

<b>Paper 2 Computational thinking, algorithms and programming (J277/02)</b>				
<b>2.1 Algorithms</b>				
<b>2.1.1 Computational Thinking</b>	Understand the principles of computational thinking (abstraction, decomposition, algorithmic thinking)			
<b>2.1.2 Designing, Creating and Refining Algorithms</b>	Design and refine algorithms using: Pseudocode, Flowcharts, Reference language / Python			
	Identify common errors and use Trace tables			
<b>2.1.3 Searching and Sorting Algorithms</b>	Understand and apply searching and sorting algorithms			
	Searching Algorithms: Linear, Binary			
	Sorting Algorithms: Bubble, Merge, Insert			
<b>2.2 Programming fundamentals</b>				
<b>2.2.1 Programming Constructs</b>	Use variables, constants, operators, inputs, outputs, and assignments in programming			
	Use of the 3 programming concepts: Sequence, Selection and Iteration (Count and Condition controlled Loops)			
	Arithmetic Operators (= - * / MOD DIV ^ )			
	Comparison Operators (== != < <= > >= )			
	Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT)			
<b>2.2.2 Data Types</b>	Understand and apply different data types (integer, real, Boolean, character, string, casting)			
<b>2.2.3 Additional Programming Techniques</b>	Use basic string manipulation (concatenation, slicing)			
	File handling (Open, Read, Write, Close)			
	Use of SQL to search for data (SELECT FROM WHERE)			
	Use of Arrays/Lists when solving problems			
	Use of Sub programs (functions and procedures)			
	Random number generation			
<b>2.3 Producing Robust Programs</b>				
<b>2.3.1 Defensive Design</b>	Understand defensive design considerations (Anticipating misuse, authentication)			
	Input validation			

	Maintainability: Use of sub programs, indentation, commenting, naming conventions			
<b>2.3.2 Testing</b>	Understand the purpose of testing and the different types (Iterative, Final/terminal)			
	Select suitable test data (normal, boundary, Invalid/erroneous)			
<b>2.4 Boolean Logic</b>				
<b>2.4.1 Boolean Logic</b>	Simple logic diagrams using operators (AND, OR, NOT)			
	Complete Truth Tables			
	Combining Boolean operators using AND, OR, NOT			
	Apply Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) in truth tables to solve problems			
<b>2.5 Programming Languages and IDEs</b>				
<b>2.5.1 Languages</b>	Characteristics and purpose of high- and low-level languages			
	Purpose of translators			
	Characteristics of a compiler and an interpreter			
<b>2.5.2 Integrated Development Environments (IDEs)</b>	Use IDE tools (editors, error diagnostics, runtime environment, translators)			