

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced GCE**

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY 2515**

Communications Technology and its Application

Tuesday

**21 JUNE 2005**

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

No additional materials are required.  
Candidates answer on the question paper.

Candidate Name	Centre Number	Candidate Number												
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**TIME** 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in the space above.
- Write your Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the spaces on the question paper.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 90, of which 4 marks are allocated to the assessment of the quality of written communication.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where an answer requires a piece of extended writing.
- No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE		
<b>1</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>2</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>3</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>4</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>5</b>		<b>16</b>
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<b>QWC</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>90</b>

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**This question paper consists of 14 printed pages and 2 lined pages.**

Answer **all** questions.

**1** A national DIY retail company offers a kitchen design service to its customers. Some of the input devices used by the company are touch screens, graphics tablets and scanners.

**(a)** Describe the purpose of each of these devices within the company.

Touch Screen .....

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Graphics Tablet .....

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Scanner .....

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2 Two dental practices in a small town have recently merged and moved to new premises. They have found that their computer systems are incompatible and decide to invest in a new system. A consultant is employed to produce a requirements specification and a systems specification.

(a) Describe the difference between a requirements specification and a system specification.

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(b) (i) Describe the methods used by the consultant during the analysis stage to investigate the requirements of the dental practice.

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(ii) Describe **one** advantage to the dental practice of using optical communications.

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(f) Explain the role of communications software to enable dialogue between network devices.

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3 Packet switching and circuit switching are methods of data transfer used in data communications.

(a) Explain each of these methods.

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Circuit switching .....

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