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0420/01 Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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1 Generally, one mark for each valid point. Two examples gain two marks.

(a) data logging

automatic collection of data
no need for someone to be present
over a period of time
reference to sensors
e.g. at remote weather stations

[2]

entering data = 0, storing data = 0

(b) check digit

validation check
number at the end of a string of numbers
to check the numbers have been correctly input
e.g. account number, barcode., ISBN

[2]

by doing some arithmetic=0
modulo 11 check = 0

(c) serial access

accessing data in sequence/one after another
reading previous data/program to get to one required
e.g. on magnetic tape, bubble memory

[2]

sequential file = 0

(d) assembler

program/software
converts/changes/translates/transforms
assembly/low level language to machine code

[2]

(e) handshaking

exchange of signals/protocols
between devices
to establish readiness to receive data

[2]

communication=0

2 Any three from e.g.

processed fairly and lawfully
data must be relevant
data must only be used for stated purpose
kept no longer than needed
kept secure/use of passwords/use encryption
not transferred to other countries without permission
must register
subject is entitled to see data
data must be accurate
data must be up to date

[3]

punishments = 0, hackers =0, backups =0

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- 3 (a) **Two** sensors from
temperature
humidity
weight/pressure
light
proximity sensor
vibration
water level
powder level
speed [2]
- mercury tilt sensor = 0
- (b) **Two** points from
data from sensors compared
with stored value/range of values
if outside range action taken
if within range no action taken [2]
- A to D converter = 0
- 4 (a) Any **two** ways from eg.
Password / PIN / security codes
digital signature/certificate
retina verification
firewall
anti virus software
encryption
dial-back modems
limit number of attempts to logon
disconnect from network if hacking is suspected [2]
- user id = 0, restricting access = 0, heavy penalties = 0, hacking laws = 0
use anti-hacking software = 0, use of fingerprints = 0
- (b) Any **two** from
patterns are used for identification / unique
prints are input using light sensing method
computer (system) stores patterns / prints
computer (system) stores prints from the scene of crime
suspects prints are matched by computer [2]

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- 5 (a) Any **two** tasks from e.g.
 spray paint
 assembling / welding body parts
 inspecting car bodies
 fitting windscreens/seats/engine
 leak testing / sniffing
 lifting car parts
 fitting electric loom
 pick and place [2]
- (b) Any **two** from
 moves in tracks/along coloured line
 builds map in memory / pre-programmed
 records distance travelled and angle turned to enable return journey
 emits infra red beam / light sensor / proximity sensor
 example of appropriate reaction [2]
- uses sensor = 0, pressure/sound sensor = 0
- (c) Any **two** from
 loss of job/retrenchment less money due to fewer hours = 0
 de-skilling/new skills
 retraining
 cleaner/safer environment [2]
- 6 (a) Award **one** mark per point
store data temporarily
 compensate for difference in speeds
allows CPU to get on with other tasks
 autonomous peripherals [2]
- (b) Any **one** from e.g.
 reduces the number of data transfers
 more efficient use of the processor
 larger files can be transferred/store more data [1]
- (c) Any **two** points from e.g.
 stop data being transferred
 when processor discovers errors
 when printer cannot accept transfer/buffer is full/paper out [2]
- printer sends an interrupt/signal to the processor = 0

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- 7 Any **three** ways from e.g.
 crop
 scale/resize
 flip
 change colours
 stretch
 shear
 colours/pattern
 layering/ordering
 rotate
 add text
 multiple copies
 3-D
 merging images
 changing resolution
 animation [3]
- imported into WP, DTP, screen saver = 0
- 8 (a) (i) 3½ Floppy A: (or any part thereof)
 C: [1]
 D: [1]
 (ii) project/classwork/games/homework
- (b) Any **two** from e.g.
 writes tracks and sectors
 sets up root directory
 put index/title on disk
 deletes data [2]
- (c) Any **three** from e.g.
 file management/store document
 load/run programs
 output control/print document
 memory management
 security
 allows user to interface/handles interrupts
 error reporting
 utility tasks e.g, copy/load/save/sort/merge/defragmenting/delete
 automatic restart/shutdown
 multi-tasking
 multi-programming
 allocates resources
 accounting
 plug and play [3]
- scan for viruses = 0
 bootup = 0
 scandisk = 0

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- 9 (a) Any **three** tasks from e.g.
Decide on: software
hardware
Design: **input formats**
output formats
file structures/tables
test plan
flowcharts/algorithms
processing [3]

feasibility study = 0
- (b) Any **two** stages from e.g.
coding/programming
setting up the system/files
conversion/transfer of data/files to new system
testing
installing hardware/data
producing documentation
training
handing over/commissioning/putting system into action [2]

methods of implementation = 0
- (c) Any **two** items from e.g.
description of what the system is designed to do/how system works
minimum hardware and software needed
how to load and run the system
error messages
how to operate each part of the system
sources of help
troubleshooting/FAQs
sample runs [2]
- 10 (a) PRICE (\$) or CODE [1]
- (b) **One** mark per named/described check.
length check/number of characters
range on number of days
range on number of months
presence
format/picture
type check [2]
- (c) M018 [1]
- (d) (DELIVERY DATE > 30/09/02 AND DELIVERY DATE < 01/11/02)
/
(DELIVERY DATE between 30/09/02 AND 01/11/02)
AND
(PRICE(\$)>50)
[1 mark per line in above statement] [3]

use of wildcards not allowed

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- 11 (a) Award **one** per item
appropriate heading
all five fields
clearly not a handwritten form
sufficient spaces for data
link to another screen [4]
- (b) Any **two** benefits from e.g.
learn at own pace
learn in their own time [2]
- immediate feedback = 0
saves time = 0
reduces cost = 0
- (c) Any **two** points from e.g.
no need to set aside rooms for exams
fewer teaching staff needed to mark papers/automatic marking/
staff can do other things/more accurate marking
fewer office staff for data entry
fewer errors/more accurate data entry
less paper work/lower printing costs
easier to modify questions [2]
- immediate feedback = 0
- 12 (a) A2:A5
B2:B5 [2]
- (b) (F2 =) AVG(B2:D2) or AVERAGE(B2:D2) or SUM(B2:D2)/3 or E2/3 or
(B2+C2+D2)/3 [2]
- =F2 is 0
- (c) E3 and F3
E6 and C6
(ignore F6) [2]
- 13 Award one mark for each correct output
- (a) 13, -8 [2]
- (b) Award **one** mark for each modification
- loop which works
using sensible rogue value
correct positioning of input
calculation of the total inside the loop
correct output max 4 [4]
- exact copy of algorithm in question = 0

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- 14 (a) **One mark per point**
modem
converts digital signal to analogue signal/analogue to digital
so signals/data can be sent down the telephone line/cables (max: 2)
ISP
provides a connection to the Internet/host web pages
provides security/filtering (max: 1) [3]
- (b) Any **two** ways from e.g.
registering
On-screen input form/questionnaire
e-mail
counter to count visitors to site
ASP/Java script [2]
- 15 Any **four** points from e.g.
computer asks questions
features/facts/names of plant are input
knowledge base searched / look for match
uses rules / inference engine
computer suggests type of plant
knowledge base contains knowledge of experts [4]
- 16 (a) Any **two** from e.g.
virus
sabotage by hacker
spamming/too many users logging on to the system
electricity failure
hardware fault
missing system file
any natural disaster needs to have its effect described [2]
- bugs/errors = 0 computer crash = 0, data corruption = 0
- (b) Any **two ways** from e.g.
firewall
UPS/backup generator
mirrored systems/backup computer system
anti-virus software
limit the number of connections [2]
- backup = 0
passwords = 0
regular saving = 0

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- 17 (a) Any **one** from e.g.
push button
induction loop
pressure pad [1]

camera/motion sensor/light sensor/sound sensor = 0
- (b) Any **one** way from e.g.
beeping/green man [1]
traffic lights/robot
- (c) Must be description. Any **one** way from e.g.
timing
counting [1]
testing conditions
- 18 (a) **customer orders** (order entry)

validation process **invalid orders**

update process **stock/order file**

invoices **order/stock file**

1 mark per correct line in flow chart [4]
- 19 Award **one** mark for each correct step in the algorithm
Input 3 numbers
Compare first and second, swap if needed
Compare second and third, swap if needed
Repeat comparisons

Use of temporary store

Output the numbers

Max 4 [4]