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1(a)	Many-to-many relationship	1																
1(b)(i)	 <p>Both entities correctly labelled 1</p> <p>Correct relationship between SHOP and SHOP-SUPPLIER 1</p> <p>Correct relationship between SUPPLIER and SHOP-SUPPLIER 1</p>	3																
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1(b)(iii)	<p><b>Two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The database user will <u>frequently</u> want to search on contact name 1</li> <li>• The contact name attribute has been indexed 1</li> <li>• It allows for a <u>fast/faster</u> search using contact name 1</li> </ul>	Max 2																
1(c)(i)	<pre>SELECT ShopID, Location FROM SHOP WHERE RetailSpecialism = 'GROCERY';</pre>	1 1 1																
1(c)(ii)	<pre>INSERT INTO SHOP-SUPPLIER (ShopID, SupplierID) VALUES (8765, 'SUP89');</pre>	1 1 1																

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2(a)	<p><b>One</b> mark for each pair of rows</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="397 315 1129 663"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2"></th> <th colspan="2">Type of printer</th> <th rowspan="2"></th> </tr> <tr> <th>Laser</th> <th>Inkjet</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Impact printer</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td rowspan="2">} 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-impact printer</td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Line printer</td> <td></td> <td>✓</td> <td rowspan="2">} 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Page printer</td> <td>✓</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Type of printer			Laser	Inkjet	Impact printer			} 1	Non-impact printer	✓	✓	Line printer		✓	} 1	Page printer	✓		<b>2</b>
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2(b)(i)	<p><b>Five</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The print head contains a large number of very small nozzles 1</li> <li>• Ink is fed to each nozzle from a reservoir 1</li> <li>• The print head fires <u>droplets</u> of ink onto the paper 1</li> <li>• The print head moves horizontally across the paper 1</li> </ul> <p><b>Either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiny resistors create heat inside each nozzle 1</li> <li>• The heat vaporises ink to create a bubble 1</li> <li>• When the bubble pops the ink is deposited on the page 1</li> <li>• The collapsing bubble creates a partial vacuum in the nozzle 1</li> <li>• And ink is drawn from the reservoir ready for printing the next dot 1</li> </ul> <p><b>Or:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a piezo crystal at the back of the ink reservoir of each nozzle 1</li> <li>• The crystal vibrates when it receives a tiny electric charge 1</li> <li>• Ink is forced out of the nozzle by the inward vibration 1</li> <li>• The outward vibration creates a partial vacuum in the nozzle 1</li> <li>• Replacement ink is pulled into the reservoir 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 5</b>																				
2(b)(ii)	<p><b>Two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The (print head) stepper motor is connected to the print head by a belt 1</li> <li>• The (print head) stepper motor moves the print head across the paper 1</li> <li>• The (parking) stepper motor parks the print head assembly when not in use 1</li> <li>• The (paper feed) stepper motor turns the rollers that provide the paper feed // The (paper feed) stepper motor moves the paper in small increments 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 2</b>																				
2(c)(i)	<p><b>Two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External hard drive // External HDD 1</li> <li>• External flash drive // External SSD 1</li> <li>• Pen drive 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 2</b>																				

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2(c)(ii)	<p><b>One</b> from:</p> <p><i>(External) Hard drive</i></p> <p>Inexpensive per unit of storage 1</p> <p>Larger storage capacity than flash drive 1</p> <p><b>Or:</b></p> <p><i>Pen drive // (External) flash drive</i></p> <p>No moving parts / noise 1</p> <p>Low latency // fast access times 1</p> <p>Robust 1</p>	<b>Max 1</b>

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3(a)	<p><i>Definition: Max two</i> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of distinct values available to encode/represent each sample 1</li> <li>• Specified by the number of bits used to encode the data for one sample 1</li> <li>• Sometimes referred to as bit depth 1</li> </ul> <p><i>Explanation: Max two</i> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A larger sampling resolution will mean there are more values available to store each sample 1</li> <li>• A larger sampling resolution will improve the accuracy of the digitised sound // A larger sampling resolution will decrease the distortion of the sound 1</li> <li>• Increased sampling resolution means a smaller quantization error 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 3</b>
3(b)(i)	<p><b>One</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <u>number of pixels per unit measurement</u> 1</li> <li>• The number of pixels in an image 1</li> <li>• The number of pixels wide by the number of pixels high 1</li> <li>• Number of pixels per row by the number of rows 1</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
3(b)(ii)	4	<b>1</b>
3(b)(iii)	<p><i>Working: Max two</i> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of pixels is <math>8192 \times 256</math> 1</li> <li>• One pixel will be stored as one byte 1</li> <li>• Number of kilobytes = <math>(8192 \times 256) / 1024</math> 1</li> </ul> <p><i>Answer: One</i> mark:</p> <p>Number of kilobytes = 2048 KB 1</p>	<b>3</b>
3(b)(iv)	<p><b>Two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation that the file is a BMP 1</li> <li>• File size 1</li> <li>• Location/offset of image data within the file 1</li> <li>• Dimensions of the image (in pixels) // image resolution 1</li> <li>• Colour depth (bits per pixel, 1, 4, 8, 16, 24 or 32) 1</li> <li>• Type of compression used, if any 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 2</b>

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4(a)(i)	<p><b>Two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The hardware is unusable without an OS // hides complexity of hardware from user 1</li> <li>Acts as an interface/ controls communications between user and hardware / hardware and software // or by example 1</li> <li>Provides software <u>platform / environment</u> on which other programs can be run 1</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
4(a)(ii)	<p><b>One</b> mark for the name and <b>one</b> mark for description. <b>Max two</b> management tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides the Human Computer Interface (HCI) 1 Controls communications between user and hardware// or by example 1</li> <li>Main memory management 1 Memory protection to ensure that two programs do not try to use the same space // Use of virtual memory // Location of processes within the memory // By example 1</li> <li>File / Secondary storage management 1 Maintains directory structures // Provides file naming conventions // Controls access 1</li> <li>Peripheral / hardware / device / Input-Output management 1 Installation of appropriate driver software // Controls access to data being sent to/from hardware/peripherals // Controls access to hardware/peripherals // manages communication between devices. 1</li> <li>Interrupt handling 1 Identifies priorities of interrupts // Saves data on power outage // Loads appropriate Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) // By example 1</li> <li>Security management 1 Makes provision for recovery when data is lost // Provides usernames and passwords // Prevents unauthorised access // Ensures privacy of data 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 4</b>
4(b)(i)	File compression software	<b>1</b>
4(b)(ii)	Backup software	<b>1</b>
4(b)(iii)	Disk defragmenting software	<b>1</b>
4(b)(iv)	Anti-virus software	<b>1</b>

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5(a)(i)	351	<b>1</b>
5(a)(ii)	355	<b>1</b>
5(a)(iii)	22	<b>1</b>

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5(a)(iv)	86	<b>1</b>																														
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6(a)	<b>Two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <u>file</u> is made available from a web/email/FTP server 1</li> <li>• The user's <u>browser</u> is the client software 1</li> <li>• The client (software browser) <u>requests</u> the <u>file</u> from the server 1</li> <li>• The desired <u>file</u> is returned to the client computer 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 2</b>
6(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user keys in the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) into the browser Software. 1</li> <li>2. <b>E</b> // The Domain Name Service (DNS) uses the domain name from the browser to look up the IP address of the web server. 1</li> <li>3. <b>D</b> // The web server retrieves the page 1</li> <li>4. <b>F</b> // Sends the web page content to the browser 1</li> <li>5. <b>B</b> // Browser software renders the page and displays 1</li> </ol>	<b>4</b>
6(c)(i)	Output1, Output2 1 RunnerID // Runner ID 1	<b>2</b>
6(c)(ii)	6 – 21	<b>1</b>
6(c)(iii)	13	<b>1</b>
6(c)(iv)	Checks that the RunnerID entered starts with the characters CAM or VAR only	<b>1</b>
6(c)(v)	<b>Two</b> checks from: <b>One</b> mark for check and <b>one</b> mark for description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Format check 1  RunnerID is three letter characters followed by two digit characters  //Position is digit characters only 1</li> <li>• Length check 1  RunnerID has exactly five characters 1</li> <li>• Range check 1  The value for Position is between 1 and (say) 50 1</li> <li>• Presence check 1  The text box for RunnerID or Position is not empty 1</li> <li>• Existence check 1  To ensure that RunnerID has been registered 1</li> <li>• Uniqueness check 1  To ensure no two runners have the same number 1</li> </ul>	<b>Max 4</b>