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TECHNOLOGY**

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- 1 A Magnetic stripe (1)
 B Chip (1)
 C Optical marks (1)
 D Bar code (1) [4]

- 2 **Buzzer (1)** Graphics tablet Joystick
Monitor (1) Optical character reader Web cam [2]

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	True	False	
Computer programs are examples of hardware		✓	(1)
An internet browser is an example of software	✓		(1)
A pointer is used to select items in a command line interface		✓	(1)
A PDA is larger than a desktop computer		✓	(1)

[4]

- 4 (a) **A microphone** is used in the recording of voices for presentation software [1]
 (b) **A remote control** is used to control a multimedia projector [1]
 (c) **A keyboard** is used to write a letter [1]
 (d) **A chip reader** is used to read information from a bank card [1]
 (e) **A joystick** is used in a flight simulator [1]

- 5 **Three** from:
 Can act as a web server
 Can act as a buffer (between internet and LAN)
 Server passes on requests to the internet
 Passes the requested web pages to individual computers
 Can cache/store the webpages
 Subsequent requests for that/those web page(s) are responded to more quickly
 Can be used to monitor internet usage
 Can block certain sites [3]

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- 6 **Three** from:
 Can store more data
 Easier to carry/more portable
 Majority of computers have USB ports/many school computers don't have CD drives
 Speed of access is quicker
 Speed of data transfer is quicker
 Pen drives are more robust/less prone to damage [3]

- 7
 PENDOWN
 FORWARD 70
 PENUP
 FORWARD 70
 PENDOWN
 FORWARD 40
 RIGHT 90
 FORWARD 50
 RIGHT 90
 FORWARD 80
 1 mark for each pair of statements [5]

- 8 (a) **Two** from:
 Web log
 Personal journal/online diary
 Owners' observations/opinions on a topic
 Can have links to other sites
 Others can post comments
 Frequently updated by owner [2]

- (b) **Two** from:
 Allows users to create/edit web pages using a web browser
 Many people can contribute/edit/update entries
 Anyone can contribute so not to be taken as totally accurate
 Holds information on many topics which can be searched [2]

- 9
- | | True | False | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-----|
| Withdrawing money from an ATM | ✓ | | (1) |
| Producing utility bills | | ✓ | (1) |
| Booking a plane ticket | ✓ | | (1) |
| Producing payslips | | ✓ | (1) |
- [4]

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10 Three from:

Normal data – data within a (given) range/appropriate for that data type (1)

Abnormal data – data outside the range/of the wrong data type (1)

Extreme data – data on the boundaries of the range (1)

[3]

11 (a) Three from:

Computer (readings) more accurate than students

Students might forget to take readings/readings can be taken at regular intervals

Students might be unavailable to take readings during school holidays

Computers can analyse the results immediately/ can produce graphs more quickly

Readings can be taken more frequently

Readings can be taken any time of day or night

[3]

(b) Five from:

Save spreadsheet in suitable format

Create graphs

Load word processing software

Frames could be created

Insert spreadsheet/ import spreadsheet/copy and paste spreadsheet/embed spreadsheet

Insert/copy and paste graphs

Type in text/description of weather

Edit text/description of weather

Import/insert pictures

Format report

[5]

(c) Three from:

Cheaper to make than the real thing

Real thing may represent too large a time scale (genetics etc.)

Real thing may be wasteful of materials

Real thing may be on too vast a scale

Easier to change data/variables

Costs less to change data/variables

The real thing may be impossible to access/create

[3]

12 Five from:

The stock file is searched

Until a match is found with the entered bar code

The number in stock of the matching record is read

One/number purchased is subtracted from the number in stock

The number in stock is compared with the re-order number

If it is equal to/less than the re-order number then more goods are automatically re-ordered

The new value of number in stock is written back to the file

Next bar code is read

[5]

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- 13 (a) C3** [1]
- (b)** Any one of A1:G1 or of A1:A6 or of B2:B6 or B8 or E8 or F8 [1]
- (c)** =E5–D5 [1]
- (d)** =C2*F2 or =C2*(E5–D5) [1]
- (e) Two** from:
 Highlight/click on/select G2
 Copy G2 and paste into G3:G6

 Highlight/click on/select G2
 Copy/Fill down to G6 [2]
- 14 (a) Three** from:
 Examining documents about the system
 Distribute questionnaires to users of the system
 Interview users of the system
 Observing the system/staff [3]
- (b) Three** from:
 Field name
 Field type
 Key field
 Field length
 Validation check/rules [3]
- (c)** Direct changeover – new system replaces existing system immediately/overnight (1)
 Parallel running – new system runs alongside/together with existing system (1)
 Phased implementation – new system is implemented part by part (1)
 Pilot running – system is implemented in one branch/one office (at a time) (1) [4]

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- 15 (a) Two** from:
 Optical Mark Recognition
 Pencil/pen marks are read by scanner/Reader
 Position of marks are identified [2]
 Exam papers/school registers/lottery/multiple choice questionnaires [1]
- (b) Two** from:
 Optical Character Recognition
 Text is read by scanner
 image compared with characters stored in computer
 Converted to text for use with other software [2]
 Utility bill/turnaround documents/word processors/mail/passports/id cards/car number plates [1]
- (c) Two** from:
 Magnetic Ink Character Recognition
 characters read by magnetic reader
 characters compared with characters stored in computer
 Converted to text for entry into system [2]
 Bank cheques [1]
- 16 (a) Three** from:
 Robots produce the same standard every time
 Cost – once bought they do not have to be paid/fewer employees so lower costs
 No industrial disputes
 Greater productivity
 Greater accuracy
 Can work in hazardous/extreme conditions/can lift heavier loads
 Robots don't take breaks/can work 24 hours a day 7 days a week [3]
- (b) Three** from:
 Robots have to be reprogrammed when there is a small change/can't think for themselves
 Robots need programming in order to be adaptable
 Expensive start up costs – redundancy payments
 Expensive start up costs – have to spend money on training workers to use robots
 Expensive start up costs – buying of robots/programming of robots
 Computer crash would halt production
 Maintenance/repair costs can be expensive [3]

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17 Hardware:

Network cards
Modem/router
Hub

Software:

(Internet) browser
Firewall software
Anti-virus software
Anti-spyware software

Others:

ISP
Cables
Telephone line

Must have at least one hardware item and one software item to gain full marks. [4]

18 (a) Two from:

Pressure
Moisture
Motion

[2]

(b) Computers work in digital
Sensors send analogue data
ADC

[1]

[1]

[1]

(c) Compares temperature with pre-set value

[1]

If temperature lower than preset value microprocessor switches on heater

[1]

If temperature higher than/equal to preset value microprocessor switches off heater/does nothing

[1]

19 Two from:

Visual verification/checking
Read through data on screen
Compare with source document

[2]

Two from:

Double data entry
Data is typed in twice by one typist
Data is typed in by two operators
Computer compares versions
If different freezes/sounds buzzer

[2]