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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Paper 3 Advanced Theory

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
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- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
- Calculators must **not** be used in this paper.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 70.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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1 Data can be at risk of being lost from computer systems.

(a) Describe the ways that data can be lost from computer systems.

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(b) Backups are used to minimise the risk of data loss. Backup strategies are created for technicians to ensure that data can be recovered in the event of a disaster occurring.

Describe **three** instructions to the technicians that should be included in a backup strategy.

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6 The owners of a retail store have access to databases of customer buying habits. They are going to carry out some data mining.

(a) Describe what is meant by data mining.

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(b) Explain how the information obtained by data mining could be used by the owners of the retail store to increase profits.

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7 Animations often show objects, for example figures moving about the screen.

Describe how each of the following achieves the motion of a character in an animation.

(a) cell animation

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8 JavaScript code can use comparison operators.

Explain how each of the following comparison operators works in JavaScript when comparing the number 1 with the text "1".

(a) the == operator

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(b) the !== operator

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9 A new database management system (DBMS) is to be created for a health care centre to store patient records. Health care professionals will use the DBMS when treating patients. A design specification has to be written before the DBMS is created.

(a) Explain why a design specification is needed.

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(b) Describe the contents of a design specification for the new DBMS.

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