28 students sat this exam. The marks were well spread out indicating a wide range of achievement across the candidates. The average mark was 52.2%, highest achievement 93.3%, lowest achievement 21.7%.

The main reasons marks were lost were: (1) partially complete or imprecise answers to part (or parts) of a question; (2) absence of an answer for part (or parts) of a question; (3) completely incorrect answers to part (or parts) of a question. Examples of these problems were found in answers to all questions attempted.

No candidates chose to answer question 4, so all candidates answered questions 1, 2 and 3.

Question 1: Average mark 11.9/20, highest 19, lowest 5. This was the best answered question, and by-and-large candidates dealt with it well. But only a few candidates dealt well with the final part.

Question 2: Average mark 9.7/20, highest 19, lowest 2. The quality of answers to this question was generally more disappointing than for question 1, and the average mark suffered as a result. In particular, only a small number of candidates showed a clear understanding of how the load-linked and store-conditional instructions behave.

Question 3: Average mark 9.4/20, highest 20, lowest 3. Most students answered this question last of all (at least, it was at the end of most answer booklets), and there was evidence that marks were being lost because some candidates were running out of time.