

# AS COMPUTER SCIENCE

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# **Preliminary Material**

To be opened and issued to candidates on or after 1 March 2019 subject to the instructions given in the Teachers' Notes (7516/1/TN).

### **NOTE**

 The Preliminary Material, Skeleton Program and Data Files are to be seen by candidates and their teachers ONLY, for use during preparation for the examination on Tuesday 21 May 2019. They CANNOT be used by anyone else for any other purpose, other than that stated in the instructions issued, until after the examination date has passed. They must NOT be provided to third parties.

#### INFORMATION

- A Skeleton Program is provided separately by your teacher and must be read in conjunction with this Preliminary Material.
- You are advised to familiarise yourselves with the Preliminary Material and Skeleton Program before the examination.
- A copy of this Preliminary Material and the Skeleton Program will be made available to you in hard copy and electronically at the start of the examination.
- You must NOT take any copy of the Preliminary Material, Skeleton Program and Data Files or any other material into the examination room.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

The question paper is divided into THREE sections.

### **SECTION A**

You will be asked to create a new program and answer questions NOT related to the PRELIMINARY MATERIAL or SKELETON PROGRAM.

### **SECTION B**

Questions will refer to the PRELIMINARY MATERIAL and the SKELETON PROGRAM, but will not require programming.

### **SECTION C**

Questions will use the PRELIMINARY MATERIAL and the SKELETON PROGRAM and may require the game1.txt, game2.txt, game3.txt and game4.txt Data Files.

### **ELECTRONIC ANSWER DOCUMENT**

Answers for ALL questions, for ALL sections, must be entered into the word-processed document made available to you at the start of the examination and referred to in the question paper rubrics as the ELECTRONIC ANSWER DOCUMENT.

### PREPARATION FOR THE EXAMINATION

You should ensure that you are familiar with this PRELIMINARY MATERIAL and the SKELETON PROGRAM for your programming language.

### AQA BOARD GAME

The SKELETON PROGRAM accompanying this PRELIMINARY MATERIAL is a two-player board game. The players are referred to as Player A and Player B. The board contains 64 squares, arranged in an 8 × 8 grid. The squares containing xs are not used. Each player has a maximum of 12 pieces. The number of pieces and their starting positions are determined by the contents of a text file. The pieces' IDs consist of the player's letter and consecutive numbers 1 to 12.

FIGURE 1, on the opposite page, shows a game with 12 pieces that has been loaded from the game1.txt text file.

Player A has twelve pieces with IDs a1 to a12, occupying rows 0 to 2.

Player B has twelve pieces with IDs b1 to b12, occupying rows 5 to 7.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0		a1	XXXXX	a2	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a3	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a4
1	a5	•	   a6 		a7	•	a8	XXXXX
	XXXXX	a9	XXXXX	a10	XXXXX	a11		a12
3		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	1	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX
_	XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	İ
5	•				b11	•	b12	XXXXX
6		b5	XXXXX	b6	XXXXX	b7	XXXXX	8d
7	•		   b2   	XXXXX	b3		b4	XXXXX     XXXXX     XXXXX

FIGURE 2, on the opposite page, shows a game with eight pieces that has been loaded from the game2.txt text file.

Player A has eight pieces with IDs a1 to a8, occupying rows 0 to 1

Player B has eight pieces with IDs b1 to b8, occupying rows 6 to 7

_	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a1	XXXXX	a2	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a3	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a4
1	a5		   a6 		ı a7		a8	XXXXX
2	XXXXX		XXXXX		XXXXX		XXXXX	
3	•	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX
	XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX	
5	   	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX
6	XXXXX	b5	XXXXX	b6	XXXXX	b7		8d
7	b1	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b2		b3	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b4	   XXXXX

#### The rules are:

- Player A always starts.
- Players take turns to move.
- A move consists of advancing one of the player's own pieces one square forward along the diagonal (left or right) while remaining on the board. For example, in FIGURE 2 piece a6, currently at row 1, column 2, could move to row 2, column 1 or row 2, column 3
- An alternative move is a jump over one of the player's own pieces that is diagonally immediately in front of the piece to be moved. For example, in FIGURE 2 piece a2, currently at row 0, column 3, could move to row 2, column 1 or row 2, column 5
- When a piece reaches the opposite end of the board (row 7 for Player A, row 0 for Player B) it is promoted to a dame and the letter of the ID is changed to uppercase. The dame is moved to an empty square in the player's first row (row 0 for Player A, row 7 for Player B). If there is no empty square in the player's first row the dame stays where it is and cannot move.

The SKELETON PROGRAM presents the user with the current state of the board and shows the possible moves that the player whose turn it is can make.

The player enters the ID of the piece they want to move, followed by the row and column of the board square to which they want to move the piece.

The program confirms if the move was a jump and, if so which piece was jumped over.

When a player has no possible moves available when it is their turn, the game ends and that player has lost the game.

FIGURE 3, on the opposite page, shows a game with eight pieces that has been loaded from the <code>game3.txt</code> text file.

_	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a1	XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a4
1	   	XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	b5	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a8	XXXXX
2	XXXXX		XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a7	XXXXX	a3
3	a6	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX
_	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b1	XXXXX		XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX	
5	   	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b4	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b3	XXXXX
6	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	a2		b6	XXXXX	b7	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b8
7		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b2	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		   XXXXX

FIGURE 4, on the opposite page, shows a game with 12 pieces that has been loaded from the game4.txt text file.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
0	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	A5		a2		a3	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	1	
1	A6	XXXXX	a1	XXXXX	a7	•	a4	XXXXX	
2	XXXXX	a9	XXXXX	a10	XXXXX		XXXXX	a8	
3	b9	XXXXX	b6	XXXXX	b10		a12	XXXXX     XXXXX     XXXXX	
4	XXXXX	b5	XXXXX	b1	XXXXX	   b11   	XXXXX		
5	   b2 	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX			b4	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b3	XXXXX     XXXXX     XXXXX	
6	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX	b7	XXXXX	b8	
7		XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	1	XXXXX   XXXXX   XXXXX		XXXXX     XXXXX     XXXXX	

### **END OF PRELIMINARY MATERIAL**

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