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1ANumeric keypadBChip readerCRemote controlDTrackerball[4]

2 Bridge DVD R Light pen [1]

Magnetic tape Printer Switch [1]

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	TRUE	FALSE	
Withdrawing money from an ATM is an example of batch processing		√	[1]
The processing of bank cheques is an example of batch processing	√		[1]
Booking a theatre ticket is an example of online processing	✓		[1]
Producing utility bills is an example of online processing		✓	[1]

- 4 (a) The most suitable storage medium for storing data on a bank card is a chip [1]
 - (b) The tool which searches for matches in a knowledge base an inference engine [1]
 - (c) An optical disc which can have data updated is a DVD RW [1]
 - (d) Multi part stationery is used with a dot matrix printer [1]
- 5 Bar code reader > To enter hard copy images into a computer [1] Microphone → creating a piece of text [1] > selecting items from a menu Scanner-[1] $^{ extstyle \Delta}$ inputting data from a food item at a POS Keyboard [1] Mouse -[≥] creating a voice over for a presentation [1]

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6 (a) Two from:

Less likely to lose it
May have stronger signal
Display is larger/keyboard is larger
Content is not as limited
Can be faster to access internet
No problem with batteries running out
Has a mouse so is easier to navigate/use

[2]

(b) Two from:

Don't always have access to PC/there may be a power cut Difficult to carry/not very portable/mobile phone is portable/Cannot access internet except in the house

You have to buy extra hardware/router

[2]

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	Internet	Intranet	
is a network of computer networks	✓		[1]
exists usually within one organisation		✓	[1]
anybody can access it	✓		[1]
can be expanded to become an extranet		✓	[1]

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	Spam	Pharming	
is the sending of several emails at once	✓		[1]
requires malicious code to be downloaded		✓	[1]
re-directs the user to a fake website		✓	[1]
is the sending of unsolicited messages	✓		[1]

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9 Four instructions and four paired meanings from:

INSTRUCTION	MEANING
FORWARD n	Move <i>n</i> mm forward
BACKWARD n	Move <i>n</i> mm backward
LEFT t	Turn left t degrees
RIGHT t	Turn right t degrees
PENUP	Lift the pen
PENDOWN	Lower the pen
REPEAT n	Repeat the following instructions <i>n</i> times
END REPEAT	Finish the REPEAT loop

1 for instruction and 1 for meaning

[8]

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	True	False	
A file is a collection of related records	√		[1]
A field is one item of data such as name or address	√		[1]
The same value can occur several times within a key field		√	[1]
A record is the complete data about one student	√		[1]

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11 (a) Four from:

Sensors are used to monitor patient's vital signs

...such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse, sugar levels (2 required for mark)

Sensors send data/signals back to computer

ADC converts analogue signals from sensors...

...to digital so that computer can understand/read the data

Graphs are output

Inputs are compared to acceptable range of values

If higher/lower warning signal is triggered

[4]

11 (b) Four from:

Readings can be taken more frequently

Nurses can get tired and forget to take readings/nurses are so busy they might not be able to take readings regularly

Computer readings are more accurate/human errors are reduced

More than one variable can be measured at any one time

Results can be analysed automatically/Charts are produced automatically

Automatic warnings can be generated/faster to react

Nurses are free to do other tasks

Reduces chances of nurses being exposed to contagious diseases

Reduced cost of wage bill/fewer nurses will be needed

[4]

[1]

[1]

12 (a) E5

(b) Any of A1:B6, C1:G1, B8, E8

(c) 7 [1]

(d) = C2*F2 or = C2*(E2-D2) [1]

(e) 1 mark per point

Highlight F2 and click copy Highlight F3:F6 and click paste

OR

Highlight F2 and manoeuvre to bottom right hand corner of F2

Using fill handle/little black square/cross drag down to F6/double click on fill handle/little black square/cross

OR

Highlight F2:F6

Click on fill then down [2]

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12 (f) Three from:

Real thing may be too expensive to build/cost of rebuilding/repairing is expensive Real thing requires too large a time scale/it may take a long time to obtain results from the

real thing

Real thing would be too wasteful of materials

Real thing is too vast a scale

Easier to modify/change date/variables

Costs less to change data/variables

The real thing may be impossible to access/create

Real thing may be too dangerous

You can test predictions more easily/model can make predictions more accurately

You can ask many what if questions which would be impractical in real life

[3]

13 Four from:

With a CLI Instructions must be typed to get a computer to carry out an action

With a GUI you just click on an icon

With a GUI icons represent applications

With a CLI you have to remember the exact path and name of application

With a CLI it is more important that users understand how a computer works

With a GUI menus are offered to help choose an action

With CLI have to learn/understand commands

[4]

14 (a)

Field name	Validation Check	
Reference_number	Character check/range check/length check/check digit	[1]
Year	Range check/Character check	[1]
First_name	None	[1]
Family_name	None	[1]
Sibling	Yes or No	[1, 1]

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(b) Five from:

Verification is checking that data has been entered/copied correctly Usually achieved by double data entry...

...or visual check

Validation is checking that data entered is reasonable/sensible

One mark is available for a correct explanation of an example of one validation check

Must have both because:

Data might be sensible but has not been transcribed/transferred accurately

Data might have been transcribed/transferred accurately but may not be sensible

[5]

15 (a) Two from:

Browser to access bank's website [1] ISP to have access to internet [1]

(b) Six from:

Advantages

Don't have to waste time travelling (long distances) to banks

Don't have to spend money on travelling expenses travelling (long distances) to banks

No embarrassment of having to ask for loans face to face

Can bank when banks are closed

Can use it anywhere if there's an internet connection

Disadvantages

May not like the lack of personal touch

There may be less opportunity for socialising with friends/neighbours

Possibly more expensive phone bills

Hackers can access personal details and transfer money to their account

You have to have Internet access

Unable to withdraw cash

One mark is available for a reasoned conclusion **Maximum** four advantages or disadvantages

[6]

16 Four from:

Can be a website/software

Users can create/add content/pages

Users can modify content/pages

Users can delete content/pages

Using a web browser

Using a simplified mark-up language/a rich-text editor

Are often created collaboratively by multiple users

Examples include community websites, corporate intranets, knowledge management systems [4]

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17 Three from:

Electrocution – RCB installed/don't allow liquids near computers/make sure cables are insulated Fire – $\underline{CO_2}$ extinguisher/don't overload sockets

Tripping – create ducts/cover cables with carpets etc.

[3]

18 Five from:

Microprocessor controlled devices do much of housework

Do not need to do many things manually

Do not need to be in the house when food is cooking

Do not need to be in the house when clothes are being washed

Can leave their home to go shopping/work at any time of the day

Greater social interaction/more family time

More time to go out/more leisure time/more time to do other things/work

Are able to do other leisure activities when convenient to them

Can lead to unhealthy eating due to dependency on ready meals

Can lead to laziness/lack of fitness

Can encourage a healthy lifestyle because of smart fridges analysing food constituents

Microprocessor controlled burglar alarm provides a sense of security

Do not have to leave home to get fit

Manual household skills are lost/deskilling regarding household tasks

[5]

19 Five from:

Causes data to be scrambled/encoded

Requires an encryption key/software to encrypt

Requires a decryption key/encryption software to decrypt

Results in data which is not understandable/readable

Benefits:

Protects sensitive data...

...from being understood if it falls in to the wrong hands

Only user/computer with key can understand data

Drawbacks

Data can still be deleted from system

Criminals can use encryption to keep incriminating material secure

[5]