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General Marking Guidance

- •All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- •Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- •Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- •There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- •All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Activity 1 — Network management

Question	Indicative content				
Number	A act of motion for Tripteres allowed down allowed and the state				
	A set of notes for Tristram about domains and trusts.				
	Domain transfer from old admin (LYONESSE) LAN to the new one.				
	 Pre transfer: Check Active Directory on current server Backup the system Check Domain / Forest levels are the same for old and new servers, alter if needed Check / note what roles the old server is performing Load / connect new server to the LAN 				
	 During transfer: Add new server to old domain Make it an (additional) domain controller Replicate the Active Directory / transfer the control information Transfer any other required roles, e.g. DHCP, mail server Check / test the new server in its new roles 				
	 After transfer: Demote the old server so it is no longer a domain controller Check / test the system Check / raise domain / forest levels to Server 2008 				
	Trust relationships. One way - A can access B but B cannot access A. Two way - A can access B and B can access A.				
	Transitive - two way trusts between multiple domains. If A trusts B and B trusts C, A will trust C. Nontransitive - restricted to two domains. If A trusts B and B trusts C, A does not trust C without an extra trust being set up.				
	Forest trust - A transitive trust between a forest root domain and a second forest root domain, normally two way by default. Only works with Server 2003 or higher.				
	Recommendation. Good answer is a Forest (trust) OR transitive two way trusts. Other types would need a good, scenario-related reason.				
	Reason. There are three domains, each running on Server 2008. A Forest makes best use of the Active Directory and security features of the operating system. It is also easier to administer with the built in admin tools.				

		One way. Two way. A and B trust Transitive A trusts B DOMAIN A DOMAIN A DOMAIN A B trusts C So A automatically trusts C Intransitive DOMAIN B DOMAIN B DOMAIN A DOMAIN A DOMAIN A DOMAIN A DOMAIN B DOMAIN B DOMAIN B DOMAIN B DOMAIN C DOMAIN C Forest trust Forest A Root Forest A Root Domain B Domain B				
Level	Mark	Descriptor				
	0	No rewardable material.				
1	1-4	Notes have simple diagrams with little or no text. Or have text but no diagrams. There is an outline description of a domain transfer method, some simple statements about the sequence of events for the actual transfer. Notes only address one or two trust relationships. There is a recommendation but no reason. The candidate uses everyday language and the response lacks clarity and organisation. Spelling, punctuation and the rules of grammar are used with limited accuracy.				
2	5-8	Notes have diagrams for the trust relationships. The text refers to the difference between them. There is a description of a domain transfer method, an attempt to describe the sequence of events needed during the transfer and either prior to or after the transfer. There are at least three trust relationships described. There is a recommendation with a sensible reason. The candidate uses some terms and shows some focus and organisation. Spelling, punctuation and the rules of grammar are				
3	9-12	Notes have a diagram / flowchart for the domain transfer. There is a good description of a domain transfer method, covering events prior to, during, and after the transfer Notes have diagrams for the trust relationships. The text makes clear the difference between them. Trust relationships should include: one way, two way, transitive, nontransitive, forest NOTE, shortcut, realm, and external trusts are not appropriate for the scenario. There is a recommendation with a sensible reason that relates to the scenario. This likely to be along the lines of making best use of Server 2008 features. The candidate uses a range of appropriate terms and shows good focus and organisation. Spelling, punctuation and the rules of grammar used with considerable accuracy.				

Question	Answer	Mark				
Number						
2 (a) (i)	Describe, with the aid of diagrams, the two network topologies. The diagrams must be based on the layout of the showground.					
	Star Hall 1 Arena A Arena C Hall 2 Admin buildings Admin buildings Arena C Full Mesh Hall 1 Hall 2 Admin buildings Arena C					
	Partial Mesh					
	Hall 1 Hall 2 Arena B Arena C Star. Diagram, in context. 1 mark Description 1 mark e.g. all connections run from single / central switch					
	Mesh. Diagram, in context. 1 mark					
	Description 1 mark e.g. each node / switch connects to two or more other nodes / switches.	4				

Activity 2 - Network connectivity.

2 (a) (ii) State, with reasons, which topology you recommend	Question
Chosen topology 0 marks	Number
Reasons, 1 mark each to a maximum of 2. Reasons may include: Star. • Easier control / admin • Cheaper because less cable • Cheaper because less / smaller switch /other relevant device needed Mesh. • More robust / will keep working if one cable is broken • Easier to expand to distant parts of showground, just connect from nearest node. • Cheaper to expand to distant parts of showground, less cable needed 2	2 (a) (ii)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2 (a) (iii)	 Explain which type(s) of cable would be suitable for which links Detail will depend on chosen topology. Look for: Copper cable for links of <100m Specified copper links e.g. admin - hall 1 / 2, arena A - arena B, hall 1 - hall 2, hall1 / 2 - arena A, admin - arena B, hall 2 - arena B Fibre for any links because max distance on site is approx 200m / much less than max allowable distance for fibre. 	
	1 mark each	3

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2 (a) (iv)	 State, with reasons, which type of cable you recommend for each link Detail will depend on chosen topology. Look for: Copper for short / <100m link because of cheaper cable cost Copper because needs cheaper switch / other relevant device / can connect with existing hall switches / other relevant device Fibre optic for long / >100m link fibre optic because cables run next to mains electric in ducts, therefore interference problems with copper Allow 2(a)(iii) answer on specified links if not awarded in (iii) 	3

Question Number	Answer				Mark
2 (b)	A budget for th	ie recomme	nded solution		
	1 mark per cor	nponent to	a maximum of 6 mar	rks	
		Quantity	Boscon	Cost	
	component		RedSUI		
	cat 5 / 6 cable	300-600 m	1 or 2 x 305m box depending on topology and links made	£75 per box	
	Cable fibre optic	300-1500 m	depending on topology and links made	£1 per m	
	RJ45 ends	10 -30	probably pack of 50, cheaper than 3 x 10	£20	
	fibre end adaptor	4 - 40	depending on number of fibre links, need for adaptors / connectors to switches. Cost depends on type chosen.	typical £5 - £10 each	
	fibre capable switch	3 x 16+port	1 per LAN, could be assumed as existing device	£200 - 300 each	
	fibre capable switch	3 x 8 port	1 per arena	£100 - £150 each	
	Other sensible fibre network device		e.g. fibre patch panels, fibre patch leads, cabinets, racks		
	Other sensible copper network device		e.g. RJ45 patch panels, copper patch leads, cabinets, racks		
					6
	TOTAL FOR ACTIVITY 2				18

Activity 3 - Components of a network

Question Number	Answer				
3 (a)	Requ A dia admi Awar mark	ired evidence for 3a Igram showing the recom In and IT centre In ark for each item. Iss,	nmended layout of the Up to a maximum of 8		
		Point	Explanation		
	A	just enough power sockets and network points: 20, sales 4, secretaries 4, directors 1 each, network staff 4	Counted from personnel/devices given in the scenario		
	В	attempt to put extra sockets in all areas / space extra sockets around the building	Allowance for expansion/more personnel/changing the location of devices		
	C	sockets on outside walls / in floor / hanging from ceiling / etc, NOT on moveable partitions	Partitions may be moved OR walls are fixed / will not be moved		
	D	cable runs reach all defined spaces	Allowance for changing the layout	-	
	E	cable runs on outside walls / in floor / hanging from ceiling / etc, NOT on moveable partitions	Partitions may be moved / OR walls are fixed / will not be moved		
	F	cable runs laid out for easy reconfiguration of the space. e.g. in a grid, central trunk with regular spurs, ring with regular spurs.	Allowance for changing the layout	8	

Question Number	Answer					
3(b)	Required evidence for 3b A table for submission to Tristram which identifies the hardware and cabling components to be used in the admin LAN and I.T. Centre, giving a reason for each component. 1 mark per component, with sensible reason. Max 12 Needs to be in context. Allow different numbers if reason justifies					
	Component	Number	Reason	Notes		
	PC (+screen, keyboard, etc.)	13 +	counted	13 specified, may give PCs to network staff or others		
	Server	1+	to run the LAN	Probably a server plus backup		
	Netbooks	8+	as specified	8 for event office, could have a spare or two for contingency		
	B & W laser printer	2	as specified	sales and reception		
	Colour laser printer	2	as specified	event office and secretaries		
	Switch with fibre optic link capability	1 +	for centre of LAN + fibre optic links	Min of 24 ports. May be multiple switches		
	Internet phone	4+	as specified	sales and reception but could use elsewhere. MUST be VoIP capable		

Ethernet cable Cat 5 or better	min 1 box / 300 m	joining sockets etc. to switch	May give lots of individual cable lengths
RJ 45 ends	pack of 50	need 2 per cable / patch lead	= 40 + for the PCs, printers, server etc. if making own cables
Patch leads	depends on set up	joining PCs etc to sockets	1 per device connected
WiFi Access Point	3 +	To cover event office and admin centre	1 for event office, 2 + to cover all of admin centre
Patch panel	1 +	to organise cabling at the switch(es)	not a requirement, allow with a sensible reason
Trolley or similar	4	For the events office	PCs must be easily movable, accept any sensible solution
Up to 3 other sensible		with a good reason	e.g. UPS, cabinets, back-up

Activity 4 — Network Design

Question	Answer			
Number				
4 (a)	Required evidence for 4a:			
	a network design for the complete project			
	a) Diagram shows: old admin buildings, new admin			
	and IT centre, Hall1, Hall2, 3 arenas, example			
	exhibition stand			
	b) Cable types identified, must include copper and fibre optic.			
	c) Hall1 and Hall2, switch / router plus link			
	d) Arenas 1, 2, 3, switch / router plus link			
	e) Exhibition stand, switch / data socket			
	f) Exhibition stand, Services Access Point with cable to stand			
	g) 2 x Works dept buildings. PC and network printer in each			
	h) 2 x Works dept buildings. WAP in each / 1 WAP in the middle			
	i) Events Office. 4 x PC and network colour laser printer			
	i) Events Office. WAP and switch			
	k) Reception area, 2 x PC and network B&W laser printer			
	I) Reception area, VoIP telephone			
	m) Sales area, 2 x PC and network B&W laser printer			
	n) Sales area, VoIP telephone			
	o) Secretarial area, 3 x PC and network colour laser printer			
	p) 6 x office with WAP coverage			
	q) Network management area. Server			
	r) Network management area. Backup server or backup device			
	s) Network management area. PC			
	t) Network management area. Switch			
	u) Network management area. Router			
	v) Sensible routes from server to router & switch			
	w) Protected / overhead link from Admin and I.T. to old admin			
	x) Admin buildings have Internet connection Max 20 marks	20		

Question	Answer	Mark
4 (b)	Required evidence for 4b: An explanation of decisions made regarding the positioning of network devices and equipment. There are no marks for descriptions of what is on the diagram.	
	 mark per explanation which justifies a decision, to a maximum of 6. Allow a maximum of 2 non-position explanations. e.g. The Event Office has a WAP = 0 The Event Office has a WAP in the centre of the room to give coverage wherever the PCs are placed = 1 	
	Answers may include explanation of: server position router position switch positions WAP positions network printers positions location of Internet access point expansion provision Max 6 marks 	6
	TOTAL FOR ACTIVITY 4	26

Network Diagram. NOTE. This diagram:

- is drawn to illustrate all of the marking points
- is **not** the only answer
- is probably not the best answer



Activity 5 – Network addressing a	and protocols
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Question	Answer		Mark
Number			
5 (a)	Required evidence for 5a:		
	A set of recommendations that will save money.		
	Answers may include:		
	Recommendation	Explanation	
	Joint / remote	Save on staff costs	
	administration of the 3		
	LANs		
	Centralised / joint backup	Save on backup equipment	
	of the 3 LANs	/ staff costs	
	Use LANs for	Save on radio kit / mobile	
	communications to arenas	telephone costs	
	/ stands		
	More efficient use of	Networked printers allow	
	peripherals / printers	fewer machines / allow	
		heavy duty machines with	
		lower page costs	
	Better control	Print control saves waste	
	File / information sharing	Management can be more	
	/ collaboration	efficient, saving time /	
	possibilities	money	
	1 mark for a sensible recommendation set in context.		
	1 mark for a plausible explanation.		
	To a maximum of 8 marks		

Question Number	Answer		Mark
5 (b)	Required evidence for 5b:		
	A set of recommendations that will help secure the		
	network.		
	Answers may include:		
	Recommendation	Explanation	
	Firewall between network and	Hides network / controls	
	Internet	/ blocks unauthorised ex	
		access	
	Anti-malware / anti-virus	prevents malware / troja	
	software	sending information out	
	Anti-malware / anti-virus	Because of rapidly chang	
	software kept up to date	malware	
	Secure WAPs with WPA2 or	prevents intrusion via th	
	better	WAPs / wardriving attacl	
	Ensure lockable covers of	Prevents easy 'hard' acc	
	service points are locked	the system	
	1 mark for a sensible recommendation set in context.		
	1 mark for a plausible explanation.		
	To a maximum of 4 marks		
	Т	OTAL FOR ACTIVITY 5	12

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EE	footer must contain your name, candidate number and centre number.	
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