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- 1 compiler
 assembler
 interpreter [3]

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Application	Sensor
<i>controlling street lights</i>	Light
<i>monitoring a river for pollution</i>	Gas, pH, temperature, light
<i>controlling traffic lights</i>	pressure, magnetic field,

NOTE: The same sensor cannot be given twice [3]

- 3 (a) 1 mark for each nibble

0100 1010 1111 [3]

- (b) (i) 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 105 hours 1 mark
 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 31 minutes 1 mark
 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 50 seconds 1 mark [3]

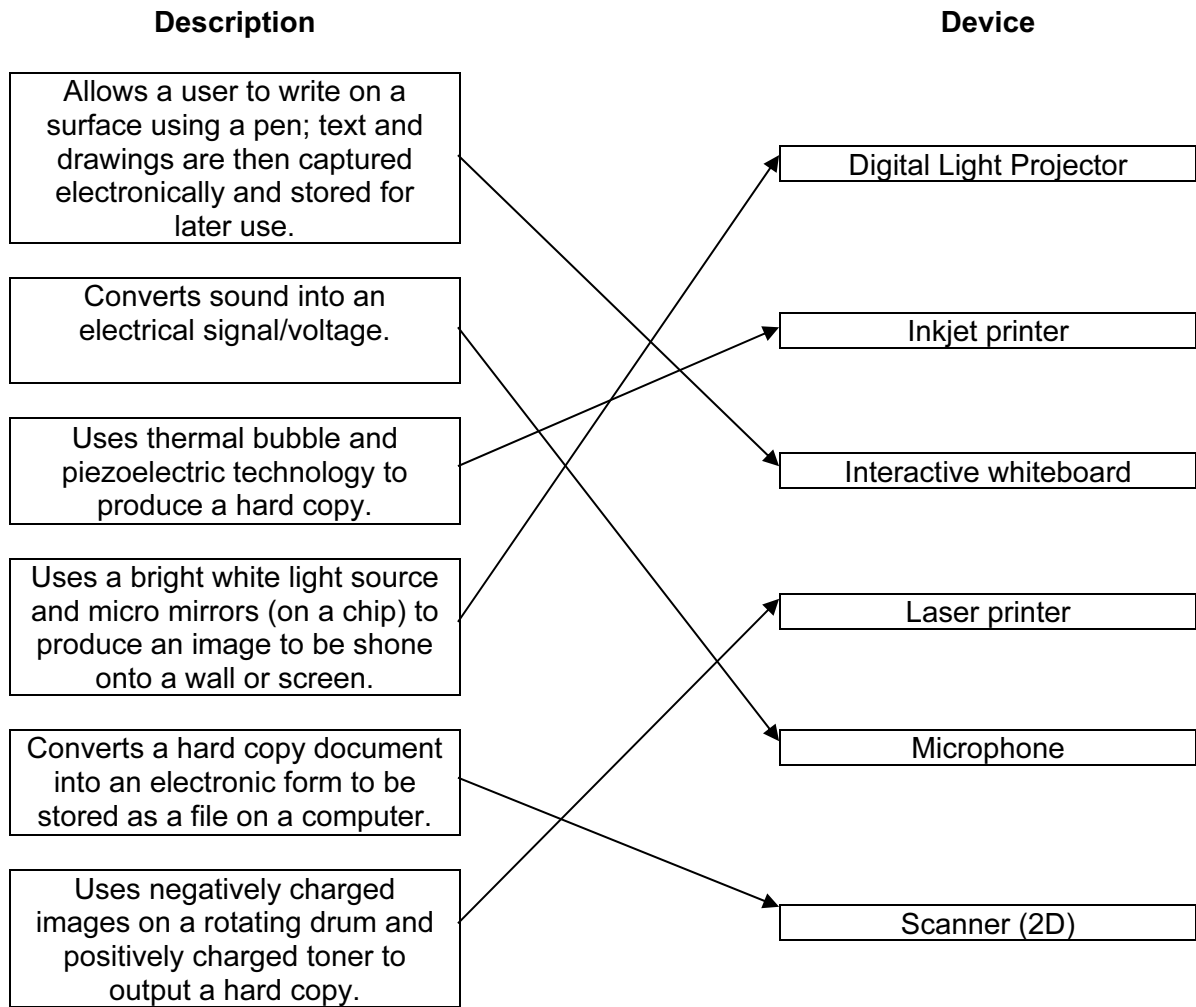
(ii) 1F [1]

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- 4 (a) Any **three** from:
- The file can be compressed
 - The compression that is used is lossless (not lossy)
 - use of a compression algorithm
 - repeated words can be indexed
 - repeated word sections (e.g. “OU”) can be replaced by a numerical value
 - reference to zip files
 - save file as a pdf/convert to pdf
- [3]
- (b) Any **four** from:
- the checksum for the bytes is calculated
 - this value is then transmitted with the block of data
 - at the receiving end, the checksum is re-calculated from the block of data received
 - the calculated value is then compared to the checksum transmitted
 - if they are the same value, then the data was transmitted without any error
 - if the values are different, then an error has been found
 - if the values are different, then a request is sent for the data to be re-transmitted
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5/6 matches – 5 marks

4 matches – 4 marks

3 matches – 3 marks

2 matches – 2 marks

1 match – 1 mark

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6 (a)

Type	Tick (✓)	Method	Tick (✓)
simplex		serial	
half-duplex		parallel	✓
full-duplex	✓		

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simplex	✓	serial	✓
half-duplex		parallel	
full-duplex			

Type	Tick (✓)	Method	Tick (✓)
simplex		serial	✓
half-duplex	✓	parallel	
full-duplex			

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(b) Any **two** from:

- single wire means there is less chance of interference/data corruption
- single wire reduces costs
- more reliable over greater distances
- bits will still be synchronised after transmission

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7 (a)

A	B	C	Working space	X
0	0	0		0
0	0	1		1
0	1	0		0
0	1	1		1
1	0	0		0
1	0	1		1
1	1	0		1
1	1	1		0

4 marks for 8 correct X bits

3 marks for 6 correct X bits

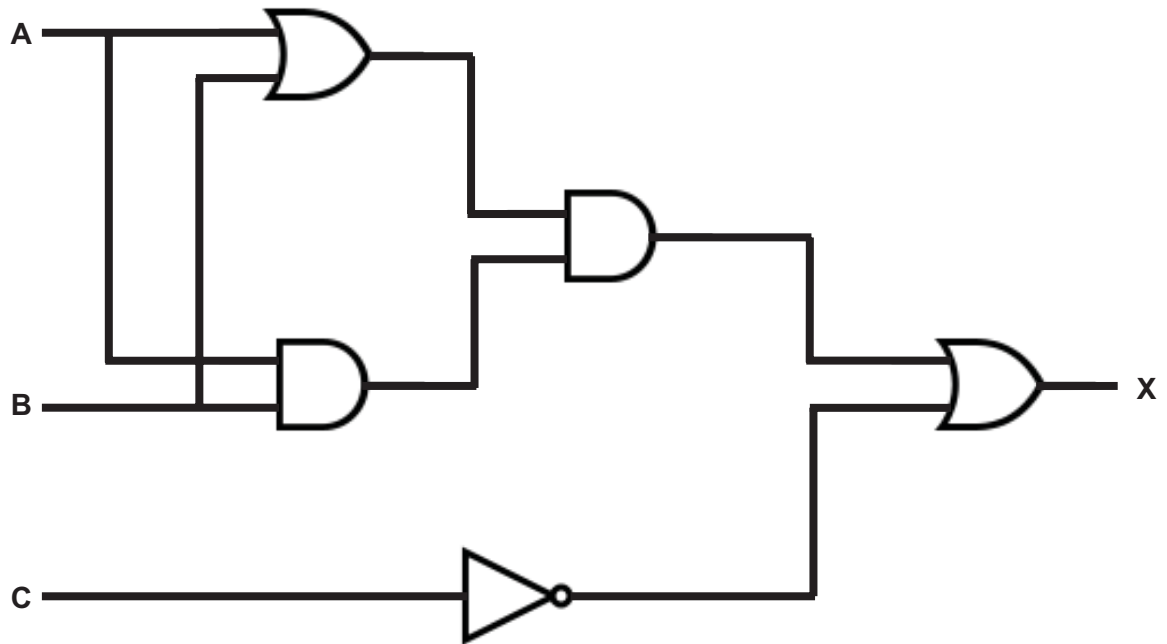
2 marks for 4 correct X bits

1 mark for 2 correct X bits

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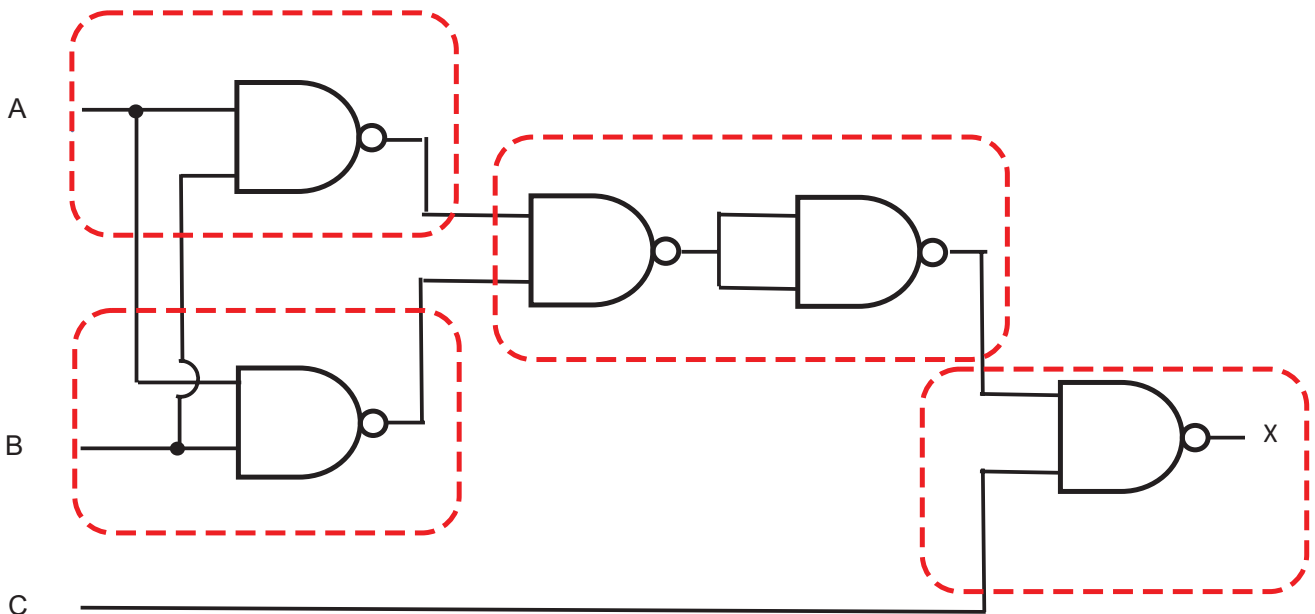
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(b) 1 mark for each correct gate with correct source of input



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(c) Each dotted area is 1 mark

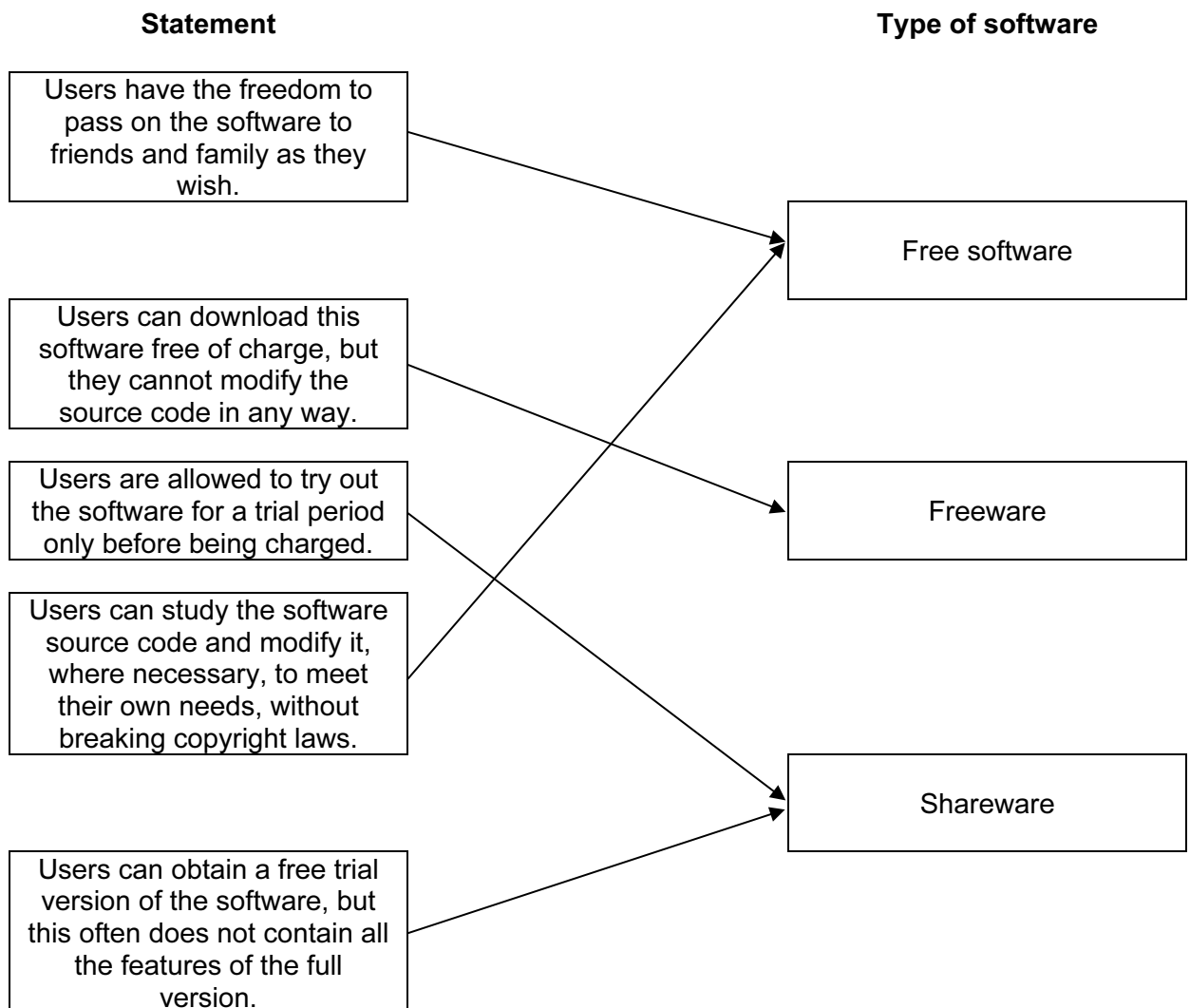


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8 (a) 1 mark for correct lines from each type of software

NOTE: all statements that are correct must be connected to the correct type of software for the mark to be awarded



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(b) Any **three** from:

- That we should follow Copyright laws/intellectual property rights/work should not be stolen/plagiarised
- That we should follow Data Protection laws
- That we should not create or distribute malware//description of malware
- That we should not hack/crack other computers//description of hacking
- That we should protect our own computers against malware/hacking
- That we should consider privacy issues (when using social networking)
- That we consider anonymity issues (when using social networking)
- That we should consider environmental impacts when using computers
- Loss/creation of jobs from use of computers/robotics
- We should follow codes of practice (for creation of code e.g. ACM/IEEE)

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(c) 2 marks for each term described

Viruses:

- program/software/file that replicates (copies) itself
- intends to delete or corrupt files//fill up hard disk space

Pharming:

- malicious code stored on a computer/web server
- redirects user to fake website to steal user data

Spyware:

- monitors and relays user activity e.g. key presses//key logging software
- user activity/key presses can be analysed to find sensitive data e.g. passwords

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(d) Any **three** from:

- examines/monitors traffic to and from a user's computer and a network/Internet
- checks whether incoming and outgoing traffic meets a given set of criteria/rules
- firewall blocks/filters traffic that doesn't meet the criteria/rules
- logs all incoming and outgoing traffic
- can prevent viruses or hackers gaining access
- blocks/filters access to specified IP addresses/websites
- warns users of attempts by software (in their computer) trying to access external data sources (e.g. updating of software) etc. // warns of attempted unauthorised access to the system

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9 (a)

Binary number A:

1	1	1	0	0	1	0
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Binary number B:

1	0	0	1	1	1	0
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[2]

(b)

Parity Bit

Binary number A

1

Binary number B

1

[2]

10 1 mark for each correct storage device

ROM (not EPROM/PROM)
Blu-ray disc
RAM
DVD/ DVD-R(+R)/ DVD-RW(+RW)/ DVD-ROM (not CD or DVD-RAM)
SSD/example of a USB <u>storage device</u>
DVD-RAM

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11 1 mark for each correct point

- Presentation is used to format colour/style
- Structure is used to create layout
- In a HTML document structure and presentation are often kept separate
- By keeping the presentation separate it is easier to update colour/font
- Presentation is often stored in a file called a CSS ...
- ... the CSS is then linked to the HTML document to implement the presentation requirements
- (Mark-up) tags are used to define the structure of the document ...
- ... presentation and formatting can also be included within the tags

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