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***PART 2 - Structured Question Paper***

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**(ONE HOUR)**

**To be completed by the candidate**

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**Important Instructions:**

- The duration of the paper is **1 (One) hour**.
- The medium of instruction and questions is English.
- This paper has **3 questions** and **10 pages**.
- **Answer question 1 (60% marks) and any one of the other questions (40% marks each) only.**
- **Write your answers** in English using the space provided **in this question paper**.
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**Questions Answered**

Indicate by a cross (x), (e.g. ) the numbers of the questions answered.

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To be completed by the examiners:				

*Based on the following case study answer question 1.*

1)

**InfoTech Agency**

InfoTech Agency is a famous bookshop which sells technical books, CDs, tapes and videos imported directly from international publishers. It also manages a library of these items at a special 3-tiered subscription rate for its customers. Library members receive special discounts whenever they purchase any item from InfoTech Agency. Operations of the library and bookshop are integrated together.

The library is set up along conventional lines. There are restrictions on the number of items which can be borrowed depending on the level of subscription. Levels A,B and C are allowed 3,2 and 1 items respectively. Library items should be returned within seven days but they can be extended for another week if there is no reservation by another member of the library.

Library items include books, CDs, tapes and videos. They can be categorized as permanent reference items (PR) or lending items. PR items can be used inside the library but are not allowed to be borrowed. There can be more than one copy available for any item.

In order to borrow a library item or to buy, a customer selects it and takes it to the entrance counter which handles both lending and selling operations. However, there is a separate counter for the cashier. Library members have a special card with a photo of the member. The person at the counter first checks the library card for membership status. Subsequently he will check for overdue books and whether he has already reached the borrowing limit. If there is no problem, then the member can leave with his loan items and that information will be recorded. On the other hand, if a person wants to buy some items, the clerk issues an invoice to the customer and the relevant amount should be paid to the cashier before items are issued. The customer can claim a special discount if he posses a library card of the InfoTech Agency library.

When a member returns borrowed items, the clerk checks whether the items are reserved items. If so, he will take necessary steps to inform the person who has reserved it. If there is a fine to be paid due to damage or items being overdue, the member should settle it to reactivate his membership status.

By giving details of library items and the membership card to the clerk at the counter, anyone can reserve them if such item is not available in the library at the time. It is possible to have more than one reservation for a single lending item.

(a) Identify five possible classes and write down the code to create instances to three of the classes identified.

**(09 marks)**

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- (d) Describe what SQLExceptions are and when one can use SQLExceptions. How would you replace the above code to accommodate SQLExceptions?

(12 marks)

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- 2) (a) (i) Describe Namespace and Namepolution.  
(ii) Write down and justify the importance of Namespace to prevent Namepolution

(10 marks)

<p><b>ANSWER IN THIS BOX</b></p> <p>Namespace</p> <p>Namepolution</p>
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- (b) Write down Namespaces for windows forms and a listbox of a form with the declaration.

(10 marks)

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(b) Describe the following functions:

- (i) Len()
- (ii) Mid()
- (iii) Right()
- (iv) nstr()

(10 marks)

<b>ANSWER IN THIS BOX</b>
Len()
Mid()
Right()
nstr()

(c) Using the functions given in (b) and the declarations given below write the code to do the following:

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Dim strX as String  
strX = "Left Right"
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- (i) Find the position of the space.
- (ii) Find the length of the string.
- (iii) Separate Right from left.

(12 marks)

<b>ANSWER IN THIS BOX</b>

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