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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY Paper 1 Written 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.

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		Backing storage	RAM	ROM	4
	This is temporary storage used for the application being executed.		✓		
	This is volatile memory.		✓		
	An example of this storage is an SSD.	✓			
	This stores the startup instructions for the computer.			✓	

Question	Answer	Marks
2	Delivery drivers for retail stores Website designers	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3	Two from: He may be tired/injured therefore text messaging is easier than trying to talk The text message is sent even though the sender's phone is in limited signal strength Limited signal strength can result in a break of voice A text message is quicker to send	2

Question		Answer			Marks
4		Interviews	Observation	Questionnaires	4
	This method gives a more reliable overview of the whole system.		1		
	This is more time consuming than the other methods.	✓			
	Questions on this method cannot be expanded upon when being asked.			✓	
	With this method the worker cannot remain anonymous.	✓			

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	Web browser	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	Blog	1
5(c)	Wiki	1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Example: Susan car database	1
6(b)	S:\IGCSE\ICT\ \IGCSE - 1 mark \ICT\ - 1 mark	2
	The overall answer must be in this order	
6(c)	Two from: The larger it is the longer to transmit the email Some email companies set a limit on attachment file size The time to upload/download would increase with a large file	2

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	Two from: So that other people cannot access the router using the known default password As it is wireless the password could be cracked from outside easily and then used for free by others So that people cannot make changes to/access personal data on the router It would increase security of the data	2
7(b)	Four from: The computer/device sends data to its wireless adapter The data is converted into radio waves The radio waves are transmitted A wireless adapter receives the radio waves Radio waves are converted into data The computer initiates a handshake with the wireless router The wireless router responds Establishes a session/pairing Wireless router checks the password/key is correct Data is transmitted User has to enter a password/passkey/automatic entry of key for known connections	4
7(c)	Four from: Create a cloud storage account Ensure sufficient storage in the cloud account Log into the cloud at home Upload/transfer the diagrams from his home computer to the cloud At university: access/login to his cloud storage account At university: download/access the stored diagrams	4

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(d)	Four from: Install security devices/firewalls Use a VPN Install security software/anti-virus/anti-spyware Set up security settings in the router/operating system Data backup in case of data loss/corruption Restrict access to the network infrastructure Train the family in the safe and secure use of the equipment Not opening emails/attachments from unknowns/phishing emails Not downloading files from unknowns/phishing emails Use a dongle to restrict use of software	4

Question	Answer	Marks
8	Six from: Student progress can be shown over time using graphs Comparisons between students can be shown using graphs Comparisons with archive data can be shown using graphs Conditional formatting can be used to show how a student is performing compare to other students or past performance Data can be sorted to show the best performers in the class Calculate average marks to enable comparisons Automatic reporting results to parents Filtering students to show those above/below a threshold	6

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Question	Answer	Marks
9	Four matched pairs: I never send personal data to people I do not know because people can use it against me as other people can access my personal details	8
	I do not reply by using reply button unless I know the person because it may be a scam	
	I use a list of known email addresses so I don't accidently send it to the wrong email address	
	I check before opening an email/email attachment because it might be a phishing attack	
	I scan both the email and attachment in order to avoid viruses	
	I never send images of myself to people I do not know so they cannot recognise me in the street	
	I do not set auto reply to my email system as this could alert a spammer that the email is active	
	I use email filtering this stops spam emails	
	I always report any phishing emails so the authorities can take action	
	I change my email password regularly so that others cannot access my email account	
	I use a strong password so that others cannot access my email account	
	I logout of email after I have finished using it to stop others gaining access to my emails	
	I keep my password safe so that others cannot access my account	
	To gain full marks at least three matched pairs are required	

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Question	-	Answer	Marks
10(a)	Question	Field name (Examples)	
	What is the toy?	Name_of_toy	
	Who manufactured the toy?	Manufacturer	
	What year was it manufactured?	Year	
	What price was it bought for?	Buying_price	
10(b)	Four from: Open the table Select Design View Select the field Select field type Select from the drop down list – dou Click decimal places Type in 2	ıble	
10(c)			ired
	Needs specialist personnel to setup More processing power needed for a A relational database is more compl To gain full marks there needs to	complex queries ex to understand that a flat	

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Question	Answer	Marks
11	Eight from: There needs to be emoticons/clipart to grab the attention The content needs to be relevant to improve their knowledge There must be a balance of information and pictures with more information than pictures The use of white space is less important More hyperlinks to related web pages Fonts must be clear and readable The interface must be simple, clear and intuitive Slideshows, videos and images providing more information High contrast background The students need to be constantly engaged Needs to be interactive The tone of the website needs to be casual The website needs to be able to work on all platforms especially mobile ones The content needs to be kept fresh and updated	8

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)	Cropping/crop/cut	1
12(b)(i)	Three from: Highlight the body text Select layout/page set up Select columns Select more columns Select two columns Click line between Save the document	3
12(b)(ii)	Four from: Click insert select picture from file Locate the image Load the image Right click and list menu click format Format the image Position the image Click wrap text Save the document	4

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Question	Answer	Marks
12(c)	Two from: Used to make sure that all documents and other materials from an organisation have consistency Set of rules which state how all documents and written communication from an organisation should be formatted Use of branding Three from: Use of corporate/same colours Same font Same style of font Margins and white space look similar Graphics are similar Logos are the same Language used is the same on all documents within the organisation Position of the images are the same	4

Question	Answer	Marks
13(a)(i)	Two from: Saved shortcut Directs the browser to a specific web page It stores the title, URL, and favicon of the corresponding page Allows the user to easily access favourite locations on the Web	2
13(a)(ii)	Two from: The anchor is a link/placeholder/reference point The anchor links with another part of the web page	2
13(a)(iii)	Two from: Word/phrase/image When the hyperlink is clicked Links to another document/page/website/top/bottom of the page	2
13(b)	Two from: Open the website Click on the address bar/URL Select CTRL-D/click on the bookmark/favourite icon/star/add to favourites//Drag URL to bookmarks bar Type in/change the name Add the bookmark	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
14	Six from: Advantages Less expensive per GB/gigabyte of memory Not as easily lost, as larger in size Disadvantages Data access time is slower Data transfer rate is slower Affected by magnetic fields They have moving parts therefore less robust Read and write is more noisy Less compact that flash memory Harder to transfer to other devices Requires a special reader	6
	To gain full marks there needs to be advantages and disadvantages	

Four from: Advantages Files can be larger therefore it can save physical storage space More likely to get the music you need More likely to get more up to date music Can be accessed in more places as only need the internet Don't need physical storage space Don't need optical drives to view/listen to movie/audio Can be viewed on mobile devices with internet connection Copyright owners have more control over who can watch the movie/listen to the audio as no physical copy exists to be copied/pirated Don't have to wait for the whole/large file to be downloaded before viewing Physical copies can be lost/stolen/damaged rendering them useless/have to buy again but steamed movies are always available Disadvantages Needs a connection to the internet Never own a physical copy of the file The playback is dependent on the internet connection therefore may not be as good a quality A subscription may be needed to be paid therefore may be more expensive	Question	Answer	Marks
To gain full marks there needs to be advantages and disadvantages	15	Advantages Files can be larger therefore it can save physical storage space More likely to get the music you need More likely to get more up to date music Can be accessed in more places as only need the internet Don't need physical storage space Don't need optical drives to view/listen to movie/audio Can be viewed on mobile devices with internet connection Copyright owners have more control over who can watch the movie/listen to the audio as no physical copy exists to be copied/pirated Don't have to wait for the whole/large file to be downloaded before viewing Physical copies can be lost/stolen/damaged rendering them useless/have to buy again but steamed movies are always available Disadvantages Needs a connection to the internet Never own a physical copy of the file The playback is dependent on the internet connection therefore may not be as good a quality A subscription may be needed to be paid therefore may be more expensive	4

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