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COMPUTER SCIENCE

Paper 1 Theory

MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 75

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Please note the following further points:

The words in **bold** in the mark scheme are important text that needs to be present, or some notion of it needs to be present. It does not have to be the exact word, but something close to the meaning.

If a word is underlined, this **exact** word must be present.

A single forward slash means this is an alternative word. A double forward slash means that this is an alternative mark point.

Ellipsis (...) on the end of one-mark point and the start of the next means that the candidate **cannot** get the second mark point without being awarded the first one. If a mark point has an ellipsis at the beginning, but there is no ellipsis on the mark point before it, then this is just a follow-on sentence and **can** be awarded **without** the previous mark point.

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 1(a) | One mark for a correct device and one mark for a corresponding example | 2 |
| | Keyboard e.g. to type In a shop name | |
| | Mouse e.g. to click on a shop | |
| | Microphone e.g. to speak the shop name as a voice command | |
| | Touchscreen e.g. to select a shop | |
| | Barcode scanner e.g. to scan a barcode for a voucher | |
| | Sensor e.g. to detect when a person walks past | |
| | Digital camera // webcam e.g. to video call for assistance | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 1(b) | One mark for a correct device and one mark for a corresponding example | 2 |
| | Display screen / monitor / touchscreen e.g. to see a shops location | |
| | Speaker // headphones e.g. to hear where a shop is located | |
| | Printer e.g. to get a hard copy of shop information | |
| | LED/Light e.g. to indicate where a shop is on the map | |
| 1(c) | One mark for a correct storage and one mark for a corresponding example | 2 |
| | Random access memory // RAM to store data the is currently being processed to store the OS/programs/applications whilst in use | |
| | Read only memory // ROM to store the start-up instructions to store the BIOS | |

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One from:

Arithmetic logic unit / ALU

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|-----------|---|-------|
| Question | Answer | Marks |
| 2(a) | One mark for each correct bus (max 2) and one mark for corresponding description of transmission | 4 |
| | Data bus responsible for transmitting data/instructions | |
| | Control bus responsible for transmitting control <u>signals</u> | |
| 2(b) | Any one from: | 1 |
| | FetchDecode | |
| 2(c) | Any two from: | 3 |
| | To temporarily store data It stores the result of interim calculations | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|---|-------|
| 3(a) | One mark for two correct characters, two marks for three, in the correct place | 2 |
| | • 0100 0000 0100 | |
| 3(b) | One mark for two correct characters, two marks for three | 2 |
| | • 0001 0010 1011 | |
| 3(c) | One mark for each correct denary conversion | 2 |
| | 34172 | |
| 3(d) | One mark for two correct characters, two marks for three, in the correct place | 2 |
| | • 9E0 | |
| 3(e) | Any two from: | 2 |
| | It is easier for user to read/recognise/understand It takes up less space on a display | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 4(a) | One mark for identification of the method (max 2), two marks for describing how the method could be used | 6 |
| | Phishing A legitimate looking email is sent to her, asking her to click a link this takes her to a fake website where she enters her bank details | |
| | Pharming She accidentally downloads malicious software onto her computer this redirects her legitimate website requests to a fake website where she enters her bank details | |
| | Hacking A person gains unauthorised access to her computer they steal/view a data file that contains her bank details | |
| | Spyware Records the key presses on her computer this data is analysed for patterns and her bank details are identified | |
| 4(b)(i) | The data will be meaningless if it is stolen | 1 |
| 4(b)(ii) | One from: | 4 |
| | Data is encrypted and decrypted using the same key/algorithm | |
| | Any three from: | |
| | Data before encryption is known as plain text Data after encryption is known as cypher text Key is sent to receiver (to allow data to be decrypted) // Values are sent to receiver that are used to generate key | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|-----------|---|-------|
| 4(b)(iii) | Any three from: | |
| | Firewall // proxy server Password Biometric device Virtual measure e.g. onscreen keyboard Two-step verification // two factor authentication Physical methods Antimalware // Antispyware // Antivirus | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|---|-------|
| 5(a) | One mark for each correct logic gate with correct input(s) A B C | 6 |
| 5(b) | Any one from: NOR XOR // EOR | 1 |

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| Question | | | | | Answer | Marks |
|----------|---|--------------------|------------|---|-----------------|-------|
| 5(c) | Four marks for 8 correct Three marks for 6/7 correct Two marks for 4/5 correct One mark for 2/3 correct | rect outpect outpu | outs ts | | | 4 |
| | | Α | В | С | Working space X | |
| | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|---|-------|
| 6 | One from: | 3 |
| | Interrupt | |
| | Any two from e.g.: | |
| | Paper jam Paper tray empty Any change of task example Any error occurrence example | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 7(a) | Low-level language | 1 |
| 7(b) | Assembler | 1 |
| 7(c) | Any two from: | 2 |
| | He can directly access the hardware He can use special machine-dependent instructions There is no need for the program to be portable Smaller file size // takes up less storage space More efficient use of memory Programs will be more time efficient when running | |
| 7(d) | Any two from: | 2 |
| | Programs are not portable It is complex to learn Difficult to debug | |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 8(a)(i) | Any two from e.g.: | 2 |
| | Background colour Font colour Font size Font style | |
| 8(a)(ii) | Any two from e.g.: | 2 |
| | Placement of text Placement of image | |
| 8(b) | Any five from: | 5 |
| | Web browser sends request to web server to view the digital certificate Web server sends the digital certificate to the web browser Web browser checks the certificate for authenticity If certificate is authentic a secure connection is created Any data sent is encrypted If certificate is not authentic the connection is rejected Uses a protocol such as SSL/TLS | |

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| Question | PUBLISHED Answer | Marks |
|----------|--|-------|
| 8(c) | Any two from: | 4 |
| | A (small) text files that is stored by the browser sent between web server and browser when user visits the website Any two from e.g.: To track users browsing habits To store personal details To tailor web page to user's presentation requirements To store items in a virtual shopping cart To tailor adverts to a user | |
| 8(d) | One from: • Proxy server | 4 |
| | Any three from: | |
| | It examines the incoming traffic to server It limits the number of requests to the website preventing too many requests that could overwhelm the server Block multiple requests from the same IP within a timeframe | |

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