



General Certificate of Education

Information and Communication Technology 5521

**ICT1R Information: Nature, Role and
Context**

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Question 1

Many candidates gained high marks for this question.

Question 2

Good answers related to ICT job roles or a description of the role and a good explanation of why the personal quality is required.

Question 3

This question was answered well, many candidates gained full marks.

Question 4

- a) Most candidates managed to gain at least one mark for a benefit and a limitation, although there were several cases of candidates trying to answer the question in the context of telesales.
- b) The majority of candidates answered this well.
- c) Some candidates did not consider 'society as a whole' and therefore failed to gain marks. Those who did gain marks tended to focus on environmental issues.

Question 5

Many candidates gained full marks.

Question 6

- a) Many answers lacked sufficient detail to gain credit eg 'hacking', fraud etc.
- b) Most candidates gained one mark for stating a measure to prevent malpractice but did not expand the answer to describe how the measure would prevent malpractice.
- c) As above with many not giving sufficient detail as to how the measure prevents crime.

Question 7

- a) Candidates who identified a feature often failed to use sufficient/appropriate detail eg a comfortable chair would not gain credit. Reasons were generally identified appropriately.
- b) Some candidates were unable to give a design feature of software. Again there were many vague answers, which did not give sufficient detail to gain credit.

- c) 'The company providing regular eye checks' was the most common response with most candidates gaining this mark and the mark for the reason. Only the better candidates were able to identify a 2nd work practice.

Question 8

- a) The majority of candidates gained full marks
- b) The majority of candidates gained full marks, although some did incorrectly give calculated fields as their answer. Some candidates failed to give enough detail to gain full marks although the better candidates gained full marks.
- c) The majority of candidates answered this well.
- di) The majority of candidates gained full marks.
- dii) Many candidates gained 2 marks with the better candidates achieving full marks.

Security breached paper

A small number of centres issued original question papers to their candidates in error. All necessary measures were taken at the marking and awarding stages to ensure that candidates were treated fairly and in a consistent way whether they attempted the original or the replacement versions of the question paper.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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