Ch3: Algorithm and Flowchart

1. What is Algorithm? Write the characteristics of a good algorithm.

Ans- An Algorithm is a textual representation of step-by- step procedure to solve a problem.

A good algorithm must incorporate the following characteristic:

- An algorithm should be precisely defined.
- ♣ It should clearly mention the inputs taken. Should produce valid outputs.
- Should have provision to handle errors or wrong input.
- ♣ Should be presentable. The language used should not be too informal.

2. Write the steps to develop an algorithm.

Ans- The steps to develop an algorithm are: Always begin the first step with START.

- ♣ Always write each step in a separate line and number them.
- **♣** Use the word INPUT or READ when we want an input.
- Use the word PRINT or WRITE when we want an output.
- Always end with STOP.
- Do not make the algorithm too long.

3. What is Flow Chart? Write the features of Flowchart.

Ans- A Flowchart is a diagrammatical representation of step-by-step procedure to solve a problem.

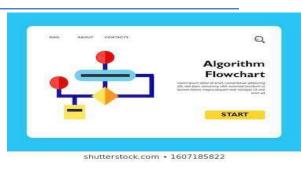
The features of Flowcharts are:

- It is an easy method of communication.
- **↓** It is independent of a programming language.
- It is the key to correct programming.
- 🖶 It helps to plan and design a new system.

4. Explain the different symbols that are used in flow chat?

Ans-

Shapes/ Symbols	Name of the Shape/Symbol	Use
	Start/Stop box or Terminal Box	Used to show the start and stop of a flowchart
	Process box	Used to show the process or action
	Input/Output box	Used to show whether a data is input or output
	Decision box	Used when we need to select between two options



→	Flow lines	Used to connect different shapes in a flowchart and indicates the direction of the flowchart
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- 1. Terminal Box
- 2. Flow chart
- 3. Flow lines
- 4. Decision box
- 5. Process box