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## **MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2012 series**

### **0420 COMPUTER STUDIES**

**0420/13**

Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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1 1 mark for each benefit and 1 mark for each drawback

**Stand alone computer:**

**benefits:**

- sound
- animation/graphics
- no need for Internet access
- more secure (less likely to be hacked)

**drawbacks:**

- not up-to-date
- expensive multimedia equipment
- need to take multimedia presentation file(s) and back-up(s)

**Internet website:**

**benefits:**

- use of pop ups/pop-unders (to advertise on other websites)
- ability to use hyperlinks
- available world wide both ways

**drawbacks:**

- expensive to maintain a website
- Internet security issues (hacking into (company) website; phishing; pharming)
- poor Internet access can make video/sound unacceptable

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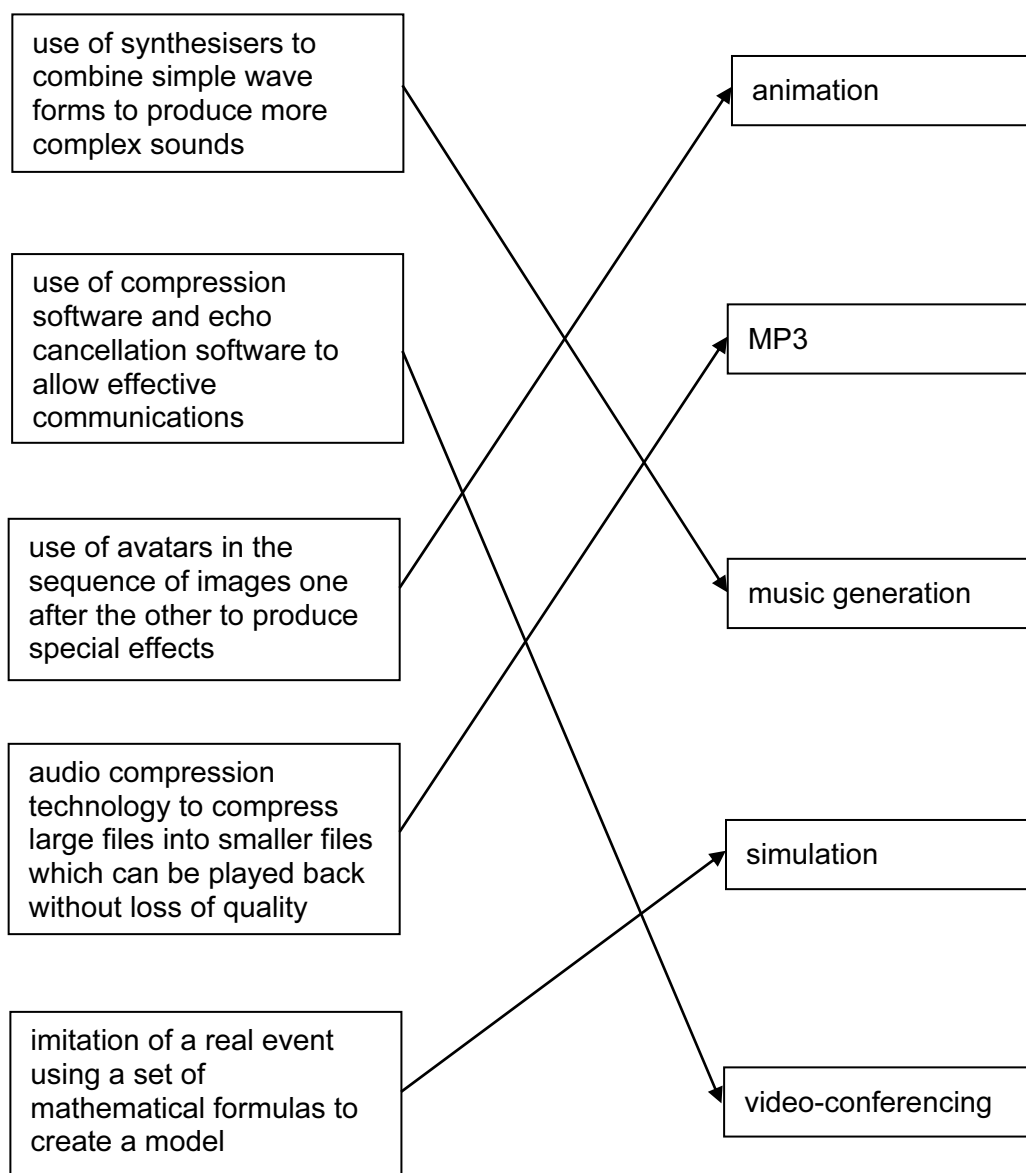
2 Any **three** benefits from:

- several programmers can work on same software package
- it is **easier** to debug modules than a whole program
- it is **easier** to test modules than test the whole program
- can use modules from a bank of routines (saving time and money)
- enable large tasks to be broken down into more manageable smaller tasks

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3 1 mark per correct arrow connecting left with right



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4 (a) Any **four** from:

- use of video-conferencing/webcams
- use of emails (and attachments)
- use of VoIP systems
- instant messaging
- chat rooms
- social networking sites
- bulletin boards
- blogs
- (on-line) gaming with others

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(b) Any **two** from:

- easier access to inappropriate material
- poor internet connection can cause delays/lag/drop outs
- more open to people who may wish to harm you
- security issues/viruses
- too much time spent on the computer/health and safety issues

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(c) Any **four** from (for example):

- GPS
- MP3/music files
- game playing
- camera/video
- calendar function
- calculator/utility functions
- Bluetooth
- SMS/MMS/text messaging

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- 5 (a) – format check  
– length check

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(b) **name:**

- range check
- character/type check
- check digit
- existency check
- cross field check

**reason:**

- mixture of letters & digits
- mixture of letters & digits
- it contains letters
- does not check format/length
- only 1 field present

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6 1 mark per correct stage

Description of stage	Order of stage
The message travels over the Internet and arrives at recipient's ISP mail server	5
Message sent to sender's ISP mail server	2
Recipient logs on to read his messages	7
<b><i>The sender composes his message and activates the send command</i></b>	1
Message held in recipient's electronic mail box	6
ISP mail server examines address associated with message	3
Message retrieved and sent to recipient's computer to be opened and read	8
Sender's ISP mail server decides how to route the message	4

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- 7 (a) use of chip and PIN technology
- introduction of EMV (international standard for smart card payments)
  - tighter checks on usage (automated phone checks/card readers/the use of 'verification' concept)
- (b) 1 mark for name and 1 mark for corresponding description
- phishing: – fraudster sends out email  
– user thinks email is legitimate  
– clicks on link and is taken to bogus website
- pharming:  
– malicious code installed on user's computer or server  
– code mis-directs user to fraudulent website without their knowledge
- keylogging/spyware:  
– program installed on a computer to monitor all key presses and sends data back to writer of spyware
- or spyware:  
– scan files on hard drive  
– 'snoop' applications
- hacking: – unauthorised access to computer system  
– often to do malicious harm (e.g delete files)
- shoulder surfing:  
– the act of watching a person key in secure data (e.g. PIN, password, etc)  
– stealing security data by using binoculars, CCTV near ATMs etc. to watch key presses etc.
- war driving  
– locating a wireless network by touring around an area  
– requires a laptop [6]
- 8 (a) Any **two** from:  
– can't pick up semantics (e.g. incorrect use of the words weather/whether)  
– could be set to wrong version (e.g. US/UK/other English etc.) [2]
- (b) Any **one** from:  
– simple translators do literal translations/use incorrect syntax  
– can't pick up the nuances/colloquial words in a language  
– problems with grammar  
– no equivalent words in other language [1]

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(c) Any **two** from:

e.g.

- change font size/type
- change font colour/type
- use of columns
- search and replace words

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C	H	T1	T2	T3	number	OUTPUT
1	0	0	0	0	1500	
2	1500			1	1000	
3				2	100	
4			1		10	
5		1			999	
6			2		99	
7		2			2000	
8	2000			3	5	
9		3			-3	
10		4			0	
11		5				
						5, 2, 3, 2000

1 mark    1 mark    1 mark    1 mark    1 mark    <----- 1 mark ----->

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10 1 mark for device + 1 mark for reason

**backing memory device:**

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| - memory stick/flash memory  | - portable, very small device/large memory |
| - CD/DVD-RW drive            | - common media/large memory/portable       |
| - (external) hard disk drive | - very large memory/portable               |
| - solid state memory         | - no moving parts/lightweight/portable     |
| - floppy disc drive          | - portable                                 |

**printer type:**

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| - dot matrix printer | - can operate on dirty/damp atmospheres         |
| - 3D printer         | - can produce working prototypes                |
| - laser printer      | - high quality, fast output for multiple copies |
| - inkjet printer     | - high quality, low volume output               |
| - (graph) plotter    | - producing very large, accurate drawings       |

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**input device (for e.g.):**

- |  |   |     |
|--|---|-----|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– keyboard</li> <li>– light pen</li> <li>– mouse/trackball</li> <li>– touch screen</li> <li>– joystick</li> <li>– specialist CAD devices</li> <li>– microphone</li> <li>– webcam</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– for keying in data into W/P, S/sheet, etc.</li> <li>– used with CAD packages</li> <li>– pointing device for selecting options</li> <li>– easy to use, suitable when limiting options</li> <li>– <u>easier</u> to control pointer</li> <li>– specific to engineering company</li> <li>– easier for disabled people to enter data</li> <li>– video conferencing</li> </ul> | [6] |
|--|---|-----|

11 (a) 15 records [1]

(b) FR, QE, NO, TI, MA  
(-1 mark for each error or omission) [2]

(c) (**Gross Tonnage** > 80 000) **OR** (**Country of Registration** = "UK")

<----- 1mark -----> <----- 1 mark ----->

or

(**Country of Registration** = "UK") **OR** (**Gross Tonnage** > 80 000)

<----- 1mark -----> <----- 1 mark -----> [2]

12 (a) (i) (=)  $(A3 * A3 + B3 * B3) - (C3 * C3)$  **OR**

$(=) (A3 ^ 2 + B3 ^ 2) - (C3 ^ 2)$  [1]

(ii) = IF (D3 = 0, "Yes", "No")  
**Quotes essential** [1]

(iii) Any **two** from:

- draw graphs (e.g. line graph)
  - make use of graph to find c
  - insert formula to calculate c values/ $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  gives c values
  - add another column
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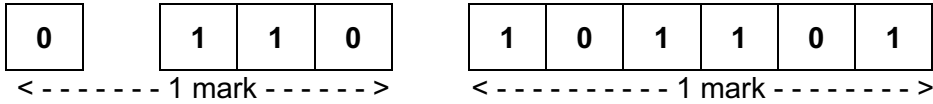
(b) Any **three** from (for e.g.):

- can draw graphs (e.g. line graph)
  - cell merging
  - cell formatting (e.g. date, numerical, text, string, etc.)
  - cell locking
  - cut/copy/paste/replicate formulae
  - automatic recalculation
  - goal seek
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- 13 (a)- lift 7  
 - presently on 56<sup>th</sup> floor  
 - going down

(b)



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- (c) (i) Any **two** from:
- is lift in service?
  - is a lift already on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor?
  - is the ultimate destination of a lift in motion the 14<sup>th</sup> floor?
  - which lift is nearest 14<sup>th</sup> floor?
  - which lifts are going up?
  - which floor is the lift on?
  - which lifts are below 14<sup>th</sup> floor?

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(ii) D

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(d) Any **pair** of points from:

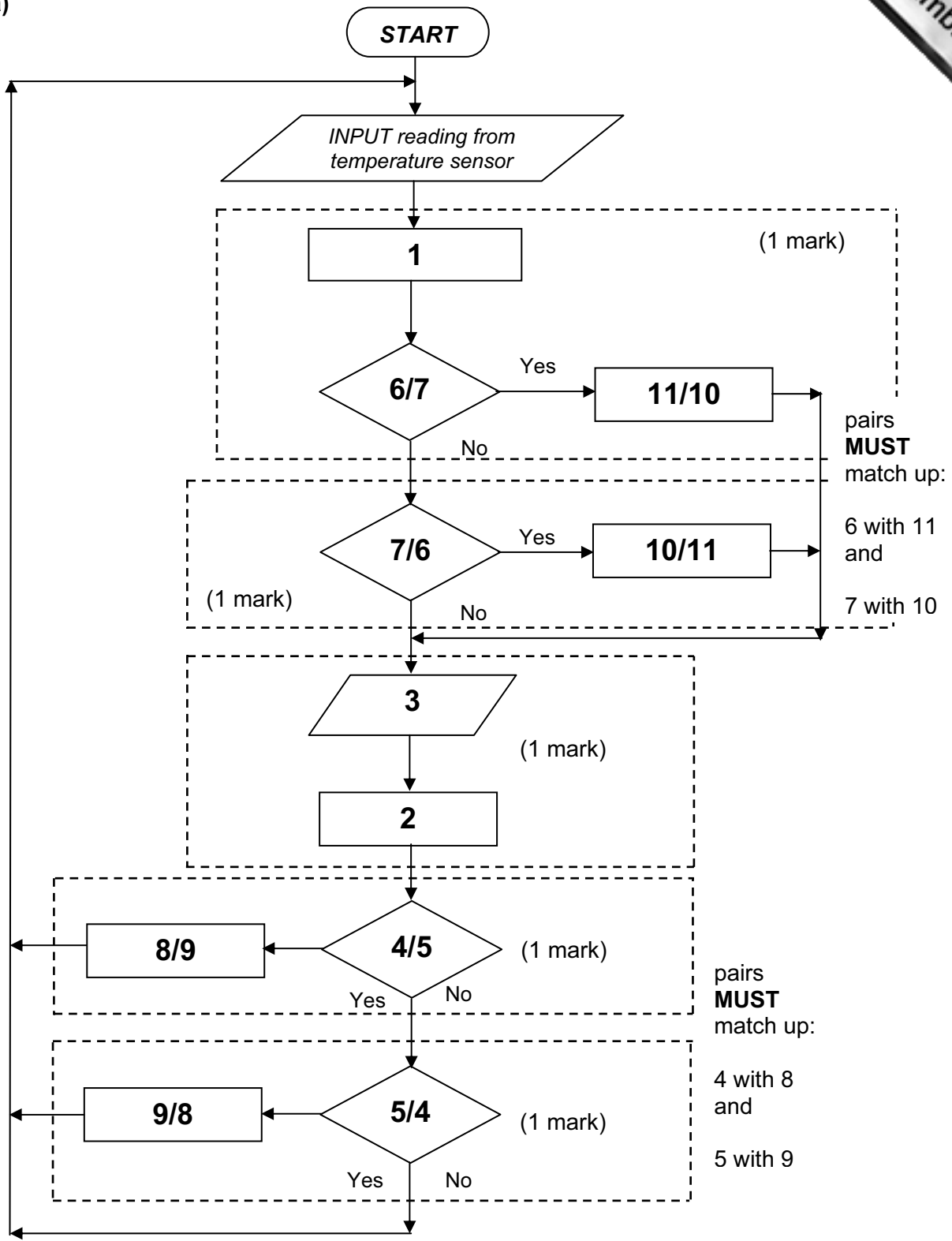
- lift is on floor 000 } 1 mark
- going down } 1 mark
  
- lift is on floor 60 } 1 mark
- going up } 1 mark
  
- floor number > 60 } 1 mark
- going up/down } 1 mark
  
- lift out of commission } 1 mark
- going up/down } 1 mark

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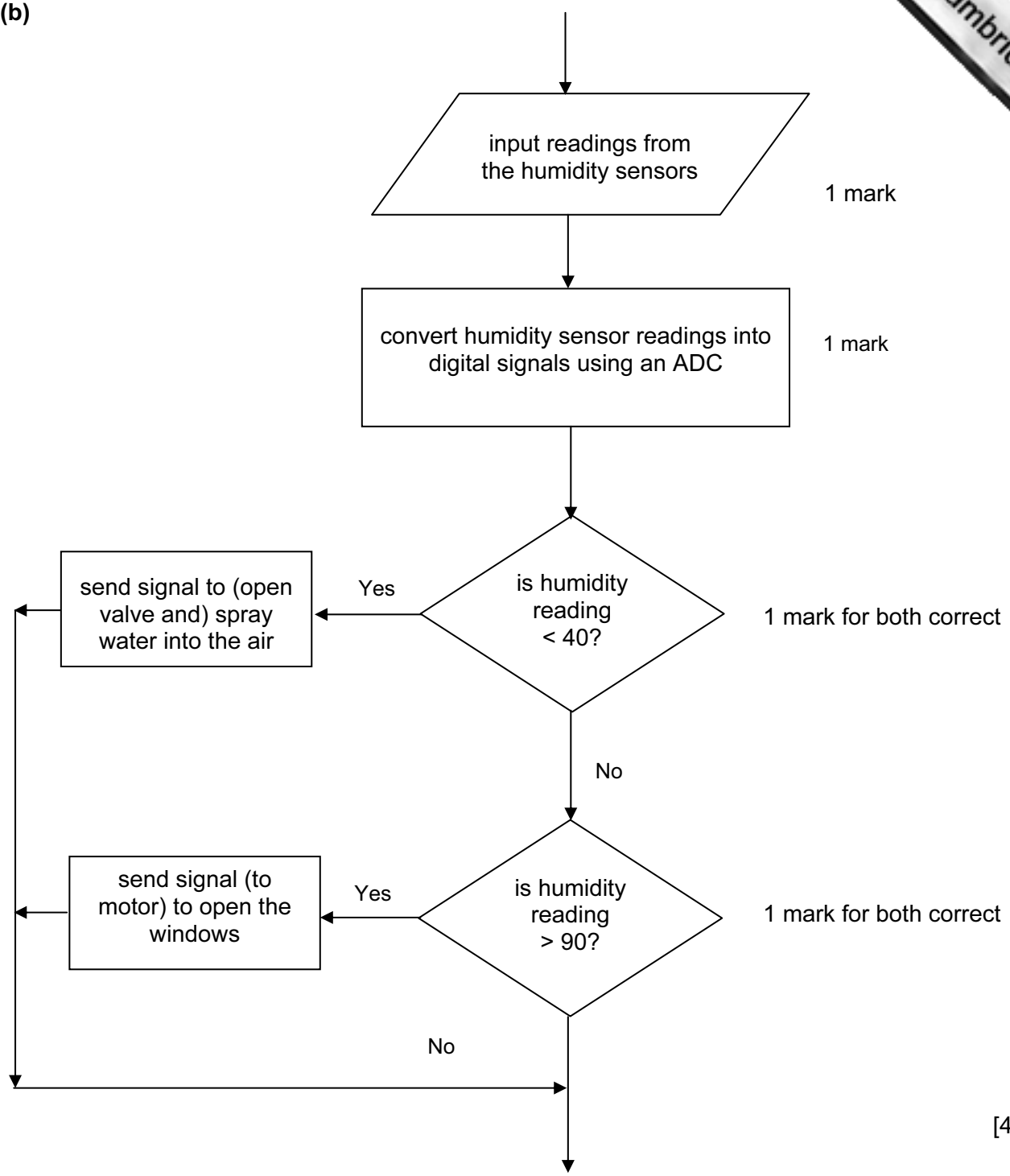
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(b)



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15 (a)

A	B	C	X	
0	0	0	1	1 mark
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	1	1 mark
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	1	1 mark
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	1	1 mark
1	1	1	1	

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(b) 1 mark for gate name + 1 mark for each pair of outputs in truth table.

NAND gate		
A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

NOR gate		
A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

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**16 sample program:**

```

x = 0: tbun = 0: tcoffee = 0: tcake = 0: tsand = 0: tdessert = 0
repeat
    input item
    if item = "bun" then tbun = tbun + 0.5
    else if item = "coffee" then tcoffee = tcoffee + 1.20
    else if item = "cake" then tcake = tcake + 1.50
    else if item = "sandwich" then tsand = tsand + 2.10
    else if item = "dessert" then tdessert = tdessert + 4.00
    else print "error"
until item = "end"
if tbun > x then x = tbun
if tcoffee > x then x = tcoffee
if tcake > x then x = tcake
if tsand > x then x = tsand
if tdessert > x then x = tdessert
total = tbun + tcoffee + tcake + tsand + tdessert
print total, x

```

**marking points:**

- complete initialization
- correct loop structure (could be while – end while or do – until loop.)
- input item INSIDE the loop
- check on which item has been input
- \*summation of value of each item input
- check if each item total is the largest value
- variable (e.g. x) takes on the highest total value
- total value of ALL five totals
- correct output OUTSIDE the loop

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