1. A games company has developed a game called Kidz Arrowz. The players throw an arrow at a target board and are awarded different points depending on which circle the arrow lands. Fig. 1 shows the board.

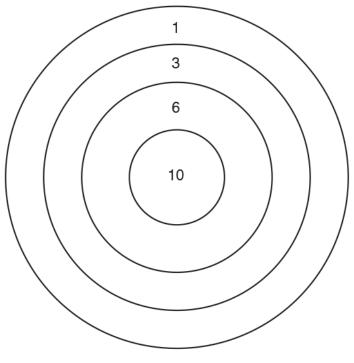


Fig. 1

A computer program is required to keep track of the scores for each competition. The user will enter the number of players, and the name of each player, in that competition to a maximum of 10.

(i)	The programmer has decided to use a bubble sort to sort the players' scores in descending order of score.
	Describe the disadvantages of using a bubble sort.

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(ii)	Despite the disadvantages, the programmer has decided to use a bubble sort for the players' scores.
	Identify the characteristic of this problem that minimises the disadvantages of a bubble sort.
(III)	
(III)	Write a procedure, sortScores, to perform a bubble sort on the global array scores to sort the players' scores into descending numeric order.

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(iv) An alternative sorting method is the insertion sort.

A procedure, insertionSort, has been written to sort an array numbers. The procedure is incomplete.

Complete the procedure.

[4]

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2. A program needs to sort an array of lowercase strings into descending alphabetic order. An example of the data is shown in Fig. 4.1.

sheep rabbit dog fox cow horse cat deel

Fig. 4.1

Show how a bubble sort would sort the data in Fig. 4.1.	
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(i)	Describe how an insertion sort is performed.	
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(ii)	Demonstrate an insertion sort to place the following numbers into descending numerical order.	
	12 7 4 5 26	
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Question	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1 i	 1 mark per bullet to max 2 Bubble sort is an inefficient algorithm Meaning it will take more time/processing cycles to sort the list. Generally outperformed by Insertion sort/quick sort/ merge sort (accept any other sensible sorting algorithm) The item to be sorted is at the end of the list (and so can only move back one place per pass) which is the worst case scenario for bubble sort. 	2 AO1.2 (1) AO2.2 (1)	Examiner's Comments Most candidates identified the inefficiency of the bubble sort but fewer could expand upon this.
ii	There are only a small number of data items	1 AO2.2 (1)	Examiner's Comments Most candidates correctly identified that that the list to sort was small.
iii	<pre>1 mark per bullet to max 6 • Procedure declaration • Outer loop until no swaps made using flag • Inner loop to iterate through the list •allowance for largest value at end (in bounds) • Comparing elements • Swapping elements • Swapping elements e.g. procedure sortScores() do sorted = true for j = 0 to 19 if scores[j].totalScore > scores[j+1].totalScore then temp = scores[j+1] scores[j+1] = scores[j] scores[j = temp sorted = false endif next j until sorted = true endprocedure</pre>	6 AO1.2 (2) AO2.2 (1) AO3.2 (3)	Examiner's Comments Those candidates who had learnt the standard sorting algorithms had little difficulty producing good pseudocode for the bubble sort. Unfortunately, many candidates had not learnt the code for the standard algorithms.

Question		n	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
		iv	<pre>1 mark for each completed space procedure insertionSort() for count = 0 to numbers.length-1 position = count while position > 0 and numb ers[position]<numbers[position-1] count="" endprocedure<="" endwhile="" next="" numbers[position-1]="numbers[position]" numbers[position]="temp" position="position-1" pre="" temp="numbers[position-1]"></numbers[position-1]></pre>	4 AO2.2 (3) AO3.2 (1)	Examiner's Comments Candidates who were confident in analysing code often answered successfully and could calculate the correct way to index the numbers[] array.
			Total	13	
2			1 mark for each correct swap identified/described Sheep rabbit dog fox cow horse cat deer sheep rabbit fox dog cow horse cat deer sheep rabbit fox dog horse cow cat deer sheep rabbit fox dog horse cow deer cat sheep rabbit fox horse dog cow deer cat sheep rabbit fox horse dog deer cow cat sheep rabbit fox horse dog deer cow cat cat sheep rabbit horse fox dog deer cow cat cat	6	
			Total	6	

Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance		
3	i	One item at a time / serially moved into correct position until all items in list checked	3	Do not allow swap(ped) or pivots Allow two lists. • One item at a time taken from 1 st list •and inserted into 2 nd list •in the correct place. Examiner's Comments		
				There were quite a few very muddled answers to this question, those that were not muddled, were just plain wrong. A large proportion of candidates either were swapping for a bubble sort or using pivots; neither of which were what was required.		
	ii	eg List 1	4	Method must be demonstrated somehow - circles, underlining, description e.g. "insert 12" etc Must be an insertion sort Do not allow swap(ped) or pivots Examiner's Comments Those who knew what an insertion sort was got this correct, a fair percentage used		
	quick sorts or bubble sorts and as such did not receive any marks. Total 7					