



GCSE MARKING SCHEME

SUMMER 2018

COMPUTER SCIENCE - COMPONENT 1 C500U10-1

INTRODUCTION

This marking scheme was used by WJEC for the 2018 examination. It was finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conference was held shortly after the paper was taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conference was to ensure that the marking scheme was interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conference, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

WJEC regrets that it cannot enter into any discussion or correspondence about this marking scheme.

COMPONENT 1 - UNDERSTANDING COMPUTER SCIENCE MARK SCHEME

Guidance for examiners

Positive marking

It should be remembered that learners are writing under examination conditions and credit should be given for what the learner writes, rather than adopting the approach of penalising him/her for any omissions. It should be possible for a very good response to achieve full marks and a very poor one to achieve zero marks. Marks should not be deducted for a less than perfect answer if it satisfies the criteria of the mark scheme.

For questions that are objective or points-based the mark scheme should be applied precisely. Marks should be awarded as indicated and no further subdivision made.

For band marked questions mark schemes are in two parts.

Part 1 is advice on the indicative content that suggests the range of computer science concepts, theory, issues and arguments which may be included in the learner's answers. These can be used to assess the quality of the learner's response.

Part 2 is an assessment grid advising bands and associated marks that should be given to responses which demonstrate the qualities needed in AO1, AO2 and AO3. Where a response is not credit worthy or not attempted it is indicated on the grid as mark band zero.

Banded mark schemes

Banded mark schemes are divided so that each band has a relevant descriptor. The descriptor for the band provides a description of the performance level for that band. Each band contains marks.

Examiners should first read and annotate a learner's answer to pick out the evidence that is being assessed in that question. Once the annotation is complete, the mark scheme can be applied.

This is done as a two stage process.

Stage 1 - Deciding on the band

When deciding on a band, the answer should be viewed holistically. Beginning at the lowest band, examiners should look at the learner's answer and check whether it matches the descriptor for that band. Examiners should look at the descriptor for that band and see if it matches the qualities shown in the learner's answer. If the descriptor at the lowest band is satisfied, examiners should move up to the next band and repeat this process for each band until the descriptor matches the answer.

If an answer covers different aspects of different bands within the mark scheme, a 'best fit' approach should be adopted to decide on the band and then the learner's response should be used to decide on the mark within the band. For instance if a response is mainly in band 2 but with a limited amount of band 3 content, the answer would be placed in band 2, but the mark awarded would be close to the top of band 2 as a result of the band 3 content. Examiners should not seek to mark candidates down as a result of small omissions in minor areas of an answer.

Stage 2 – Deciding on the mark

Once the band has been decided, examiners can then assign a mark. During standardising (marking conference), detailed advice from the Principal Examiner on the qualities of each mark band will be given. Examiners will then receive examples of answers in each mark band that have been awarded a mark by the Principal Examiner. Examiners should mark the examples and compare their marks with those of the Principal Examiner.

When marking, examiners can use these examples to decide whether a learner's response is of a superior, inferior or comparable standard to the example. Examiners are reminded of the need to revisit the answer as they apply the mark scheme in order to confirm that the band and the mark allocated is appropriate to the response provided.

Indicative content is also provided for banded mark schemes. Indicative content is not exhaustive, and any other valid points must be credited. In order to reach the highest bands of the mark scheme a learner need not cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content but must meet the requirements of the highest mark band. Where a response is not creditworthy, that is contains nothing of any significance to the mark scheme, or where no response has been provided, no marks should be awarded.

Q	Answer			Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
1a	One mark for each of the following:							3
	STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE					
	Natural sound is in digital form. This is sampled and converted into analogue form to be stored by computer systems.	1	2	1	b			
	A sound sample rate of 16KHz means the wave is sampled 160,000 times a second.	3	4	1	b			
	The lower the sampling rate, the better the quality of the sound file.	5	6	1	b			
1b	One mark for each of the following: • A set of data that describes and gives other data. Accept additional information.			1	а			2
	 For example: Date Created / Year – the date the grain of the location where the grain of the file Dimensions 	phic was	taken	1	а			
1c	 Accept any other reasonable example of One mark for each of the following: When you convert a file to a lossy for some of the data / lose quality Lossless conversion doesn't recover the data lost during lossy compression. The resultant file is larger than the lost. 	mat you d the quality on can't be	liscard / because recovered	3		b		3
1d	One mark for each of the following: 10 x 300 3,000 (bytes) Answer: 3 KB Accepted not expected 2.9KB (divide	d by 1024)	1 1 1		а а а		3

Q	Answer	Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
2a	One mark for each of the following: Control Unit (max 2 marks) Directs the flow of instructions and/or data Coordinates the other parts of the CPU Generates clock ticks or controls the clock Arithmetic Logic Unit The ALU performs all the mathematical calculations / logical operations in the CPU.	2	а			3
2b	 One mark for each of the following up to a maximum of two: Reduced Instruction Set Computer. RISC processors process a limited number of instructions. RISC processors use relatively simple instructions. To carry out more complex commands the problem is broken down into a longer list of simpler instructions. RISC processors run cooler / uses less power / are cheaper to run. 	2	b			2
2c	 One mark for each of the following up to a maximum of three: Program instructions (for current programs) are in the main memory / RAM. The next instruction is fetched to the processor from the main memory / RAM to be decoded and executed (by the processor). Resultant data may need to be written to the main memory / RAM. Accepted but not expected: Use of registers. Data being used by the instruction being executed may also be stored in the main memory / RAM. To execute the instruction data may need to be fetched from the main memory / RAM. 	3	b			3

Q	Answer	Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
2di	One mark for each of the following up to a maximum of 6:	6		b		6
	 Clock speed CPU 2 has a faster clock speed than CPU 1. CPU 2 will be able to run the FDE cycle faster than CPU 1. CPU 2 can process more instructions than CPU 1. Number of cores CPU 1 can process more instructions at the same time. In theory, CPU 1 can process instructions twice as fast as CPU 2. Performance may be affected where one core is waiting on the result of another and therefore cannot carry out any more instructions, leading to the performance of CPU 1 being no better than CPU 2. 					
	 Cache size CPU 2 can store more data in its cache memory than CPU 1. More cache improves the performance as it can provide instructions and data to the CPU at a much faster rate (than other system memory such as RAM). Accepted but not expected: CPU 2 will allow more instructions that are repeatedly used by the CPU to be stored, and therefore has a better hit rate than CPU 1 (increasing performance as a result). 					

Q	Answer	Marks	A01	AO2	AO3	Total
2dii	One mark for each of the following:	4		b		4
	Defragmentation					
	 is the process where files are physically re- 					
	arranged on disk so that they are no longer					
	fragmented and the parts of each file are stored					
	together / improving access speed.					
	Compression					
	 software reduces file sizes using less space 					
	Task management					
	o can see how much disk % a given program is					
	using, can shut it down if dominating.					
	Disk scanning and repair					
	 fixes problems on disk. 					
	Anti-virus software					
	 to scan for viruses which could be causing issues 					
	with the disc access speed / damaging data					
	Backup					
	 software allows users to archive files and delete 					
	files on the hard disk to free up space					
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3a	One mark for each of the following up to a maximum of	2	b			2
	two:An embedded system is the use of a computer system					
	built into a machine to provide a means of control.					
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	An embedded system uses a combination of hardware and software.					
	 Embedded systems performs a specific task which is pre- programmed (in firmware). 					
	Accept an example where there's a clear description of					
	hardware and software performing a specific task e.g. A					
	washing machine has a control chip that manages the					
	different program cycles.			_		
3b	Correct B OR C / C OR B relationship	1		b		3
	Correct A AND B, A AND C relationship – must be both	1		b		
	Correct use of brackets or order of precedence if brackets	1		b		
	not used	'				
	Correct examples					
	• A. (B + C)					
	$\bullet (C+B).A$					
	$\bullet (A.C) + (A.B)$					
	$\bullet A.C + A.B$					
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3c	0101001001111000 ₂	1		а		2
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Q	Answer	Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
4a	SMTP 1√	1	а			
	FTP 2					1
	POP3					
	IMAP 4					
4b	One mark for each of the following: The Ethernet protocol defines standards for network communications used at the physical layer and corresponding transmission speeds. Or At the data link layer Ethernet protocols describe how network devices can format data for transmission using frames / packets.	2	b			2
4c	One mark for each of the following: HTTPS is a secure variant of HTTP (to transport data securely) HTTPS works together with another protocol, Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), to transport data securely	2	b			2

Q	Answer	Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
4d	One mark for each of the following:	0	L			6
	 Physical layer (max 2 marks) The physical layer transmits the raw data. It consists of hardware such as switches and routers. The layer deals with all aspects of setting up and maintaining a link between the communicating computers. 	2	b			
	 Transport layer (max 2 marks) The transport layer ensures that data is transferred form one point to another reliably and without errors. The transport layer is responsible for making sure that data is sent and received in the correct order. The transport layer is implemented in the sending and receiving computers but not in the routers on the path between them. It acts as an interface between the communicating computers and the network. 	2	b			
	 Application layer The application layer provides interfaces to the software to allow it to use the network. Examples of software include email, file transfer protocol (FTP) and the World Wide Web (WWW). 	2	b			

Q	Answer	Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
5	One mark for each of the following:	6	b			6
	 Runtime/ execution An error that only occurs when the program is running and is difficult to foresee before a program is compiled and run Example: Program requests more memory when none is available, so the program crashes 					
	 An error that occurs when a programmer calls a function within a program and the correct library has not been linked to that program Example: When the square root function is used and the library that calculates the square root has not been linked to the program. Calls a variable / function into the program. 					
	 Rounding Rounding is when a number is approximated to nearest whole number/tenth/hundredth, etc. Example: 34.5 rounded to nearest whole number is 35, an error of +0.5 					
6a	 One mark for each of the following up to a maximum of four: Instructions are close to English / easier for people to read / write than a low-level language, Using a high level language leads to fewer errors Use of powerful commands that perform quite complex tasks such as MsgBox in Visual Basic or the SORT clause in COBOL It's quicker to develop code / easier to maintain code (than if it were written in a low-level language) They are usually available across many platforms / chipsets / operating systems 	4	b			4

Q	Answer	Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
6b	One mark for each of the following:					6
(i)	Interpreted • Description o In error reporting, the interpreter would encounter the errors and report it to the user immediately and halts further execution of the program.	2		b		
	Compiled Description The compiler would analyse the entire program, taking note of where errors have occurred, and places this in an error/diagnostic file.					
(ii)	 Benefit Interpreters are easier to use as errors are reported and corrected as execution continues. Drawback: The interpreter would be slower than a compiler as it would translate the same statements within the loop over and over again. 	4	b			
	Benefit:					
7a	than interpreters. One mark for each of the following: Record As the structure contains more than one data type.	2		а		2
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	TyRa	pe check: Intego inge check: >0 a	er / Must be a w							
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8a	One m	nark for each of			1			а		3
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		175 ₁₀	101011112	AF ₁₆		1				
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9a		P	Q	P+Q	P. Q	$\overline{P.Q}$	$\overline{P.Q} + (P+Q)$					4
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		1	0	1	0	1	1					
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10ai	SQI inje pagInje con	One mark for each of the following: SQL injection is a technique where malicious users can inject SQL commands into an SQL statement, via web page input.								b			2
10aii	IP a add the spoThe sen	One mark for each of the following: IP address spoofing involves an attacker changing the IP address of a legitimate host so that a visitor who types in the URL of a legitimate site is taken to a fraudulent or spoofed web page.								b			2

Q	Answer	Marks	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
10b	Indicative content	8	b			8
	 Footprinting. Footprinting is the first step in the evaluation of the security of any computer system. It involves gathering all available information about the computer system or network and the devices that are attached to it. Footprinting should enable a penetration tester to discover how much detail a potential attacker could find out about a system and allow an organisation to limit the technical information about its systems that is publicly available. 					
	 Ethical hacking Ethical hacking is carried out with the permission of the system owner to cover all computer attack techniques. An ethical hacker attempts to bypass system security and search for any weak points that could be exploited by malicious hackers. This information is then used by the system owner to improve system security. 					
	 Penetration testing Penetration testing is a sub set of ethical hacking that deals with the process of testing a computer system, or network to find vulnerabilities that an attacker could exploit. The tests can be automated with software applications or they can be performed manually. 					
	 Penetration test strategies include; Targeted testing, testing carried out by the organization's IT team and the penetration testing team working together. External testing, to find out if an outside attacker can get in and how far they can get in once they have gained access. Internal testing, to estimate how much damage a dissatisfied employee could cause. Blind testing, to simulate the actions and procedures of a real attacker by severely limiting the information given to the team performing the test. 					

Q		Answer	Marks	A01	AO2	AO3	Total
	Band	AO1.1b (Max 8 marks) 7 - 8 marks					
	3	 The candidate has: shown clear understanding of the requirements of the question and a clear knowledge of the indicative content. Clear knowledge is defined as a response that provides seven to eight relevant detailed points from the indicative content addressed the question appropriately discussing methods of identifying vulnerabilities. used appropriate technical terminology referring to the indicative content accurately. 3 - 6 marks 					
	2	 The candidate has: shown adequate understanding of the requirements of the question and a satisfactory knowledge of the indicative content. Satisfactory knowledge is defined as a response that provides three to six points from the indicative content. addressed the question, discussing methods of identifying vulnerabilities. used appropriate technical terminology referring to the indicative content. 					
	1	1 - 2 marks The candidate has: attempted to address the question but has demonstrated superficial knowledge of the indicative content. Superficial knowledge is defined as a response that provides one to two points from the indicative content. used limited technical terminology referring to the indicative content.					
	0	0 marks Response not credit worthy or not attempted.					
	TOTAL			52	48	0	100