

ADVANCED GCE
**APPLIED INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
TECHNOLOGY**
Networking Solutions
G055


Candidates answer on the question paper.

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- Instructions for candidates G055/IC (inserted)

Other materials required:

- Candidate's pre-prepared materials

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- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
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- Answer **all** the questions.
- Attach your pre-prepared materials for tasks 1–3.
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- This document consists of **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Section A

These questions refer to the Recycled Garden Company Ltd (RGC) case study.

- 1 (a) Explain **two** methods that RGC could use to share information across the network.

Method 1

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Method 2

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- (b) Identify **two** resources, other than information, that can be shared more easily at RGC when they have a network and describe how each would be used.

Resource 1

Description

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Resource 2

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- 2 Describe **one** benefit for the sales staff at RGC of having access to eCommerce.

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- 3 Explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage to RGC of using a star network topology.

Advantage

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Disadvantage

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- 4 RGC could choose to implement an intranet and an extranet.

(a) Explain the terms ‘intranet’ and ‘extranet’.

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(b) Discuss the implications of RGC using an intranet **and** an extranet.

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- 5 The RGC network has a company-wide internet connection.

Describe **two** functions of a proxy server in this network.

Function 1

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Function 2

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- 6 The main server on the RGC network will be a file server.

- (a) Describe **two** functions of the file server on the RGC network.

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Function 2

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- (b) Identify three benefits of using this server to manage network security.

Benefit 1

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Benefit 2

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Benefit 3

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- 7 RGC will need some protocol software to enable the computers on their network to communicate effectively with each other.

(a) (i) Identify a suitable protocol for the RGC network.

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(ii) Explain what this protocol does.

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(iii) Describe why this protocol is suitable for the RGC network.

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Section B

These questions DO NOT relate to the case study.

- 8 Describe **one** way that a communications log can be used to help maintain a network.

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- 9 When a connection is set up between a network and the internet it is common practice to document all the settings.

Explain the reasons for documenting all the settings.

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- 10 Back strain is often associated with poor workstation design.

Explain how a workstation can be designed to reduce this risk.

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- 11 Evaluate the methods that an organisation can use to maintain security on a network that is connected to the internet.

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