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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)	portrait	1
1(b)	a footer	1
1(c)	an orphan	1
1(d)	centred	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2	Three from: Light Temperature Humidity/moisture pH CO ₂	3

Que	estion	Answer	Marks
	3	Sound Video	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	Knowledge base	1
4(a)(ii)	Inference engine	1
4(a)(iii)	Interactive user interface	1
4(b)	Six from: An Interactive user interface appears The expert system asks questions about the illness Yes and No type answers to the questions Answers lead to other questions The inference engine searchesthe knowledge baseuses the rules base Probabilities/possibilities of diagnoses and treatments are displayed Displays the ways it achieved the solutions/conclusions	6

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Question		Ansv	ver			Marks
5(a)		Control (√)	Measure ment (√)	Spread sheet (√)	Wordproc essing (√)	4
	Producing menus for the restaurant				✓	
	Calculating the cost of each of the meals			✓		
	Automatically turning on the fans when the room gets too hot	✓				
	Monitoring the temperature in the restaurant		√			
5(b)	Six from: Advantages Answers are more honest as Staff can remain anonymous anonymous Can be sent to all the staff at see one part of the operation Questionnaires can be filled i be carried out when the resta Analysis of questionnaire can observations the observer mu Observer may miss elements users	whereas to the same in at any tir turant is we to be carried ust produce	he observat time whereas orking d out autom e notes	as the obsorbervation	erver may only ons can only ereas	6
	Disadvantages Users do not always complete observation watches users we work rate can be influenced by questionnaires More chances of incorrect da The observer can see exactly whereas a questionnaire take	orking by being ob ta if questing how the s	oserved but on not unde ystem work	this does of the thick does of the thick does not be the thick doe	not apply to	
	To gain full marks the discuadrantages and disadvanta		ıst have co	rrect ansv	vers for both	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	png One from: Raster/full colour digital photos Images with a transparent background gif Moving/animated image	2
6(b)	Three from: Same images saved as a GIF loads/reads faster than PNG GIF uses limited colours (256) whereas PNG uses a bitmap of colours GIF can have moving and static images whereas PNG only have static images PNG can have transparent background PNG is compressed PNG is lossless	3

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	Presence ISBN Lookup Book_type Range Cost Length Department	4
7(b)	ISBN	1
7(c)	Six from: Benefits Digital therefore can easily be used in other documents/software Instant access on many devices More accessible for disabled Quicker to search digital books Drawbacks Health issues with using a computer to read the book Cannot be written in braille May require extra software/reader Never own the book as it is only data Need to purchase a device to read them Needs the internet to download the book To gain full marks the description must have correct answers for both benefits and drawbacks	6

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	Eight from: Positives Data can be read/identified faster Data can be read/identified by electronic comparison therefore relative higher level of accuracy Increases security as the hand is unique whereas a four-digit code easier to guess Can't forget your handprint, unlike a code The person must be present to enter the building Negatives If the hand is damaged, then may not work More difficult to change biometric data Only works with one hand therefore difficult for right-handed people Recognition could be slower as system is more complex Harder to set up the biometric system Takes longer to add new people/change biometric data to the system Biometrics can use a lot of memory to store the data Intrusive as personal details must be stored in biometrics More likely to be affected by the environment To gain full marks the discussion must have correct answers for both positives and negatives	8
8(b)	Two from: Fingerprint Vein geometry Retina Iris Face	2

Question	Answer	Marks
9	Six from: Abide by the laws within the country that affect the general use of emails Use acceptable language Abide by copyright Follow local guidelines set by an employer/schools Use appropriate security Follow netiquette Respect other people/s/own privacy Be aware of the need for password protection Be aware that email accounts can be Illegally accessed	6

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Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	Optical CD ROM/DVD ROM, CD R/DVD R, CD RW/DVD RW, DVD RAM, Blu-ray discs/CD/DVD	3
	Magnetic Fixed/portable/removable hard disks/magnetic tape.	
	Solid state Memory stick/flash card	
10(b)	Three from: Optical data is stored using laser whereas Magnetic data is stored using magnetic fields Optical disc storage is serial whereas Magnetic disk storage is direct/sectors and tracks Magnetic storage is affected by magnetic fields whereas Optical storage is not Magnetic media tends to store more data than optical media Optical storage is more robust Optical has a faster data access/transfer speed	3

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	Two from: Type in a web address Use a search engine Type what you need on the search bar	2
11(b)	Four from: The internet Network of Networks//WAN It is the infrastructure Contains email, FTP The World Wide Web Collection of websites Accessed from the internet Service of the internet To gain full marks the explanation must have correct answers for both	4
	To gain full marks the explanation must have correct answers for both the internet and World Wide Web	

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Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)	Presentation Defines the format of a web page/individual elements through styling Behaviour To enter scripting language to a web page/individual element	4
12(b)	Three from: Allows greater control over page layout Positions elements/data on the page Conveys relationships between items Displays data	3

Question	Answer	Marks
13	Six from: Examples Do not give away personal information Do not use your real name as your username Do not use your face image as your avatar If you receive messages from unwanted users block and report them Do not meet unknown users in real life//use a chaperone Do not give financial information to other users If you receive unwanted and abusive messages report the sender of the messages When sending messages always us appropriate language Think before you reply to a message	6

Question	Answer	Marks
14	Three from: To adjust pagination To avoid orphans/widows To improve layout on the page To allow for the change of orientation of pages in the document To enable to start a new chapter on a new page	3

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Question	Answer					
15(a)	Use of the Cloud The cloud does not require a physical device Storage size is not an issue with the cloud					6
	Cloud is operated by a third party therefore security could be an issue Require a stable internet to access to upload and download the data					
	Portable device: pen drive/Hard drive The device uses USB port therefore it is easy to plug in Does not require access to the internet to access the data					
	May be lost/damaged in transit Magnetic drives can be affected by strong magnets/x rays Limited number of read/writes					
	Email as an attachment Do not require physical device					
	Require access to the email account both at home and in the office The memory size could be an issue Requires the use of the internet					
15(b)	Max two from: Scrambling data Changing plain text into cipher Encryption converts text into a meaningless form					3
	Max two from: To prevent data/information from being understandable to people who access/intercept the data Protects data					
15(c)		Compressed hours	Flexible hours (√)	Job sharing (√)	Part- time working (√)	3
	An employee works a full day but negotiates with the employer the start and end times		√			
	An employee works the same time as a full week but in fewer days	1				
	An employee works for fewer hours than a full-time employee				✓	

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