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TECHNOLOGY**

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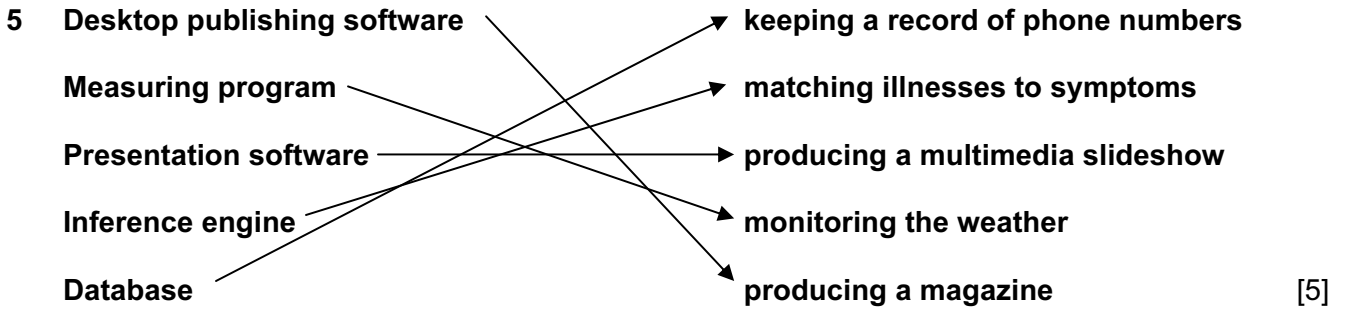
- 1 A Pen drive (1) B Chip reader (1)  
 C Remote control (1) D Graphics tablet (1) [4]

- 2 **CD RW**      **hard disc**      **hub**  
**PIN**          **plotter**          **switch** [2]

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	User	Technical	
frequently asked questions	✓		(1)
program coding		✓	(1)
system flowcharts		✓	(1)
trouble-shooting guide	✓		(1)

- 4 (a) The **most suitable** storage medium for storing data on a network server is **a magnetic hard disc** [1]  
 (b) lists of illnesses and their symptoms are stored in **a knowledge base** [1]  
 (c) An optical disc which cannot have data updated is **a CD ROM** [1]  
 (d) Photos are output using **an inkjet printer** [1]



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Instructions must be typed to get a computer to carry out an action	✓	
Icons represent programs		✓
It is more important that users understand how a computer works	✓	
Menus are offered to help choose an action		✓

[4]

7 Four matched pairs from:

INSTRUCTION	MEANING
FORWARD $n$	Move $n$ forward
BACKWARD $n$	Move $n$ backward
LEFT $t$	Turn left $t$ degrees
RIGHT $t$	Turn right $t$ degrees
PENUP	Lift the pen
PENDOWN	Lower the pen

1 for instruction

1 for meaning

[8]

8 (a)

Humidity	✓
Temperature	✓
Pressure	
Wind speed	
Light	✓
Wind direction	

[3]

(b) Measurement is the monitoring of physical variables without the microprocessor taking action

[1]

Control is when the microprocessor takes action depending on sensor readings

[1]

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(c) Four from:

Computer (readings) are more accurate than students  
 Students might forget to take readings/readings can be taken at regular intervals  
 Computer takes more reliable readings  
 Readings can be taken/control can be carried out more frequently  
 Readings can be taken/control can be carried out any time of day or night  
 Computers can respond to changes immediately/quicker than students  
 Students might be unavailable to take readings during school holidays/computers can work continuously/without taking a break [4]

9 (a) C5 [1]

(b) Any cell from e2:e6 [1]

(c) 6 [1]

(d) =b2-c2 [1]

(e) Two from:

Highlight D2 and click copy  
 Highlight D3:D6 and click paste  
**OR**  
 Highlight D2 and manoeuvre to bottom right hand corner of D2  
 Using fill handle/little black square/cross drag down to D6  
**OR**  
 Highlight D2:D6  
 Click on fill then down [2]

(f) Two from:

Simulations  
 Mathematical models  
 Scientific models  
 Civil engineering models [2]

(g)

The real thing may need to large a timescale	✓
Computer models waste a lot of raw materials	
The real thing is quicker to build	
If a computer model fails it doesn't need rebuilding	✓
Once a computer model is built it doesn't cost a lot to run	✓
A model doesn't cost anything to make	

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**10 (a)** Two from:

- Only one printer is needed
- Only one scanner is needed
- Data can be shared between computers/data can be accessed by one computer from another more easily
- Software can be shared/updated more easily
- All computers can access the internet through one connection [2]

**(b)** Router/modem [1]

**(c)** Advantages – **two** from:

- Can communicate with other companies by email
- Can use the internet to place orders
- Can use the internet to buy materials
- Can hold video conferences
- Can create own website to publicise company

Disadvantages – **two** from:

- Workers may access undesirable sites
- Workers may waste time playing games/going on social network sites/updating their blog/online shopping/banking
- Viruses/malware could be downloaded
- Could make the company susceptible to hackers [4]

**11 (a)** **Three** from:

- Authentication techniques such as user names and passwords identify the user to the system
- Without authentication anybody would be able to access data
- Hackers would be able to amend/delete data without being prevented
- Would have to rely on other methods such as firewalls to prevent unauthorised access. [3]

**(b)** **Three** 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
- Protects sensitive data...
- ... from being understood if it falls in to the wrong hands [3]

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**12 Spyware****Two** from:

Software that gathers data from computers without the user realising

It monitors and records all key presses

It sends this information back to the hacker who sent it out

**Spam****Two** from:

Electronic junk mail/sending of unsolicited emails

Sent to everybody on a mailing list/many emails sent at once

Can slow down networks

Can fill up the receiver's mail box and therefore hard disk

**Social networking site****Two** from:

Online communities of like minded users

Enables users to share photos

Enables users to communicate with each other

Enables users to organise meetings

Allows users to set up profiles

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**13 (a)**

Field name	Data type
Race_ID	<b>Text</b>
<b>Race_length</b>	<b>integer</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Text</b>
<b>position</b>	<b>integer</b>

[7]

**(b) Format/Picture**

Checks the data is of the format beginning with a letter and ending in three digits and is only four characters long.

[1]

[1]

**(c) Five** from:

Appropriate spacing for each field

Buttons to go forward/backwards

Screen filled/not too much white space

Drop down lists to choose an option (such as race length)

Button to save data/submit/accept

Clearly defined input area for each field

Tick boxes/radio buttons to enter choices

An easy to read font/font size

A sensible font colour/background colour

Easy to follow instructions for completing screen/help icon

No overlapping of items

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**14 (a) Two** from:

Smart phone  
Laptop with internet access  
Tablet computer

[2]

**(b) Six** from:

Advantages:

Fewer bank tellers so less paid out in wages  
Less actual cash handled – fewer robberies  
Have access to a wider customer base  
Fewer branch offices needed – less spent on rates/rent/utilities  
Less money spent on security staff

Disadvantages

Initial cost of hardware/software is expensive  
Need to retrain staff  
Loss of customers/more difficult to sell other services due to lack of personal touch  
Costs of system maintenance

Must have at least one of each to gain full marks

[6]

**15 Four** from:

No embarrassment of not having sufficient funds  
Less time spent queuing  
Can get money any time of day or night  
Own bank may be further to travel to than nearest ATM  
Can use most ATMs/does not have to be own bank  
Have choice of languages so is easier to understand/be understood

[4]

**16 Four** from:

You get immediate feedback  
You know you have the right person/don't have to worry that you've got the wrong email address  
You can ask questions immediately based on feedback/carry out an interactive conversation  
Less impersonal/less risk of upsetting recipient  
Can make yourself understood more easily  
You can see the other person's reaction

[4]