

1996 Paper 6 Question 5

Programming in C and C++

A grand debate is being planned by a society that has among its members a large number of computer professionals and working programmers. The motion to be put is “That the languages C and C++ should be consigned to outer darkness and their use banned in all serious computer projects”. Prepare as your answer to this question a briefing document that could explain to people intending to attend the debate what the major points both for and against C and C++ will be, and the lines of arguments that are liable to be used to show how important they are. You are not required to come down either in favour of or against the languages (but may if you wish). [20 marks]