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MARK SCHEME

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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.

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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)	85	**1**
1(b)	C0	**1**
1(c)	26	**1**
1(d)	16	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	e.g. JPEG	**1**
2(b)	Any three from: • Image is made of pixels • Each pixel stores **one** colour • Image has a set number of pixels wide by pixels high • Each **colour** has a **unique** binary value // Each **colour** has a **unique** colour code • The colour/binary value of each pixel is stored in **sequence** • File contains metadata to identify how the file should be displayed • … metadata can be the colour depth / resolution	**3**
2(c)(i)	Reducing the **file size**	**1**
2(c)(ii)	Any two from: • reduces the **storage/memory** space taken on email server // reduces the storage space taken on her friend's computer when downloaded • sending/receiving email accounts may have restricted file size for attachments • reduces the time taken to transmit/upload/download to destination • reduces amount of bandwidth needed to transmit/download • file will mean less data usage is taken (for mobile clients)	**2**

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)(iii)	Any five from: • Parity can be set to **odd** or **even** • Sender and receiver agree on parity to use • Data/email/image is split into bytes // blocks of 7 bytes • **Sender** counts the number of **1s/0s** in each group/byte • Each group/byte is assigned a parity bit to match the parity/odd/even • **Receiving** device/server re**counts** the number of 1s/0s in each group/byte • … and compares to parity used/odd/even **and** if it does not match the parity, an error is reported/identified • (in block check) the location of the error(s) can be identified/estimated at the intersection	**5**
2(c)(iv)	1 mark for identification Any three for corresponding description: • Checksum • Value is calculated from the data … • …using an algorithm // by example • Value is transmitted with the data • Value recalculated by receiver (using same algorithm) … • …if checksum values are different there is an error // reverse • Automatic Repeat request/reQuery (ARQ) • Uses acknowledgement and timeout • Sender starts a timer when data is transmitted • Receiver uses an error checking method to check whether the data has been received accurately • If no error detected a positive acknowledgement is returned to sender • If error detected negative acknowledgement is returned to sender • If sender gets no acknowledgement within the set time it resends the data	**4**

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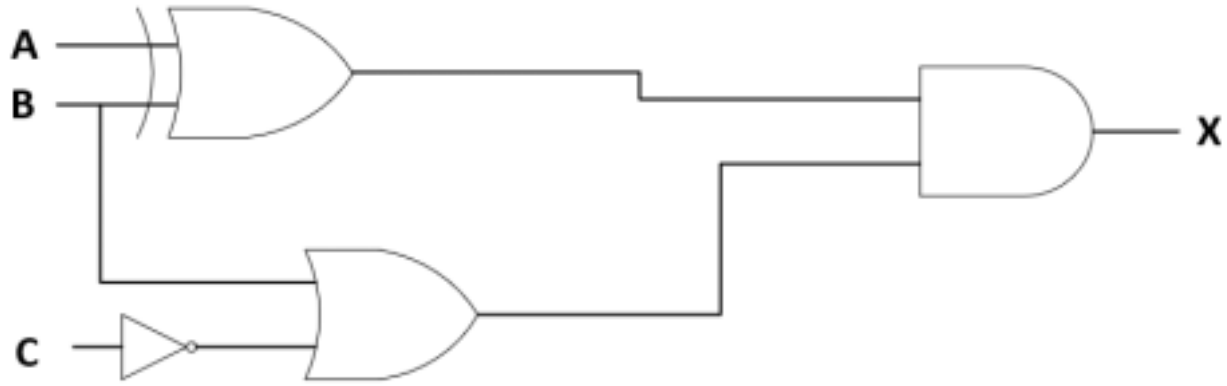
Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	1 mark per row	3

Inputs	AND	OR	NAND	NOR	XOR
A = 1 B = 1	✓	✓			
A = 0 B = 0			✓	✓	
A = 1 B = 0		✓	✓		✓

3(b) — 1 mark per gate — **4**



- A XOR B
- NOT C
- (NOT C) OR B
- AND

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	1 mark for each completed statement An optical mouse shines a red light from a **Light-Emitting Diode//LED** underneath the mouse. The light **reflects** back from a surface through a lens in the mouse and is converted to a value. This value is transmitted to the computer. The computer then determines the **direction** and **speed** of the movement. When the user presses a key on a keyboard, the key pushes the **switch** on the circuit board. This completes a **circuit**. Signals are sent to the computer that uses the data to calculate which key was pressed.	**6**
4(a)(ii)	1 mark each e.g. • touchscreen • touchpad • scanner • microphone	**2**
4(b)	Any three from: • More visible pixels // higher resolution • Higher colour **contrast** (in ambient lighting) // more vivid colours • Colours are (often) more accurate • Image (usually) appears brighter (with same wattage) • Will be stationary so does not need the portability of DLP • Does not need the compactness of DLP • Cost of purchase (usually) less • Run quieter • Any surface can be used as a display • Uses less power • Produces less heat • Does not give the rainbow effect DLP often gives • Longer lasting lamps	**3**

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(c)	1 mark for naming appropriate device • hard disk / HDD / magnetic • solid state drive / SSD / USB memory stick / flash drive 1 mark each for matching justification to max 3. e.g. HDD • Large capacity storage • …for videos/films that have large file sizes / require large storage space • Longevity // Can be read from/written to large number of times • … the copies will be accessible for a long time // device will not break if accessed regularly • …may require large number of read/write to access fields • Relatively cheap per GB // cheaper than SSD per GB … • … there is a large capacity required therefore overall may cost less than other devices • Device will not be moved regularly so no need for portability/durability SSD • Large capacity storage • …for videos/films that have large file sizes / require large storage space • No moving parts • …can be carried/moved to other locations with limited risk of damage • Fast access speed • … videos are large files that will be stored/accessed in less time • Cost per GB is not significant (in comparison) • …there is a large capacity required therefore overall cost will not be significantly more than others • Used as a copy of files to may not be accessed regularly • … the limited number of read/write times/longevity is inconsequential • Uses less power // runs cooler • No latency // does not take time to start-up	**4**

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	1 mark for each example, allow description or tags Structure e.g. • head • body • table • heading • subheading • paragraph • object position on the page // alignment • margins • borders (position/size) • padding Presentation e.g. • colour • font size • font style • border (style)	**4**

<table>
<tr><th>Question</th><th>Answer</th><th>Marks</th></tr>
<tr><td>5(b)</td><td>1 mark for each bullet to max 2 for each
<table>
<tr><th>Type of address</th><th>Features</th></tr>
<tr><td>URL</td><td>• protocol
• domain name
• top level domain
• file/folder name/address/directory/path
• made up of letters, numbers and symbols</td></tr>
<tr><td>IP</td><td>IPv4:
• 4 groups of numbers // 12 numbers
• separated by full stops (.)
• 0-255 in each group
• 4 bytes long // 32 bits
• Represented in denary

IPv6:
• 8 groups of numbers // 32 numbers
• separated by colons (:)
• 0-FFFF in each group
• 16 bytes long // 128 bits
• Consecutive groups of 0000 can be replaced with ::
• Represented in hexadecimal</td></tr>
<tr><td>MAC</td><td>• First part is manufacturer ID
• Second part is serial number
• Each part has 3 pairs of numbers // Each part has 6 numbers // 6 pairs of 2-digits // consists of 12 numbers
• …between 00 and FF
• ..separated by :
• Each part is 3 bytes // Is 6 bytes long // Is 48 bits long
• Represented using hexadecimal</td></tr>
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<tr><td>5(c)</td><td>1 mark for threat. 1 for impact. 1 for software.

Do not award identical impacts twice but read whole answer and award if additional impact given.
Allow the same software twice.
e.g.
<table>
<tr><th>Threat</th><th>Impact on company</th><th>Software</th></tr>
<tr><td>Denial of service</td><td>• Users cannot access the website
• Loss of sales (of holidays)
• Loss of reputation</td><td>Proxy/firewall</td></tr>
<tr><td>Virus/malware</td><td>• Data on the server may be deleted/changed
• Website may be deleted/changed
• Server may be filled with data and crash</td><td>Anti-virus</td></tr>
<tr><td>Unauthorised access // hacker</td><td>• Data could be deleted/stolen/changed</td><td>Proxy/Firewall</td></tr>
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<tr><td>6</td><td>Any seven from:
• (Motion) sensor sends signals to microprocessor
• analogue signal is converted to digital
• microprocessor compares signal to stored value …
• …if it does not meet / meets the stored value (and if camera is not recording) the microprocessor sends signal (to camera) to start recording
• … if it does not meet / meets the stored value the microprocessor starts/resets the **timer**
• When the **timer** reaches 2 minutes the microprocessor sends signal (to camera) to stop recording
• Whole process is repeated continually/until turned off</td><td>7</td></tr>
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Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)(i)	1 mark for when e.g. • Development // when writing the program // when debugging 1 mark for explanation to max 2 from: e.g. • … easier to debug • …stops when an error is detected • …reports one error at a time • …can correct errors in run-time // correct the line and then continue running from that point • …can test one section without the rest of the code being completed	**3**
7(a)(ii)	1 mark for when e.g. • After completion // For distribution // For final/repeated testing 1 mark each to max 2 from: e.g. After completion • It creates an executable file • …than can be distributed without source code • …so that other people cannot edit/view the code • …so end users do not need translator software // so end users do not need to compile/interpret each time • …so it is machine/platform independent (usually) In final testing • It creates an executable file • …do not need to retranslate for each test sequence • …can test repeatedly with different data faster	**3**

Question	Answer	Marks
7(b)	Any four from, max 2 from each: Freeware: • There is no cost to the user // free trial • No source code provided • …cannot be modified • Can be redistributed (in same state) • Is subject to copyright Free software: • User has access to the source code • Can be modified (without restriction) • Can be redistributed (without restriction) • Can have a cost associated **but** does not have to • Is subject to copyright	**4**

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