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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


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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. <br> There is an outline description of a domain transfer method, some simple statements about the sequence of events for the actual transfer. <br> Notes only address one or two trust relationships. <br> There is a recommendation but no reason. <br> 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. <br> 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. <br> There are at least three trust relationships described. <br> There is a recommendation with a sensible reason. <br> The candidate uses some terms and shows some focus and organisation. Spelling, punctuation and the rules of grammar are used with some accuracy. |
| 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 <br> Notes have diagrams for the trust relationships. The text makes clear the difference between them. <br> Trust relationships should include: one way, two way, transitive, nontransitive, forest <br> NOTE, shortcut, realm, and external trusts are not appropriate for the scenario. <br> 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. <br> 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. |

Activity 2 - Network connectivity.

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


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


| Question Number | Answer | Mark |
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| 2 (a) (iii) | Explain which type(s) of cable would be suitable for which links <br> Detail will depend on chosen topology. Look for: <br> - Copper cable for links of $<100 \mathrm{~m}$ <br> - 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 <br> - Fibre for any links because max distance on site is approx $200 \mathrm{~m} /$ much less than max allowable distance for fibre. <br> 1 mark each | 3 |


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



## Activity 3-Components of a network

| Question Number | Answer |  |  | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $3 \text { (a) }$ | Required evidence for 3a <br> A diagram showing the recommended layout of the admin and IT centre Award 1 mark for each item. Up to a maximum of 8 marks, |  |  |  |
|  |  | 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 |  |
|  | B | 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 / <br> 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 |  |  |  | Mark |
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| 3(b) | Required evidence for 3b <br> 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. <br> 1 mark per component, with sensible reason. Max 12 <br> 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 Iaser 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 VolP capable |  |



Activity 4 - Network Design

| Question <br> Number | Answer |
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| 4 (a) | Required evidence for 4a: <br> 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) $2 \times$ Works dept buildings. PC and network printer in each
h) $2 \times$ Works dept buildings. WAP in each / 1 WAP in the middle
i) Events Office. $4 \times \mathrm{PC}$ and network colour laser printer
j) Events Office. WAP and switch
k) Reception area, $2 \times \mathrm{PC}$ and network B\&W laser printer
I) Reception area, VolP telephone
m) Sales area, $2 \times$ PC and network B\&W laser printer
n) Sales area, VolP telephone
o) Secretarial area, $3 \times \mathrm{PC}$ and network colour laser printer
p) $6 \times$ 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

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

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


| Question <br> Number | Answer | Mark |
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| 5 (b) | Required evidence for 5b: <br> A set of recommendations that will help secure the <br> network. <br> Answers may include: | Recommendation Explanation |
|  | Firewall between network and <br> Internet | Hides network / controls <br> / blocks unauthorised ex <br> access |
|  | Anti-malware / anti-virus <br> software | prevents malware / troja <br> sending information out |


| SWW | All printouts must have a header and a footer. The <br> header must contain the activity number. The <br> footer must contain your name, candidate number <br> and centre number. | Minimum font size of 10 should be used for all <br> word processed documents. <br> Submitted work must meet the page limitations <br> given in each activity. |
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