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INFORMATION & 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.

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(a)	Product_number	1
1(b)	Not every publication has a bar code	1
1(c)	Uses data integrity which means no discrepancies in the data Less memory used in the computer Data is not unprescentify duplicated.	4
	 Data is not unnecessarily duplicated Queries can be created using many tables//Complex queries can be created Reports can be created using many tables//Complex reports can be created Only have to input the data once into a relational database therefore it saves time 	
1(d)(i)	One from: Numeric: currency	1
1(d)(ii)	Text/string/alphanumeric	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	Analogue	1
2(b)	Digital	1
2(c)	Analogue to digital convertor/ADC	1
2(d)	Temperature (sensor)	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	Six from:	6
	 Advantages Easier to connect devices onto a tablet Larger screen to see the findings Larger onscreen keyboard to enter the data Better software suited to the task Disadvantages Smartphones are more portable and can be carried in a pocket Students are more likely to have smartphones with them If cameras are to be used then it is easier to use a camera with a smartphone To gain full marks the discussion must both advantages and disadvantages	

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	Two from: • Keyboard • Camera • Touch screen • Microphone • Sensor	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4	Six from:	6
	Similarity	
	Both readers are in direct contact with the card	
	Both readers can cause wear and tear on the cards	
	Both are input devices	
	Difference	
	Chip and PIN readers the user needs to know the PIN	
	The chip and PIN reader is susceptible to shoulder surfing	
	Chip and PIN reader prompts the user to enter a PIN	
	It is more secure as a PIN is needed	
	In the magnetic stripe reader the card can be used by anyone as no PIN is needed	
	The transaction is faster using a magnetic stripe reader	
	 Less data entry errors using a magnetic stripe reader as no manual input 	
	To gain full marks the comparison must have both similarities and differences	

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	Two from:	2
	 A bridge connects two LANs that use the same protocol A bridge creates a single LAN from separate parts 	
	 A router allows data packets to be sent to LAN/WAN A router connects a LAN to a WAN 	
5(b)	Four from:	4
	 Internet Protocol address Unique identifier IP addresses must be different for each device on a network All devices connected to the internet use IP addresses Determines the electronic location of the device 	
5(c)	Two from:	2
	 Used to determine where data packets will be directed Stores route information Stores IP addresses 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Two from:	2
	Mark the first two answers only	
	 More difficult to edit the PDF PDF sometimes render incorrectly Need PDF editor software to edit//Need PDF viewer 	
6(b)	Two from:	2
	 Audio Interactivity Ability to change to different languages Ability to change text flow left-to-right and right-to-left Text to speech Accessibility Video Animation Turning pages automatically 	
6(c)	Six from:	6
	 To interest/attract the younger audience the ePublication should use: Bright colours Animations Videos Sounds//sound effects Cartoons 	
	 There should be more pictures than text The wording should be simple//Short sentences could be used Large text fonts so that it is easier to read Use of white space to break up the text and make it easier to read 	
	Games/activities for content can be used	
	If a list of points is given with no reasons then max 5 marks	

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	Three from:	3
	 Password is not strong It is easy to guess The letters and numbers are in sequence on the keyboard Easy to shoulder surf It should be changed regularly to secure his login 	
7(b)(i)	Encryption	1
7(b)(ii)	Biometrics	1
7(b)(iii)	Digital certificate	1
7(b)(iv)	Firewall	1
7(c)	One from: If someone finds the password for one of the systems/accounts other systems/accounts are compromised	1
	If someone finds the password for one of the systems/accounts then he has gained the company password	

Question	Answer	Marks
8	Six from: This question is a cause and effect question	6
	Reduces the amount of time it takes to complete a task (1st) therefore gives the user more leisure time/time to do other things (2nd)	
	The user does not need to be present when the device is working(1st)therefore gives the user more/less exercise (2nd)	
	Allows the user to use interactive games devices(1st)therefore helps improves their fitness (2nd)	
	When the device does all the work(1st)it makes the user lazy (2nd)	
	 Users are not doing as much manual work(1st) this can cause [a valid named health issue] (2nd) 	
	Using computers/gaming machines/devices for long periods(1st)this can cause [a valid named health issue] (2nd)	
	If the candidate does not give two named devices with effects then max five marks	

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	This is a use and reason question	2
	To store the operating system/games	
	One from:	
	Faster loading of the operating system/gamesThe game/OS runs faster	
9(a)(ii)	This is a use and reason question	2
	To store the apps/software/data/files/movies	
	One from:	
	Can store more filesCan store larger files	
9(b)	RAM ROM	2

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	Four from:	4
	Similarities Both are used to check that data has been entered correctly Both ensure that the data has been transferred correctly Both are used to check the data against the original data	
	Differences In visual verification the user compares the data Data is compared with the original data source	
	 In double data entry the computer compares the data In double data entry the data is compared with the previously entered data 	
	 In double data entry data is entered twice by the user(s) 	
	In order to gain full marks the comparison must both similarities and differences	
10(b)	Two from:	2
	Format (check)Length (check)	
	Range (check)	
	Type/character (check)	

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Question	Answer	Marks
11	Six from:	6
	 Inputs Insert card System reads the details on the card Select the language you would like to use Enter PIN Select print (mini statement) option Select Account Select 'confirm' Processing	
	 Checks the card is correct/valid Checks the account number is correct Check the PIN is correct If incorrect three times then card is retained Checks the correct account selected Sends a signal to/communicates with the bank Bank computer creates the statement Details of the amount in the account are sent to ATM Details are sent to the printer 	
	To gain full marks the description must have at least two answers for inputs and at least two answers for processing	

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)	Two from:	2
	Places a hard break in the location selectedCould remove widows/orphans	
12(b)	One from:	2
	 The word does not appear in the dictionary The word is written in Latin and the dictionary is in English. 	
	One from:	
	 Add the word to the dictionary Set the dictionary to allow scientific names/Latin Set (the dictionary) to ignore the word 	

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