28 students sat this exam paper. The average overall mark was 59.1%.

Question 1 - 23 students attempted this question. The average mark awarded was 11.91/20. The highest mark was 15/20 and the lowest 8/20. There was a typographical error in part a), but this was found and corrected early in the examination and there was no evidence that any student lost marks because of it. Surprisingly few candidates calculated an ideal time for part b); if they had, they would probably have observed that implementation B has virtually zero overheads, while implementation A has significant overheads. Some candidates overlooked the fact that the given times exclude the initialisation loop.

Question 2 - This was the most popular question; 26 students attempted it. The average mark was 12.04/20. The highest mark was 17/20 and the lowest 6/20. Marks were mostly lost because: either no answer was attempted for some part of the question; or the given answer was imprecise or partial.

Question 3 - Just 7 students attempted this question. The average mark was 10.71/20. The highest mark was 16/20 and the lowest 3/20. Two of the attempts were minimal in content, and this adversely affected the average mark. Apart from this, marks were lost because the set question was only partially addressed.

Question 4 - No-one attempted this question.

Comments