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Question	Answer				Marks		
1(a)	Switch Server Computer A Computer B Computer C Three lines with arrows – one from each device to switch						
1(b)	Statement True False						
	The server can send packets to Computer B and Computer C at the same time.	✓		1			
	The network software on each computer needs to include collision detection and avoidance.		✓	1			
	Computer B can read the packet sent from the server to Computer C.		✓	1			
	Computer A can send a packet to Computer B and at the same time the server can be sending a packet to Computer C.	~		1			
1(c)(i)	Device: Server The server can provide a (software) firewall // The server can check all internet traffic // Server acts as proxy Device: Switch Internet traffic by passes the server // Server not overloaded with internet traffic // connected to all computers 1 mark for device, 1 mark for suitable reason						
1(c)(ii)	 Router acts as gateway Router acts as a firewall The LAN and the Internet are two different networks (may) operate on different protocols Router forwards packets between networks Router has a public IP address Router holds a list of local addresses Router translates local addresses to Internet (IP) addresses (and vice versa) 1 mark for each point, max 2 						
1(c)(iii)	 Each packet has the IP address of the web ser address The routers use routing tables Routers on the Internet forward packets toward Packets can take different routes from source to Packets are reassembled in order at the web sometimes. 	ds destina to destinat server	tion	ax 3	3		

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Question	Answer		Marks			
2(a)	Description	Computer architecture	4			
	Most parallel computer systems use this architecture.	SIMD				
	Widely used to process 3D graphics in video games.	MIMD				
	A microprocessor is used to control a washing machine.	MISD				
	There are a number of processing units. Each processing unit executes the same instruction but on different data	SISD				
		1 mark for each correct line				
2(b)	 Only one (separate) processor / not many separate processors (is not massively parallel) Quad core computer system // processing units share the same bus 1 1 mark for each point, max 2 					
2(c)	 Split into blocks of code that can be processed simultaneously instead of sequentially Each block is processed by a different processor which allows each of the many processors to simultaneously process the different blocks of code independently Requires both parallelism and co-ordination 1 mark for each point, max 2 					
2(d)	1 mark for identification of hardware issue, for example:					

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Question	Answer	Marks				
3(a)(i)	There should be a colon before the '=' sign					
3(a)(ii)	The second operand should be an unsigned integer and not a variable					
3(a)(iii)	A32 is not a variable, as a variable should be a letter followed by a single digit					
3(b)	<pre><assignment_statement> ::= <variable> := 1</variable></assignment_statement></pre>	6				
	<pre><variable> <operator> <unsigned_integer> 1</unsigned_integer></operator></variable></pre>					
	<pre><variable> ::= <letter> <digit></digit></letter></variable></pre>					
	<pre><unsigned_integer> ::= <digit> 1</digit></unsigned_integer></pre>					
	<pre><digit> <unsigned_integer> 1</unsigned_integer></digit></pre>					
	<pre><letter> ::= A B C <operator> ::= + - * ^</operator></letter></pre>					
3(c)	Variable Letter Letter One mark One mark > One mark	2				
	Syntax diagram shows one or two letters 1 Syntax diagram shows zero, one or two digits 1					
3(d)	<pre><assignment_statement> ::=</assignment_statement></pre>	2				
	<pre><variable> := <variable> <operator> <real> 1</real></operator></variable></variable></pre>					
	<pre><real> ::= <unsigned_integer> . <unsigned_integer> 1</unsigned_integer></unsigned_integer></real></pre>					

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	A (known) set of rules 1	2
	Agreed/standard method for data transmission // governs how two devices communicate	
4(a)(ii)	Max 2 marks for purpose: Purpose of TLS is to provide for secure communication (over a network) maintain data integrity additional layer of security	Max 3
	Max 2 marks for further explanation from:TLS provides improved security over SSL	
	TLS is composed of two layers / record protocol and handshake protocol	
	TLS protects this information by using encryption	
	Also allows for authentication of servers and clients	
4(b)	 The client validates (the server's) TLS Certificate The client sends its digital certificate (to the server if requested) Client sends an encrypted message to the server using the server's public key The server can use its private key to decrypt the message and get data needed for generating symmetric key Both server and client compute symmetric key (to be used for encrypting messages) // session key established The client sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session The server sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session 1 mark for each point, max 3 points 	3
4(c)	Applications, for example: online banking private email online shopping	2
	online messaging etc. 1 mark for each point, Max 2	

Question	Answer							
5(a)(i)	Α	В	Х		1			
	0	0	1					
	0	1	1					
	1	0	1					
	1	1	0					

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Question	Answer								Marks				
5(a)(ii)	A	\	В		С	Х							1
	C		0		0	1							
	C)	0		1	1							
	С)	1		0	1							
	C)	1		1	1							
	1		0		0	1							
	1		0		1	1							
	1		1		0	1							
	1		1		1	0							
5(b)(i)					S	R	Q	Q					3
		In	itially		1	0	0	1					
	F	R cha	nged to	1	1	1	0	1	,	1			
	5	S cha	nged to	0	0	1	1	0	,	1			
	S changed to 1				1	1	1	0	_ ′	1			
	S ar	nd R	changed	to 0	0	0	1	1					
5(b)(ii)	•	Q	and Q and Q lip-flop b	shoul	d be c	ompleme	ents of			or eac	h point	, max 2	2
5(c)(i)					14/	1.1			Init valu		Fir valu		4
	J	ĸ c	Clock		wor	king spa	ace		Q	Q	Q	Q	
		0	1						1	0	1	0	
		0	1						<u>0</u> 1	0	0	1	
		1	1						0	1	0	1	
		0	1						0	1	1	0	
		1	1						1	0	0	1	
	1	1	1						0	1	1	0	
									1	mark p	er sha	ded row	
5(c)(ii)	•	S	-R flip-flo	op has	s an in	valid cor	nbinatio	on of S	and I	R // Th	e S_R	flip flop	2
	allows both Q and $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ to have the same value // S-R flip-flop inputs may arrive at different times												
							1 value //						
 The J-K flip-flop does not allow for Q and Q to have the same All four combination of values for J and K are valid // J-K flip-flop 						valu e //)p							
	incorporates a clock pulse for synchronisation 1												

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5(d)	 A flip-flop can store either a 0 or a 1 Computers use bits to store data Flip-flops can therefore be used to store bits (of data) Memory can be created from flip-flops 1 mark for valid point, max 2 	2

Question			Answer			Marks	
6(a)(i)	Control system						
6(a)(ii)	System is controlling devices // turns heaters on and off // use of actuators maintain the environment // makes use of feedback						
6(b)	Computer/microprocessor to process the sensor readings Analogue to digital convertor Sensor produces analogue signal but processor requires digital data Digital to analogue convertor Processor produces digital signal but actuator may require analogue sign Actuator May be required to turn heater on or off 1 mark for device, 1 mark for justification, max 2 devices						
6(c)(i)	One mark per	column excludin	g LOWTEMP			4	
	LOWTEMP	LOWREG	COUNTER	ACC	IX		
	15	В00000000	1				
					0		
				17			
				1			
			2	2			
			2		1		
				14			
				B00000000			
		B00000010		B00000010			
				2			
				4			
			4				
					2		
6(c)(ii)	 COUNTER has an initial value of 1 Test for final value is before COUNTER updated COUNTER is doubled in value each time around loop six sensors values/bits to check COUNTER is doubled in value 6 times // 2⁵ Values of COUNTER at test will therefore be 1 - 2 - 4 - 8 - 16 - 32 						
	• Value	s of COUNTER at	test will there		- 8 - 16 - 32 valid point, max 2		

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6(c)(iii)	 Load the contents of LOWREG into ACC Check bit position in LOWREG For each of the least significant 6 bits Use AND operation / mask to isolate a bit Jump to code corresponding to bit being looked at if value of bit is 1 Send signal to appropriate actuator to turn on the heater 1 mark for valid point, max 3 	3

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