## IT Passport Examination <br> Examples of questions in the pseudo programming language

Q1. Which of the following is the the correct combination of the answers to be inserted in A and B in the program?

The function calcMean receives the array dataArray (the number of elements $\geq 1$ ) as an argument, and returns the average of values in the array elements as the return value. Here, the array index starts at 1 .
[Program]

```
O real: calcMean(real []: dataArray) /* Declaration of function */
        real: sum, mean
        integer: i
        sum \(\leftarrow 0\)
        for (increase i from 1 to the number of elements in dataArray by 1 )
            sum \(\leftarrow A\)
        endfor
        mean \(\leftarrow\) sum \(\div\) B /* Division is done in data type real */
        return mean
```

|  | A | B |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a) | sum + dataArray $[i]$ | the number of elements in dataArray |
| b) | sum + dataArray $[i]$ | (the number of elements in dataArray +1 ) |
| c) | sum $\times$ dataArray $[i]$ | the number of elements in dataArray |
| d) | sum $\times$ dataArray $[i]$ | (the number of elements in dataArray +1 ) |

Q2. Which of the following is the correct combination of the answers to be inserted in A and B in the program?

The procedure printDots outputs " $\circ$ " and "•" alternatively. The number of dots to be printed is specified by the argument num. If the value of num is 0 or negative, dots are not printed.

## [Program]

```
    O printDots(integer: num) /* Declaration of procedure */
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        integer: cnt \(\leftarrow 0\) /* Initialize the number of printed dots */
        string: dotColor \(\leftarrow\) "DC1" /* Print "o" first */
    ```
            A
            if (dotColor = "DC1")
            output "o"
            dotColor \leftarrow "DC2"
            else
            output "\bullet"
            dotColor \leftarrow "DC1"
            endif
            cnt < cnt + 1
            B
```

|  | A | B |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a) | do | While (cnt $\leq$ num $)$ |
| b) | do | While (cnt < num) |
| c) | While (cnt $\leq$ num) | endwhile |
| d) | While (cnt < num) | endwhile |

Answers and intention of the sample questions in the psuedo programming language

| \# Question | Answer | Intention of the question |
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| 1 | a | By using a process to obtain the average of given data, ask the <br> ability to understand an array and to express the algorithm for <br> calculating the average, in the form of program (function), |
| 2 | d | Ask the ability to understand the specifications shown in the <br> question sentences, to image the output, and to express the <br> algorithm comprised of the iteration and selection processes to <br> meet them, in the form of program (procedure). |

