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0420 COMPUTER STUDIES

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1 (a) **video conferencing**

Any **two** points from:
- meeting between 2 or more participants
- using computer networks/Internet
- to transmit audio/video data in real time
- pictures appear in a window on a monitor in real time
- *reference to hardware (webcams, speakers, microphones)*
- *reference to software (communications, compression)* [2]

(b) **simulation**

Any **two** points from:
- studying the behaviour of a system
- by using a model/mathematical representation
- results can be predicted
- e.g. flight (or other) simulator, modelling hazardous chemical processes
- e.g. 10-pin bowling computer game [2]

(c) **interrupt**

Any **two** points from:
- a signal/request generated by a device/program
- which causes a break in the execution of a program/stops the program
- e.g. printer out of paper, <BREAK> key pressed, disk full [2]

(d) **batch processing**

Any **two** points from:
- processing doesn't start until **all** data is collected
- JCL (any *reference to Job Control Language)*
- no need for user interaction
- processed all in one go
- done at "quiet" times
- output not time sensitive
- e.g. billing, payroll, cheque processing [2]

(e) **expert system**

Any **two** points from:
- computer system that emulates/simulates human knowledge/contains knowledge of human expert
- uses an inference engine
- contains a knowledge base
- made up of rule base
- reference to expert system shell
- outputs probability of diagnosis given being correct/produces reasoned conclusions
- uses "Yes/No", multichoice interface
- e.g. medical diagnosis, chess, prospecting, financial modelling, diagnostics [2]

2 Any **two** tasks from:
- design data collection forms
- design input forms/user interface
- design systems flowcharts
- design output forms/reports/screens
- design/select validation rules
- design/select verification methods
- design test plan/strategy
- specify/select hardware
- specify/select software
- design algorithms/program flowcharts/pseudocode
- specify data structures
- design files (structures)/tables / layout
- design queries [2]

3 **(a)** Any **two** features from:
- sound and/or video clips embedded in the presentation/multimedia
- animation effects
- diagrams/graphs/charts (in colour)/colour/text fonts etc
- hyperlinks [2]

(b) Any **two** from:
- how it affects tasks such as filing/ordering etc.
- retraining aspects
- deskilling aspects
- unemployment [2]

4 Any **three different** reasons and associated preventions
(prevention must match reason):
1 mark for reason, **1** mark for prevention
award each point only once

<u>data corruption and data loss</u>

viruses -use anti virus software, firewalls, no Internet access

power loss	–	back-ups, UPS
malicious damage	–	back-ups, password protection, controlled access
computer crash	–	back-ups, parallel computer (systems)
damage to CDs/disks	–	back-ups
operator error	–	training / good user interfaces

<u>illegal access</u>

hacking/unauthorised access	–	passwords, log-in ids, anti-hacking software (physical) lock room/computer
computer left logged on	–	log off when not in use, lock computer [6]

5 **1** mark per description, **1** mark per advantage, **1** mark per disadvantage

Direct – old system stopped and next day new system started
Advantage:
- benefits are immediate/less time wasted
- reduced costs (only one system so fewer staff)
- less likely to malfunction since fully tested

Disadvantage:
- disastrous if new system fails/no fall back option

Parallel – old system and new system are run together for a time
Advantage:
- if new system goes down, have old system as back up
- can gradually train staff/have time to get used to new system

Disadvantage:
- more expensive/time consuming since 2 systems run together

Pilot – new system introduced into only part of the company
Advantage:
- if new system fails, only that part affected (rest is alright)
- can gradually train staff/have time to get used to new system

Disadvantage:
- time consuming (waiting to see how new system works)

Phased – part of the new system introduced and when it proves to work another part is introduced, etc./introduced part by part
Advantage:
- only a small part of the operations is affected if new system fails
- no need to pay two sets of wages (so cheaper)
- can ensure system works properly before expanding

Disadvantage:
- time consuming (each part needs to be tested before expanding) [6]

6 **(a)** Any **three** from:

- keyboard (type in the responses)
- touch screen (select options from on screen menus)
- mouse/trackerball/touchpad (click on options from a menu)
- microphone (speak options)
- data gloves/goggles
- camera [3]

(b) Any **three different** devices + associated application areas, e.g.:

– bar code reader	– stock control – library systems
– OMR/mark sensing	– multi-choice papers – questionnaires
– touch screens	– information desks/kiosks – choosing goods on line
– sensors	– monitoring chemical plant – central heating systems
– cameras	– traffic control – security
– MICR	– reading bank cheques – reading travellers cheques
– microphones	– telephone systems – games
– magnetic stripe reader	– reading credit cards – reading security cards
– data loggers	– weather monitoring – collecting experimental data
– OCR Scanner	– reading in documents – scanning in photos etc.

[6]

7 Any of the following **three** stages:
- each time item is bought, bar code scanned (at POS)/use of bar codes
- bar code searched for on database/file
- number in stock reduced by 1
- when stock level $\leq$ re-order level/minimum level ……
- …… automatic re-ordering carried out
- when new stock arrives, stock levels updated

[3]

8 **(a)** Any **three** from:
- 3D visual world
- created by a computer
- form of computer simulation
- data gloves used
- data goggles/headsets used
- hardware/motors to provide movement
- special suits fitted with sensors

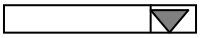
[3]

(b) Any **two** from:
- safety (e.g. can "view" inside a nuclear reactor)
- feeling of "being there"
- can perform "actual tasks" beforehand (without risk)
- less expensive (IF QUALIFIED!!)

[2]

(c) Any **one** from e.g.:
- (medical) training
- walk throughs (e.g. virtual tours of a house)
- simulators (e.g. flight)
- 3D arcade games
- investigating problems in nuclear/chemical plants

[1]

9 **(a)** Any **two** points from:
- e.g. choose  by clicking on an arrow
- limited number of options available
- highlights option chosen
- use of pointing device to select an option [2]

(b) **(i)** Any **one** from:
- used where limited number of options exist
- e.g. names of countries, days of month, date of birth

(ii) Any **one** from:
- cannot be used where "infinite" number of options exist
- e.g. addresses, people's names [2]

10 **(a)** Any **two** differences from:

compiler	interpreter
– needs to be re-compiled every time a change is made	– translates instructions one at a time ….
– code can be executed on its own	– then executes the instructions immediately
– translates whole code in one go	– only finds errors as each instruction executed
– translates source code into object code/machine code	– easier to edit/debug
– produces error list at end of compilation	

[2]

(b) Any **one** high level advantage and any **one** low level advantage:

high-level language
- fewer instructions
- no need to understand registers/computer architecture
- instructions nearer to human language/English
- not machine specific/portable
- easier to debug programs
- easier to write programs

low-level language
- gain knowledge of how a computer works
- more control over how registers (etc.) are accessed
- can access registers (etc.) directly [2]

(c) Any **one** from:
- program/algorithm broken down into simpler modules/smaller tasks
- each module is further sub-divided until basic elements produced
- allows several programmers to work at same time on the software
- can test each module independently [1]

11 **(a)** = AVERAGE(B5:F5) or
= AVERAGE(B5,C5,D5,E5,F5) or
= SUM(B5:F5)/5 or
= (B5+C5+D5+E5+F5)/5 [

(b) = MAX(B5:F5)
or
= MAX(B5,C5,D5,E5,F5) [1]

(c) G4, (H4) [1]

(d) – add column between F and G/insert column before G/insert column after F
– change the formula(s) to allow 2010 data to be added [2]

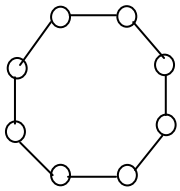
12 1 mark for each error identified + 1 mark for each suggested correction

– error
line 5: **numberpeople < 2** is incorrect
correction:
numberpeople > 2

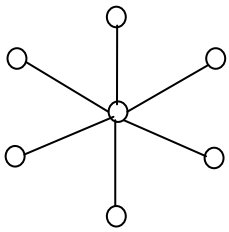
– error
line 6: the formula/**charge = extracost** is incorrect
correction:
charge = extracost + charge

– error
line 7: discount calculation/**charge = charge * 0.1** is incorrect,
correction:
charge = charge * 0.9 [6]

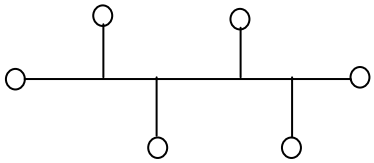
13 (a) Any **two** from:



Ring



star



bus [2]

(b) **One** mark per advantage given:

Ring

– can create much larger networks
– faster/better operation under heavy workload
– requires less cabling than a STAR network, for example

Star

– easy to install and wire/expand
– no disruptions to network if terminal fails
– easy to detect faults in the system
– central monitoring and network management possible

Bus

– failure of single terminal doesn't affect entire network
– easy to connect a new terminal to the network
– requires less cabling, therefore less expensive than others [2]

14 (a) Any **four** points from:
– flow sensor / temperature sensor ….
– …… send information / signal / data to microprocessor
– ADC converts data/signal (for microprocessor to understand/process)
– microprocessor compares flow rate/temperature with pre-set values
– sends signal to valve/heater to control flow rate/temp as required
– use of a DAC interface
– use of actuators
– system loops continuously until switched off [4]

(b) Any **one** from:
– fail safe/switches off automatically
– temperature automatically sets to cold/switches off the heating
– flow cuts off and temperature sets to cold

(NOT a warning light/buzzer comes on) [1]

(c) Any **one** from:
– more accurate control
– safer system
– more energy efficient [1]

15 **(a)** 12

(b) US1,US2 [

(c) (Country = "China") OR (No. of Floors > 80)
←-------1 mark -----→ ←-------- 1 mark --------→

(No. of Floors > 80) OR (Country = "China")
←-------1 mark -----→ ←-------- 1 mark --------→ [2]

(d) **(i)** range check, character check, length check

(ii) character check, type check, length check, format check [2]

(e) TA1, CH2, CH1, DU1, MA1, TA2, CH3, CH4, CH5, CH6, US1, US2

(any order) (any order) [1]

16 **(a)** Any **two** from e.g.:
- electronic checkout
- shopping basket
- ability to track status of order on line
- secure buying using credit cards
- "when customer bought X, they also bought Y" facility
- search facilities for items
- recognise customers as soon as they log on
- drop down boxes to choose categories
- sales confirmation by automatic email
- save customer details/customised pages
- online help facility
- hyperlinks to other pages
- ability to bookmark/tag page(s) [2]

(b) **(i)** Any **one** from:
- process of changing/scrambling/encoding data into a meaningless form
- use of software/algorithms to turn data into a meaningless form [1]

(ii) Any **one** from:
- to avoid data being read/understood by hackers/unauthorised people
- to protect sensitive data from unauthorised people [1]

(c) Any **one** from:
- viruses being downloaded from the site
- bogus/fake sites
- "unwanted sites"/porn sites coming up when searching
- unsolicited mail
- "cookies" (etc.) being stored on hard drive (spying software)
- hacking [1]

17 (a) Any **two** advantages from:
- always "on"/no need to dial into ISP
- connection rate much higher (e.g. 11000 kbps cf 60 kbps)
- flat monthly rate (dial up charges based on number of hours used)
- can use phone line at same time/line not tied up
- allows other facilities such as VoIP
- download rate is much faster [2]

(b) Any **one** advantage and any **one** disadvantage from:

Advantages
- can use anywhere within range
- no trailing wires

Disadvantages
- range can be limited
- possible interference from electronic devices
- security/tapping into WiFi networks
- (often) slower access speed than wired systems [2]

(c) Any **one** from:
e.g.

- printers
- keyboard
- mouse
- cameras
- mobile phone
- GPS [1]

18 Marking points (maximum of 7 marks)

- initialising highest and lowest to reasonable values (must **not** be zero)
- first loop controlling one year (365 days)
- re-setting total for **each** day
- second loop controlling readings taken **per day**
- read temperature
- calculate total day temperature
- calculate total year temperature
- identifying highest temperature
- identifying lowest temperature
- finding average temperature for day
- finding average temperature for year
- output average day temperature inside loop
- output highest, lowest, average outside the loop

Sample algorithm in pseudocode

```
highest = -100: lowest = 100: total_year = 0          } 1 mark
for c = 1 to 365                                      } 1 mark
    total_day = 0                                     } 1 mark
    for d = 1 to 10                                   } 1 mark
        read temp                                     } 1 mark
        total_day = total_day + temp                  } mark
        total_year = total_year + temp                } 1 mark
        if temp > highest then highest = temp         } 1 mark
        if temp < lowest then lowest = temp           } 1 mark
    next d
    average_day = total_day/10                        } 1 mark
    print average_day                                 } 1 mark
next c
average_year = total_year/3650                        } 1 mark
print highest, lowest, average_year                   } 1 mark   [7]
```