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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY Paper 1 Theory MARK SCHEME Maximum Mark: 100 Published

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1	Hub Bridge	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	hardware	1
2(b)	software	1
2(c)	an applet	1
2(d)	a sensor	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3	Two from: Computer Analogue to digital convertor/ADC Digital to Analogue convertor/DAC Actuator	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4	Two from: Does not need access to the internet Fewer issues storing the data as the connection could drop during storage if the cloud is used More control over the stored data	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
5	Four from: Advantages	4
	Less wear on the card as it is not used in a device	
	Transaction is quicker	
	Can be read from a pocket	
	No shoulder surfing	
	Disadvantages	
	Transaction can be read by hacker's device	
	Does not use a PIN therefore money can be taken if lost	
	Limit on spending on the card	
	If lost the card could be used by anyone so is less secure	
	To gain full marks the description must have correct answers for both advantages and disadvantages	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Used to describe the presentation of a document written in HTML Enables the separation of presentation and content Part of the presentation layer	2
6(b)	Four from: Attached stylesheets are separate from the web page whereas Inline style attributes are within each web page An attached stylesheet is edited in one file whereas Inline style attributes are edited by changing each web page Attached stylesheet link has to go into the head section of the web page whereas Inline style attributes can be anywhere in the web page Inline style attributes can be within HTML tags Attached stylesheets can be applied to multiple pages whereas Inline style attributes only apply to individual web pages Inline style attributes can be used to override the attached stylesheet	4

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	Eight from:	8
	Similarity	
	Both use a primary key	
	Both can create searches/reports	
	Both store data in records and fields in the table	
	Both use indexes	
	Differences	
	Flat file database is a plain text file	
	Flat file is a simple structure	
	Flat file uses one table	
	Relational database has linked tables/relationships	
	Relational database allows searches/reports to be created over multiple tables	
	Relational database allows cross referencing between tables	
	Relational database records are easier to add	
	Relational databases are more powerful	
	Relational database reduces duplicate data	
	Relational database uses foreign keys	
	To gain full marks there must be correct answers for both similarities and differences	
7(b)	One from:	2
,	The data is in a list	
	There is only a small amount of data	
	A single table is to be used	
	One mark:	
	Example of a list such as name, address/CSV files	

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	One from: Aches and pains in the hands and fingers Painful swelling of the wrist and fingers Two from: Caused by repetitive movements Caused by holding a mouse and clicking the buttons repetitively Caused by constant typing on a keyboard	3
8(b)	Caused by sitting in a poor posture for a long period of time Three from:	3
. ,	Use of a wrist rest Use of a mouse rest Take regular breaks Exercise the hand and fingers Use an ergonomic keyboard/ergonomic mouse Arrange workspace so that it is not cramped Using an ergonomic chair	

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	Four from: Text Images Logos Slide footer/header Automatic slide number Link/button to other slide/file/web page Lines for layout Animation/video/sound	4
9(b)	Two from: Microphone Headphones/speakers Sound card	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(c)	Matched pairs: Word processing Type/enter the text for the presentation Image editing software/graphics package/photo editing To prepare images for inclusion in the presentation Sound editing software To record the message for the presentation Video editing software To change the video of Martin Spreadsheet To create a chart/graph	4

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	Three from: Oxygen Light pH Turbidity	3

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Question	Answer	Marks
10(b)	Six from:	6
, ,	Advantages	
	More accurate results produced	
	Computer does not forget to take a reading	
	Results are processed automatically	
	Readings can be taken at more points as many humans are needed	
	Readings can be taken that would be impossible for humans	
	Data can be analysed continuously	
	Readings can be taken more frequently	
	Safer than using humans	
	Better response time	
	Can work 24/7	
	Can be placed in remote areas where humans could not work	
	Fewer humans required therefore reducing the cost	
	Disadvantages	
	Computer responds less to unusual circumstances	
	Computer equipment can be more susceptible to atmospheric conditions	
	Computer equipment is more likely to be damaged or stolen by vandals	
	To gain full marks the discussion must have correct answers for both advantages and disadvantages	

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Question	Answer	Marks
11	Interviews	6
	Advantages	
	Questions can be explained if they are misunderstood this cannot happen withquestionnaires	
	Questions can be asked relating to the answers given previously	
	More detailed answers can be given	
	More complex questions can be asked	
	Questions can be changed to suit the person being interviewed	
	The person being interviewed tends to answer all the questions	
	Can see body language	
	Disadvantages	
	They are not anonymous whereas questionnaires are	
	Takes far longer to complete than a questionnaire	
	The interviewer and interviewee must be available at the same time	
	More expensive as the interviewer has to be hired and interviewee needs time off	
	Answers may not be honest//more honest with a questionnaire as the person isanonymous	
	Answers may be skewed by the interviewer	
	Answers in a questionnaire can be analysed quicker through OMR	
	Questionnaires tend to be sent to more people	
	To gain full marks the discussion must have correct answers for both interviews and questionnaires	

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)(i)	Fire Two from: CO ₂ fire extinguisher Don't overload sockets Have fans/cooling system Use Residual Circuit Breaker/RCB	2
12(a)(ii)	Electrocution Don't bring drinks close to computers Cover/insulate live/bare wires	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
12(b)	Three from: Report/block cyberbullies Respect other players Check game ratings for age Reduce the amount of time spent gaming Be careful of in-app purchases Turn on privacy settings Don't use your real name//use a nick name Don't give away personal information	3
12(c)	Max two from: Part of the authentication system Needed to improve security Max three from: Combined they are unique User ID is an identifier for the user Password is a string of characters Passwords verify the user in the authentication process	4

Question	Answer	Marks
13(a)	Four from: Copyright is the legal and exclusive right to copy, or permit to be copied, some specific work If you own the copyright on the content of a web page someone else cannot make a copy of it without your permission Copyright usually originates with the creator of a work, but can be sold, traded, orinherited by others If you blog, take photographs, publish music, or otherwise produce copyrightable content, you legally own that content Whether you want to let other people use it or not is your decision If you want to use other people's content, you have to understand permissions and licensing, what is legal and what isn't//Read Terms and Conditions Supports the original producers of the software/content	4

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Question	Answer	Marks
13(b)	Serial numbers/product keys When software is being installed, users are often asked to enter a unique number which proves the software is original Serial numbers and product keys are supplied with the original copy of the software	4
	Holograms Holograms are often used on the packaging of software and they indicate that the copy is genuine Software without a hologram on the packaging is usually an illegal copy as they are too difficult and costly for pirates to implement	
	Licence agreements Licence agreements are part of the software installation process and they inform the user exactly how they are legally allowed to use the product Users are required to 'agree to terms of use' before they can complete the installation Any breach of this can mean prosecution and fines	
	One mark for naming the method then one mark for each reason To gain full marks candidates must have at least one description in addition to naming the methods	
13(c)(i)	Four from: The laws within a country//In some countries emails are monitored and people arepunished for what they write Using emails for marketing purposes//Laws differ in different countries Netiquette Local guidelines set by an employer The need for security//Some countries monitor keywords in emails Password protection does not allow people to see the contents Cultural offences	4

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Question	Answer	Marks
13(c)(ii)	Two from for example: Include a clear, direct subject line Use a professional email address Use professional salutations Use exclamation points sparingly Be cautious with humour/sarcasm/slang Proofread the message before you click send Do not use capital letters as it implies shouting Do not use swear/offensive words Do not use defamatory comments Protect others privacy	2

Question	Answer	Marks
14(a)	Checks the data entered/transferred/copied correctly Matches the original document	2
14(b)	Check digit: Serial_number Length: Shelf_number Type: Number_in_stock//Name_of_supplier//Name_of_item	3
14(c)	Serial_number	1

Question	Answer	Marks
15(a)	Four from: Is debit card number valid/exists Does name entered match that on system Is expiry/start date valid/matches date stored on system Does security code/CVV entered match that stored on system Is there available credit/funds in the bank account Checks for unusual spending patterns Is card blocked/reported stolen/lost	4

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Question	Answer	Marks
15(b)	Four from: Computer looks up the date of performance/performance reference number Matching record is retrieved Checks/Searches if the seats are available Flags the seats to stop double booking as temporary hold Reduced number of available seats by the number booked//seats flagged as fully booked Calculate cost of seats Prints ticket/generates e-ticket E-ticket/ticket sent to customer Receipt is printed/Verification email sent Data is checked for accuracy If booking not completed, then temporarily hold flag is removed from the seat Reduce number of seats available once the booking is complete	4

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