MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2007 question paper

9691 COMPUTING

9691/03   Paper 3 (Written Paper 3), maximum raw mark 90

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1 Phased
– Would mean introducing a small part of the system (perhaps fares<$1) on all buses
– Not feasible to have two different methods of payment on each bus
– Very expensive because all buses must be equipped
Pilot
– Would mean the system is introduced on a few routes
– Means that testing can be done rigorously without risk to most of network
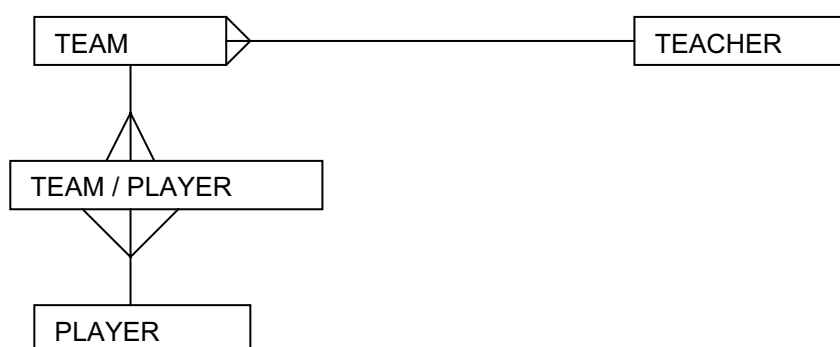– Bus operators can be trained
Direct
– All buses equipped and new system operates immediately
– (Very expensive) and risky/no obvious benefits
– Staff would need to be trained before implementation
(1 per –, max 2 per implementation type, max 6)   [6]

2

Mark points:
– Three original entities
– Link entity with acceptable name
– Relationship Team to Teacher
– Relationship Team to Player as many to many
– Relationship Team to Link as one to many
– Relationship Link to Player as many to one
(1 per –, max 5)
– At least one relationship descriptor   [6]

3 – Cheap advertising/advertising via website
– to reach a large audience
– Users may order goods and…
– pay for them…
– reference to need for security of communication/method of securing communication
– Communication between outlets…
– allows for centralised warehousing/distribution
– Communication with customers
– Communication with suppliers
– Users at all levels can have access to their accounts
(1 per –, max 6)   [6]

4 – Easily accessible at any time or place
    – following use of portable systems/less privacy when off duty
– More communication
    – because easier to send to multiple recipients
– Communication can be instantaneous
    – because of email
– Large files of data can be easily communicated
    – can be used from home
– Security procedures make the transport of data safe
    – can be used from anywhere the user is
– Less need to travel into office
    – can work from home
– More chance for planning own working time
– Help with work available anywhere/time
(1 per –, max 5) [5]

5 (a) – I/O interrupt
    – printer out of paper or not connected
– Timer interrupt
    – processor has used too much time on one process/do something else
    – time share system
– Hardware
    – power failure/allow I/O interrupt example
– Software
    – invalid instruction attempted/division by zero
(1 per –, max 2 pairs, max 4) [4]

(b) – Present cycle completed
– Priority of interrupt…
– compared with priority of present task
– If <u>lower</u> priority then stored in job <u>queue</u> in relevant <u>position</u> for its priority
– (If higher) then contents of registers stored…
– on stack
– Interrupt routine found and run
– When complete, next highest priority run
– Mention/description of vectored interrupts
(1 per –, max 5) [5]

6 (a)   DAMON

               CANDU   RISH

         AAMON   GLAN   TENAR

    (1 per level) [3]

(b) – Traverse left subtree
– Write down node
– Traverse right hand subtree
(1 per idea, accept line drawn on diagram if obvious order and note made of when readings taken) [3]

7 – Characters in the variable name are tokenised
– Variable name is added to symbol table…
– during lexical analysis
– Data type added…
– scope is added/block(s) in which variable is valid
– during syntax analysis
– Variable names which do not match the rules are reported in error diagnostics
– Statements containing variables are checked for syntax
– Position in table is hashed from the name
– Variable declarations are checked/also variable use
– Address of variable calculated…
– added to symbol table…
– during code generation
(1 per –, max 6) [6]

8 (a) – e.g. Weather forecasting
– requires large number of calculations
– The results being time sensitive
(1 per –, max 3) [3]

(b) – Special operating system (to control)…
– several processors simultaneously…
– array processor
– Specially written/non serial, (application) software
(1 per –, max 3) [3]

9 (a) – Holds the address in memory from which data is to be taken/accept 'Address of instruction'
[1]

(b) – Content of PC is copied into MAR
– MAR holds the address of the next instruction to be processed
– Operand part of instruction is copied into MAR from the CIR (possibly via intermediate step)
– Holds the address of the data needed to complete the processing of that cycle
(1 per –, max 4) [4]

10 (a) Bit headings:
–1	(1 mark)	
½, ¼, 1/8, 1/16	(1 mark)	
–4	(1 mark)	
2, 1	(1 mark)	[4]

(b) 2 ½ = 10.1
= 0.101 x 2 ^ 10
= 01010010 (On its own, worth 2 marks)
Normalised because first 2 digits are different.
(1 per line, max 3) [3]

(c) 10100000
(1 for first 5 bits, 1 for last 3 bits) [2]

11 (a) (i) – Third generation high level languages
 – Problem orientated/designed to solve specific types of problem
 – Describe (step by step) how to solve a problem
 (1 per –, max 2) [2]

 (ii) – Fourth generation high level languages
 – Program told what the problem is/rather than steps necessary to solve it
 – Searches database according to rules supplied
 (1 per –, max 2) [2]

 (b) (i) – Data can only be accessed using specific methods…
 – provided by the class
 – Objects cannot be corrupted by the user
 (1 per –, max 2) [2]

 (ii) – One class can include the data and methods of another…
 – plus some of its own
 – Allows for simple reuse of code/extension of original data and methods without affecting the code.
 (1 per –, max 2) [2]

12 (1) – Software tool to draw Gantt charts
 – Standard Gantt templates
 – Can be used to show tasks to be done
 – Duration of tasks may be inserted/edited
 – Parallel tasks are identified
 – Dependency of one task on others
 – Resource loads are automatically identified
 – Project progress can be continually superimposed for monitoring purposes

 (2) – Software tool to draw Critical Path Analysis diagrams/PERT
 – Network can be validated automatically
 – Earliest start
 – Critical path established
 – Latest finish
 – Bottlenecks identified
 – Changes implemented and consequences updated automatically
 – "What ifs" can be considered
 – Gives duration of project
 – Evaluation of float time
 – Shows which stages can be done simultaneously
 (1 per –, max 5 per type, max 8) [8]
 (NB Not CASE/documentation tools/program generators)

13 (a) – Bus/Ring/Star topologies (mention of 2)
– Bus because simplicity and speed not important/allows easy additions to network
– Ring because (still simple) but fewer collisions
– Star because small example and vast increase in performance/increases security of data/network
– Three LANS necessary for security reasons
– Three LANS connected by bridges/routers to allow intelligent directing of data
– UTP/twisted pair/fibre optic/coaxial/wireless
– Sensible are either UTP or twisted pair or wireless because of low level of traffic
(1 per –, max 8) [8]

(b) – Each user has an ID
– and password to prove ID
– Giving each user access to their own rights on system
– Mention of hierarchy of passwords
– Mention of physical measures
– Mention of identifying machine being used
(1 per –, max 2) [2]