

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2007 question paper

9691 COMPUTING

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Paper 1 (Written Paper 1), maximum raw mark 90

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- 1 – Storage that allows reading of professionally produced material (CD ROM drive, DVD)/ necessary to input game instructions to her hard drive/Joystick/gamespad/.../to play the game.
– Memory stick (floppy disk, CDRW)/to save her half finished work and transport it to a different machine
– (Colour) printer/Inkjet/Bubble jet/to produce hard copy of her work to hand in.
– Network Card/Modem and phone line/Broadband, ADSL, ISDN/to allow access to internet to facilitate use of e-mail/Webcam/Microphone and speakers/to allow conversation and vision.
(2 per –, 1 for peripheral, 1 for explanation, max 8) [8]
- 2 a) – The user is far slower than the processor in making decisions
– The peripherals are slower than the processor
– This means that the processor has to wait
(1 per –, max 2) [2]
- b) Any suitable for batch processing. E.g. Utility bills/bank statements... [1]
- c) – Data is prepared off-line/input at speed of peripheral
– User is not provided direct access to processor/user is offline
– Processor services more than 1 peripheral
– Carried out at off-peak times so that processor time not so important
(1 per –, max 2) [2]
- 3 a) – Commissioner is the expert in the field of the problem while the analyst is the expert in what is possible with a computer.
– Need to ensure that both understand the scale of the solution planned...
– otherwise a different problem may be solved.
(1 per –, max 2) [2]
- b) – Interview/interviewee can think about responses/interviewer can alter questions
– Questionnaire/large number of people’s views can be included in short time
– Existing documentation/see all the necessary inputs and outputs required for the system/obtain ideas for the formatting.
– Observation/obtain an unvarnished view of what goes on in present solution.
(1 per method, 1 for suitable advantage, max 2 methods, max 4) [4]
- c) (i) – Ensures that all users’ requirements have been met
(ii) – Acts as a contract/makes sure analyst is paid. [2]
- d) – Adjustments in one stage of process may affect inputs necessary to that stage
– Requirements may alter as design becomes apparent
– Final stage for any system is obsolescence, therefore new version needs to be produced.
(1 per –, max 2) [2]

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- 4 a) (i)** – Deletes everything on surface of disk
– Divides surface of disk into smaller areas...
– to allow for storage/recovery of data items.
(1 per –, max 2) [2]
- (ii)** – Scans the files on a computer system/received files...
– to detect viruses...
– and remove viruses when they have been detected.
(1 per –, max 2) [2]
- b)** – Provides security measures (passwords/user IDs)/to protect files from unauthorised access/identify user/identify user rights
– Provides an HCI/to allow communication with user
– Controls the hardware/to allow data to travel from one part of the system to another.
– Provides translators/so that software can be converted into form useable by the computer.
– Manages interrupts/handling requests from external units and prioritising needs.
– Manages memory/to ensure data is stored in correct part of memory/can be retrieved correctly
– Schedules processing/using scheduling techniques
(2 per –, max 4) [4]
- 5 a)** – Ensuring that data input matches data collected
– Done by double entry/onscreen techniques. [2]
- b)** – Any sensible application needing data to be accurate e.g. inputting details of bank cheques.
– e.g. because whole application based on accuracy/bank needs to be trusted [2]
- 6 a)** 7, 0, 4, (Must be in correct order. If > 3 answers, mark first 3 and deduct 1 for error) [3]
- b)** e.g. 4, 6, 3, 7, 1, /Answer is not a whole number
0, /Can algorithm cope with no input
4, -6, 3, 7, 1 /Can algorithm cope with negative numbers
4, 6, 6, 6, 6, /Can algorithm cope with equal values for B and C
(1 for sensible data with reason, max 3) [3]

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- 7 – Social sites/chat rooms/...give a new type of social circle
Inappropriate sites...
– generally inappropriate like pornography
– Specifically inappropriate to that society
– Danger to structure of society because other views shown...
– e.g. Hollywood type movies/Make-up/Consumer goods
– Easy access to consumer goods damaging local traders
– Everything available on Internet so no need to go out
– Work can be sent through Internet...
– changing work practices like socialising
– Religion undermined because...
– exposes people to new, contradictory views
(1 per –, max 7) [7]
- 8 a) – The file is all the details of all the cars, it comprises...
– a number of records, each containing data about a car
– Each item of data in a record is called a field e.g. price. [3]
- b) – The records are of a predetermined size because...
– each field is of a fixed size. [2]
- c) – Colour: Characters/Text/String/alphanumeric
– Engine size: Integer/Real
– Air Con: Boolean
– Price: Currency/Real/integer [4]
- 9 a) (i) – Set of application programs...
– appropriate to many areas
– with associated documentation,
(1 per –, max 2) [2]
- (ii) – Parts of package can share data/communicate with others
– Common layout makes use/training easier
– Includes additional facilities which allow complex tasks to be performed
(1 per –, max 2) [2]
- b) – File of records of car sales...
– searched for date = required date
– Standard form of letter exists...
– with fields identified...
– which are completed with reference to data on data fields.
– Takes data from customer file
– Finished letters are then printed ready for sending.
(1 per –, max 2 if not related to car servicing, max 5) [5]

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- 10 a)** – Geographic distribution
– Hardware used for communication
(1 per –, max 1) [1]
- b) (i)** – Bit rate is the number of bits transferred in a given time period
Word processing uses text files requiring...
– non time sensitive transfer of data...
– meaning a small/low bit rate is acceptable.
– Video is time sensitive...
– meaning a large/high bit rate is necessary.
(1 per –, max 4) [4]
- (ii)** – Touch sensitive screen...
– showing list of options...
– which call up other lists of options
– limited number of options means ease for user and..
– security for system
(1 per –, max 3) [3]
- c)** – RSI/ergonomic hardware/regular breaks
– eyestrain/correctly positioned monitor/anti glare screen/regular breaks
– radiation/use low radiation monitor/limit time spent at terminal
– Other aches/adjustable chair
(2 per –, 1 for issue, 1 for measure (only give breaks once), max 2–, max 4) [4]
- 11** – Digital (video) camera used to capture photographs (video)...
– Downloaded (via USB port) to hard drive
– or photographs are scanned in
– Photo editing software/Digital video editor used to prepare images
– Photographs compressed using JPEG
– Video compressed using MPEG
– Parity/Checksum used to check for errors in transmission.
(1 per –, max 5) [5]
- 12 a)** – Indexed sequential uses indexes of keys
– Random access file uses key as input to an algorithm. [2]
- b) (i)** – Algorithm uses all 6 digits.
– Algorithm has approximately 10,000 outcomes/Modular division by 10,000 [2]
- (ii)** – Any 2 which hash to same address [1]
- (iii)** – Values that collide are stored serially...
– after end of file/in a bucket
– Marker applied to correct address to signify further values
- OR** – Original address contains pointer...
– which is head of linked list of items...
– which hash to same value.
- OR** – Locations are searched serially
– until free location found
– value inserted at free location
(1 per –, max 1 method, max 2) [2]