

- 9 (a) A stack has been implemented using pseudocode to store a maximum of 100 string items using the global variables in the following table:

Identifier	Data type	Description	Initialisation value
Base	INTEGER	pointer for the bottom of the stack	0
Top	INTEGER	pointer for the top of the stack	-1
StackArray	STRING	1D array to implement the stack	[0:99]
Max	INTEGER	maximum number of items in the stack	100

The value of `Top` is incremented each time a data item is added to the stack and decremented every time a data item is removed.

- (i) Complete the **pseudocode** for the function to remove a data item from the stack.

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FUNCTION Pop() .....
  DECLARE DataItem : STRING
  DataItem ← ""

  IF ..... THEN

    DataItem ← .....

    Top ← .....
  ELSE
    DataItem ← "You cannot remove data; the stack is empty"
  ENDIF

  .....
ENDFUNCTION

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- (ii) Write the **pseudocode** to output the data item removed from the stack with an appropriate message.

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- (b) A stack is used to implement recursion.

State the **three** essential features of recursion.

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- 10 Explain what is meant by **exception handling**.

Include an example of a possible cause of an exception in your answer.

Explanation .....  
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Example .....

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