

# 说明会

## Briefing Session

台大盃2021 - 全国中学生程  
式设计竞赛

NTU Cup 2021- National  
Secondary School  
Programming Contest

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# Process Flow

## Workshop + Qualification Test

Every contestant must join a workshop, associated with a Qualifying Test. The purpose of the Qualifying Test is to shortlist the qualified contestants for the Final Competition.

The first two workshops will be held on **31/5/21 (Mon)** and **7/6/21 (Mon)**

## Final Competition

Date: 30/10/2021 (Sat)

Time: 08:30 – 13:00

# Overview of Workshop

	Time	Details
Session 1 (8:30AM – 10:00AM)	8:30AM – 9:00AM	Basic ICT ( <b>30 minutes</b> )
	9:00AM – 10:00AM	Programming Concepts 1. Basic Data Type and Input/Output ( <b>15 mins</b> ) 2. Control Structure (if...else / Switch...case) ( <b>15 mins</b> ) 3. Iteration (for, while, do...while) ( <b>15 mins</b> ) 4. User defined data type (Array) ( <b>15 mins</b> )
Session 2 (10:00AM – 11:00AM)	10:00AM – 11:00AM	Real-World Application ICT – invited speaker ( <b>1 hour</b> )

# Overview of Workshop (cont'd)

	Time	Details
Session 3 (11:00AM – 12:00PM)	11:00AM – 11:30AM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Briefing on rules and regulations of competition <b>(15 mins)</b></li><li>2. How to use competition platform including IDE installation <b>(15 mins)</b></li></ol>
	11:30AM – 12:00PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Demo on one sample question in C++ <b>(15 mins)</b></li><li>2. Demo on one sample question in Java <b>(15 mins)</b></li></ol>
Session 4 (12:00PM – 1:00PM)	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Qualifying Test Q&A in UTAR Web-based Learning Portal <b>(1 hour)</b>

Workshop

Qualification Test

<b>Way of Conduct</b>	MCQ (选择题), random questions generated from question bank
<b>Conduct Mode</b>	Online
<b>Participant</b>	Individual
<b>Duration</b>	1 hour
<b>No. of Question</b>	20 questions (including 5 <b>HOT</b> questions)
<b>Types of Question</b>	General Knowledge of Programming: Arithmetic, Logic, Algorithm, Coding (C/C++/Java)
<b>Passing Mark</b>	70%
<b>Expected Outcome</b>	20 teams to participate in Final Competition

# Sample Qualifying Questions

**Q1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a set of step-by-step instructions designed to perform a specific task or to solve an instance of problem.**

- a) Algorithm**
- b) Complexity**
- c) Pseudocode**
- d) Data Structure**

**Q2. Find the solution for the following recurrence relation  $a_n = 3n^2 \times a_{n-1}$ , where  $a_0 = 1$**

- a)  $a_n = (n!)^2$**
- b)  $a_n = 3(n!)^2$**
- c)  $a_n = 3^n(n!)^2$**
- d)  $a_n = 3^{n+1}(n!)^2$**

# Sample Qualifying Questions (cont'd)

**Q3. What does the following piece of code do?**

```
for (int i = 0; i < array.length-1; i++)  
{  
    for (int j = i+1; j < array.length; j++)  
    {  
        if( array[i].equals(array[j]) )  
        {  
            System.out.println(array[i]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

- a) Print the unique elements in the array
- b) Print the duplicate elements in the array
- c) Print the element with maximum frequency
- d) Print the element with minimum frequency

Workshop

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**Final Competition**

<b>Conduct Mode</b>	Physical
<b>Participant</b>	3 students per team
<b>Duration</b>	3 hours
<b>No. of Question</b>	8 questions
<b>Programming Language</b>	C/C++, Java
<b>Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Each team will be provided <b>ONE</b> computer with a minimum spec of Intel Core i3 4th Gen, 8GB RAM, 120GB SSD.</li><li>- Compiler: Dev-C++(IDE) MinGW / Visual Studio Code</li><li>- Candidates are <b>NOT ALLOWED</b> to use other computing devices.</li><li>- Pens and papers will be provided.</li></ul>



# Sample Final Question

## Q1. The Day of the Week – Gregorian Calendar:

### Description

The Gregorian Calendar (公历) is the most used solar dating system in the world. It was introduced in October 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, and it spaces **leap years** (闰年) to make its average year 365.2425 days long, that is determined by the Earth's revolution around the Sun.

The rule for leap years is

- **The year must be divisible by 4**
- If the year can also be divided by 100, **it is *NOT* a leap year, UNLESS**
- The year is also divisible by 400. **Then it *is* a leap year.**

For example, the years 1700, 1800, and 1900 are not leap years, but the years 1600 and 2000 are.

# Sample Final Question (cont'd)

In a normal year, the number of days in each month is as follows:

- Month 1 (January): 31 days
- Month 2 (February): 28 days
- Month 3 (March): 31 days
- Month 4 (April): 30 days
- Month 5 (May): 31 days
- Month 6 (June): 30 days
- Month 7 (July): 31 days
- Month 8 (August): 31 days
- Month 9 (September): 30 days
- Month 10 (October): 31 days
- Month 11 (November): 30 days
- Month 12 (December): 31 days

(in total 365 days)

**However, in a leap year, the month of February has 29 days instead of 28.**

# Sample Final Question (cont'd)

On the other hand, a week is composed of seven days, namely (in sequence) “Sunday”, “Monday”, “Tuesday”, “Wednesday”, “Thursday”, “Friday”, and “Saturday”.

The same sequence repeats from a week to the next week.

## Question

Given that the first day of the Gregorian calendar was **15<sup>th</sup> October 1582**, which was a **Friday**, write a program to accept a specific date with the format **[Day, Month, Year]** as the input, and calculate **which day of the week** corresponding this date as the output.

# Sample Final Question (cont'd)

## Requirements:

- Your program must fulfill the following:
  - i. Input format [Day, Month, Year], where  $1 \leq \text{Day} \leq 31$ ,  $1 \leq \text{Month} \leq 12$ , and  $1582 \leq \text{Year} \leq 9999$
  - ii. If the input is a valid date, the correct output is **the day of the week** corresponding to the date.
  - iii. If the input is not a valid date, the correct output is **“This is not a valid date. Please key in another date”**, then return to (i).

## Examples:

- If the input is [17, 4, 2021], then the correct output is **“Saturday”**.
- If the input is [29, 2, 2100], then the correct output is **“This is not a valid date. Please key in another date”**.

Workshop

Qualification Test

**Final Competition**

**Format of Competition**

- The competition will consist of 8 questions.
- The questions may be solved in any order.

**Submission Procedures**

- For each question, participants can submit their solution for judging whenever they are ready.
- All solutions will be submitted online, in the form of executable file (C++: `.exe` file or Java: `.jar` file).
- Timestamps are electronically recorded for each submission.

**Judging Criteria**

- The judges will run the executable file with some test input data, and check whether the output is correct.
- Competitors will receive notice from the judges, indicating whether or not the solution is correct.
- Each submitted solution that is correct will be counted.
- Each team is allowed to resubmit the solution multiple times, however penalty is imposed for each incorrect submission.

**Scoring**

- The winning team will be the team which answers the most questions correctly in the shortest amount of time.
- The total time is the sum over all solutions of the times at which the participant submitted the solutions correctly, plus additional penalty time for incorrect submissions.
- If a participant submitted a solution correctly several times, the first time will be counted.
- Each incorrect submission for a question that the team eventually gets correct will incur a penalty of **10 MINS PER ATTEMPT**.
- Incorrect solutions to questions which are never answered correctly do not add to the total time, neither do incorrect solutions submitted after correct solutions.

**Example 1:** Team 1 answers Question A incorrectly after 30 minutes, and correctly after 35 minutes. Also, the team answers Question B correctly after 62 minutes, and incorrectly after 64 minutes. The total time is  $35 + 10 + 62 = 107$  minutes.

**Example 2:** Team 2 answers Question B incorrectly after 10 minutes, and correctly after 18 minutes. Also, the team answers Question A incorrectly after 60 minutes, and correctly after 65 minutes. The total time is  $18 + 10 + 65 + 10 = 103$  minutes.

# Competition Flow

