solution
High initial costs	Subsidies and providing incentives
Variable energy production	Providing energy storage solutions
Infrastructure needs	Investment in national grid upgrades
Environmental impacts	Sustainable site selection

For more details: [National Green Energy](#)

Figure 1: Web page



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<html>
<head> <1>Renewable energy </1> </head>
<2>
<3><h1>Renewable Energy for Sri Lanka</h1></3>
<p>Renewable energy sources are essential for sustainable development. Sri Lanka will benefit immensely by investing in it. </p>

<4>Types of Renewable Energy</4>
<5>
 <6>Solar energy</6>
 <6>Wind energy</6>
 <6>Hydroelectric power</6>
 <6>Biomass energy</6>
</5>
<p>Some challenges and solutions for renewable energy adoption:</p>
<7 border="4" align="center">
<tr><8>Challenge</8><8>Solution</8></tr>
<tr><9>High initial costs</9><9>Subsidies and providing incentives</9></tr>
<tr><9>Variable energy production</9><9>Providing energy storage solutions</9></tr>
<tr><9>Infrastructure needs</9><9>Investment in national grid upgrades</9></tr>
<tr><9>Environmental impacts</9><9>Sustainable site selection</9></tr>
</7>
<p>
For more details: <10 href="http://greenergy.gov.lk" > National Green Energy </10></p>
</2>
</html>

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Figure 2: HTML Source

Select the correct tags for the labels 1 to 10 of Figure 2 from the list given below. Write down each label number and the corresponding HTML tag.

List: { a, body, center, dl, h1, h2, head, li, link, ol, p, table, td, th, title, tr, ul }

6. (i) A person is trying to decide whether to use the BMP format or the JPG format to save an image.
- Which format will take lesser storage space? Why?
  - Which format will have better image quality?
- (ii) Write down the main difference between raster and vector image files.
- (iii) (a) Some icons of GIMP software are given below. Write down what each could be used for.

Label	A	B	C	D
Icon				

- For what purpose can the Clone tool in GIMP be used?
- (iv) What are meant by 'key frames' in an animation?

- (v) For what purpose do you use the following icons of Audacity software?

Label	P	Q	R
Icon			

- (vi) Consider the following A and B parts of the *Windows Movie Maker* interface:

A - Preview / player pane

B - Timeline stage

Assume that the above software is started and all the components (e.g., images, audios etc.) that the video must consist of are selected. From A and B, which will show the arrangement of these components?

7. (i) Write down three character types that a strong password should consist of. Give another characteristic that will make a password strong.
- (ii) What is 'plagiarism'?
- (iii) Protecting the electronic items that we already have is one way of stopping them being added to e-waste. Write down two steps that you could take to ensure that the hardware of the desktop computer that you use will serve you without problems for a long time.
- (iv) Write down one thing that you could do to protect the software on your computer.
- (v) Give one good habit that a person could follow with respect to each of the following:
- (a) To make it easier to find the files that he/she has stored on his/her computer
- (b) To prevent the hard disk becoming full
- (vi) A good posture is important when using a computer. Write down one guideline that one could follow with respect to the computer screen placement and one's eye level.
- (vii) It is suggested to create a citizen database containing the details of all citizens living in a district. The details to be entered for a citizen include his/her name, address, birth date, gender, NIC number and the NIC numbers of his/her parents. The database is to be updated based on births, deaths and citizen migrations.

Write down one benefit of this proposed system.