# Computer Science

## Instructions to Candidates

1. Please ensure that you arrive at the examination centre for the paper-based element at least 15 minutes before the start of the examination.

2. There is a 30 minute break scheduled between the paper-based element and the computer-based element. In some schools, candidates will move from an ordinary room to a computer room in this time.  In other schools, the time is used to set up portable devices in the same room as the paper-based element has taken place.  Your teacher will tell you which arrangement applies in your school.  You must make sure that by the end of this time, your device in powered on and you have access to all necessary files in advance of the computer-based element starting.

3. You will be provided with a Python Reference Sheet. This is the only supplementary material that is allowed during the computer-based examination. You are not allowed to access the Internet or access any files from your school network or local device, other than the examination files.

4. If you write code in the examination that you cannot compile or cannot get to work correctly, it may still be awarded marks. For this reason, it is not advisable to delete partially correct code unless you have alternative code already working.  Instead, you may wish to 'comment out' the code so that you can continue to work on getting other elements of your program to work correctly.

5. Ensure that you save your work as you progress through the examination. Do not change the file names.

6. If there is a problem with your device or if it shuts down without warning please raise your hand to inform the superintendent immediately. If you lose time because of a technical problem that is outside of your control, you will be given extra time at the end of the examination to make up for the lost time.

7. When you are finished the computer-based element, please ensure that you have saved and closed all of the Python files on your device. **Do not shut down your computer.**