

GCE MARKING SCHEME

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AS/Advanced

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INTRODUCTION

The marking schemes which follow were those used by WJEC for the Summer 2013 examination in GCE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY. They were finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conferences were held shortly after the papers were taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conferences was to ensure that the marking schemes were interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conferences, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

WJEC regrets that it cannot enter into any discussion or correspondence about these marking schemes.

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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

IT1

1. (a)	 1 mark for description of any suitable device/method and concrete use, 1 mark for advantage, 1 mark for disadvantage. Needs to be clear that candidates are describing a use of a device. Advantage and disadvantage must be relevant to use. Examples could be from <u>speech recognition</u> or <u>speech synthesis</u> e.g. Voice control in: In-car navigation systems - not brand name – e.g. to plan route. Security systems – e.g. to allow entry. Control systems – e.g. to control lights in a room. Telephone ordering system/appointment systems. Mobile phones – e.g. to dial the phone number of a friend. Doctors can use them to dictate notes directly into a computer. Student dictating an essay directly into word processing software. Advantage: Quicker than typing Allows people to enter text directly into a computer without using a keyboard Can empower disabled. Uniqueness of voice print/cannot be used by others Safer when driving as hands free doesn't distract Disadvantage: Problems with regional accents / foreign words Similar words (homonyms) may be confused (e.g. to, too, two) Have to speak slowly Interference from background noise Colds, etc., affecting voice Need time to train the system Differentiating homonyms – their and there, to, two and too, etc. NOT Can't understand the voice NOT High cost of voice recognition equipment. 	3
1. (b)	 1 mark for description of any suitable device/method and concrete use, 1 mark for advantage, 1 mark for disadvantage. Needs to be clear that candidates are describing a use of a device. Advantage and disadvantage must be relevant to use. In museums to allow children to gather information / in shops to enter info at POS / mobile phones to dial or display information / buying tickets at railway stations Advantage Saves having to type, quicker to enter information/fixed list of options Empowering for disabled people to, no need for mouse and keyboard, Used in hostile environments because keyboards can get sticky. Frees staff to complete other jobs. Disadvantage Might not have all the options needed. Dirty/damaged screen/ wet fingers Screen requires recalibration. NOT Interactive whiteboards 	3

2. (a)	 Any four (descriptions or examples) Four points in a list only 1 mark. Correctly targeted – The question should be targeted at the people who are going to use it / no good asking vegetarians about meat eating. Understandable – The meaning of any information should be clear to the user. / A manager might misunderstand a complex table and order the wrong items. Encoding is not a viable example. Accurate – There should be no mistakes in the data / Wrong postcode will prevent delivery of items. Relevant – Data has to be related to the task you are trying to investigate. No good collecting information on ice-cream sales in Alaska in the winter if you want to open your kiosk in California. Up-to-date – Information changes with time and without a date stamp could be too old to be useful. / Using a 5 year old mailing list might end up in letters being sent to dead people or people who have moved. 	4
	NOT Complete	
2. (b)	Only use time, human resources and financial cost once each (max 2) must have a different stage with each cost. Two of the following stages with appropriate cost (1+1) Designing/Creating Data Collection sheets e.g. Pay someone to create the forms. Takes time to trial the sheets before using for real. Data Collection e.g. New staff have to be employed to go and ask people questions. Training needed to show the team how to collect the data. Data Entry New staff have to be employed to type in the results of the data collection. OMR devices have to be purchased. It takes time for someone to type in the data which takes them away from another job. Processing e.g. New software/hardware has to be written/purchased to allow the results to be obtained before the data gets out of date. Maintenance/Updating Staff have to be employed to keep the hardware running and to modify the software when legislation changes or bugs are found.	2x2

3.	1 mark for description of crime and further mark for example x2. Do NOT award the same example twice. Hacking into a person's computer account / internet banking account (1) to obtain confidential information about them / to allow them to steal money from them. (1)	2x2
	Creating / Spread a virus which finds bank account details (1) and transmits it to a third party. (1) Creating / Spread a virus which attacks bank computer <i>(cyber attack)</i> (1) so user cannot access account. (1)	
	 Phishing to get hold of username and password for their account (1) to steal their identity. (1) / to steal money from their account (Explanation of Phishing or Hacking could be another way of getting the mark) NOTE: Identity theft and blackmail are not crimes under the CMA itself but could be extensions, e.g. phishing in order to blackmail. A candidate can be credited for illustrating, very clearly, two distinct crimes using viruses/hacking. 	
	Wording of act is :	
	1. Unauthorised access to computer material. (hacking)	
	2. Unauthorised access with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences. (phishing/blackmail)	
	 Unauthorised acts with intent to impair, or with recklessness as to impairing, operation of computer, etc.(spread a virus) 	
4. (a)	Pre-prepared page / layout with pictures, words which are going to be reused [1] e.g. Letterhead with company information and logo (common info or set layout), <i>must be clear that a template has been used</i> [1] Stored master document with a <u>pre-defined layout</u> (or implication) which can be used as a basis for other documents, e.g. pre-defined letter for sending information to customers. Invoices / tenancy agreements / contracts / other documents related to a company. NOT Letter headed notepaper	2
4. (b)	Any of:a stored list of instructions which is used to automate a task, code, program	2
	 storing a sequence of keystrokes and menu choices which can be repeated by running the macro. 	
	 A small program to perform a repetitive task and which can be created and stored for later use by a user. 	
	Example (or similar) Letterhead with company info and logo (common info or set layout) e.g. unused template, must be clear that a template has been used. [1] Adding a manager's signature to a letter [1]. Could be used to call up a particular template and automatically position the cursor where data has to be entered [1].	
4. (c)	Incorporating data <u>automatically</u> from a store into an outline document. [1] (Linked to fields, implied automatic)	2
	e.g. Creating a set of letters informing shareholders of the annual general meeting. [1] (Letter must have a real purpose)	

5. (a) (i)	Validation is a (compute (but NOT correct or a or Validation is the autor	uter) check to ensure that data is sens <i>ccurate</i>). matic checking of data entered into a c	ible / reasonable / legal computer system.	1
5. (a) (ii)	Name 1 mark	Explanation/definition 1 mark	Example related to school 1 mark	3
	Range checks	Data is between stated ranges or Between 1 and 12 Or DoB is right for that Year	Month on Date of birth	
	Format checks / Input mask	Must be in the correct pre-defined format or is in format e.g. 99/9999, 07/2009,	Expiry date on canteen card Date of Birth	
		LLNN NLL Or is consible	Postoodo	
	OR	Restricted choice of data entry	Form Group	
	Presence checks	There must be a character present in a particular place	an @ in an email address	
		Data is required and must be entered	Postcode / Email address	
	Fixed value / drop down list / option boxes / cross-field check	Select only from a list	Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, Form Group	
	Length check	Must have a certain number of characters / numbers	Phone number must have 11 digits	
	Data type	Data must be of a specified type	School year	
	Check digit	Doing some maths on a code number to generate an extra number on the end	Roll No UPN	
	If method is not clear the marks as cannot	rly named or described then you ca be sure which they are talking abo	annot award the rest of ut	
5. (b)	Any four from: (If on Hardware – if the syst data, cost of upgradin Software - Does the so other software. Suitability of the OS if point running it on a b Communication - Do f system fit in what was Testing - Has the syst Maintenance procedu and software is kept u Other factors could in Change in circumstar Speed of implementa Compatibility Poor communication Abilities of the user Post-implementation Cost Hardware support / re Memory and processo	It with the user procedures procedures seliability por speed are NOT distinct points.	e too long to process the em - does it work with formation, there is no ach other, does the final ions. o ensure that the data	4

6.	 1 mark for each description x 4 Hatching/rendering: Allows the architect to try out different finishes on the building to see the aesthetic affect/choose the best. Wire drawing: Outline design (perspective) requires less processing to display/ permits rapid previewing. Walkthrough: allows the architect to see what the inside of the building will look like. Rotate: allows the architect to see the design from all angles. 	4
7. (a)	Two advantages and one disadvantage (1 mark each), such as: VLE/Videoconferencing are examples of distance learning. Advantages Don't have to be in the same location as teacher/pupils who are ill can keep up to date. Students don't have to travel / can work at home/ empowers disabled Can access more courses / allows access to courses not taught in your school. Classes can run with small number of pupils. Shared expertise. Potential cost saving to schools if well qualified. Flexibility of time. Disadvantages Diminish literacy – texting. Cost implication of installation. Lack of personal support (close at hand) / immediacy / no peer interaction. Pupils must be motivated to achieve their goals. Need for equipment at home. Broadband problems <i>(if qualified)</i>	3
7. (b)	Two advantages and one disadvantage (1 mark each), such as: Advantages Pupils work at own pace. Good for pupils with learning difficulties. (customisation) Pupils respond better to automated feedback. Can gauge their own progress / instant feedback / automatic marking. Engaging screens - colour/animation/sound/video. Automatic generation of progress reports. Special adaptations can be built in / Can target specific areas. Materials provided in different formats such as text, voice, video, animations. Have flexibility as to where and when they work, at home, in car, out walking/running. Variety of activities can motivate and maintain interest. Can access material using different hardware e.g. laptop, mobile phone, mp3 player, tablet. (No brand names) Available at any time. Revisit when you need to. Multilingual support. Disadvantages Lack of personal support (close at hand) / no peer interaction. Cost of software/specialist hardware. No collaborative learning. Note: same answers cannot be credited twice	3

8. (a)	 (Any 2) A barcode is a series of light and dark bars of differing widths (1) With a code number printed underneath (1) 	2
	• Made up of country of origin code, manufacturer code, the product code, a check digit. (Any 3) (1)	
	(If PRICE included NO mark.)	1
	 Advantages (1 mark) Faster to enter data / can read at any angle. More accurate as eliminates typing errors. Low printing costs. 	1
	 Frees staff to do other tasks/staff don't have to manually price goods. Disadvantages (1 mark) Can only be used for the input of numbers. Equipment is expensive. Corrupted barcodes can cause delays. 	1
	 (b) Any four of: Code matched on stock database. One deducted from stock database / Item sold decreases record by 1. checked against reorder level. if below automatic level request sent to supplier. stock delivered 	4
	stock database updated.	
	(c) Must have at least two advantages and two disadvantages to gain full marks Advantages:	6
	 Smaller storage / warehouses needed as not much stock held Store is better able to respond to changing demand Easier to cope with several small deliveries (less staff) than 1 big one. Do not run out of fast selling items 	
	Less risk of stock being out of date/waste	
	Disadvantages: • Expensive to introduce/set up	
	More admin staff as store responsible for own ordering True stock may differ because of theft_etc.	
	Cannot respond to unusual demand	
	 Disruption to transport Communication failure if qualified (not just 'internet down / internet failure') 	
	(d) At least one benefit for company and one for customers. If candidates do not indicate to whom the benefit applies, then max mark = 1.	4
	Always accessible (both) / Available 24/7 (customer).	
	 Low start up and running costs (company). Save money on rental space. 	
	Cheaper to update website than a catalogue / Easier to update.	
	Other income sources / advertising.	
	Gain custom by suggesting other items.	
	Customer Available 24/7 (customer but not given twice)	
	Easier to find information because of search engine.	
	Greater choice. Saves on travel costs / shop from home.	
	Can be used by disabled customers. Price comparisons	
	Read reviews. Automatically produce aborning lists / for public items atoms if for factors and him.	
	Automatically produce shopping lists / lavourite items stored for fast re-ordering. Online discounts	

9.	1 mark each for any two general points (max 2), 1 for advantage and 1 for disadvantage.	4
	 Collect data Large number of measurements such as pressure, temperature, humidity, etc. Readings from all around the world from satellites, balloons, etc. Derive model From laws of physics. Models provide a set of equations to solve / Produce a set of equations (mathematical model) which are solved to predict weather twice a day. Test / compare Actual with observed. Create model / test the model. What ifs. 	
	Advantages Only takes 1 hour to produce a 6 day forecast. Can predict path of hurricanes, etc. Can help farmers plan work / Local councils plan / etc.	
	Disadvantages 160 million equations to solve – cost of buying a supercomputer. Long range forecasts cannot be 100% accurate in predictions. Freak storm / unusual patterns difficult to predict.	
10. (a)	No mark for writing out the formula used. One mark for explaining what formula does and one mark for why the information is required. e.g. DATE: I used Date on page 1, cell A5 to show on which day the transaction occurred to date stamp it for future reference. Single IF: I used the IF formula on page 4 in cell f7. IF (A5 >= 17,"OK", "not old enough") checks the age of the person in A5 and this allows them to apply for a driving licence.	2x2
10. (b)	My VLOOKUP formula in cell B15 scans rows in the stated range for the comparison values	3
	it uses the engine size in cell (1)	
	matches engine size in Car table (1)	
	to get the information on performance and capacity (1)	
10. (c)	One mark for naming a validation technique up to two marks for detailed description or third mark for describing the error message. e.g. I put a range check (1) of between 1 and 9999 (1) on my customer order number (1) to ensure numbers were within the correct range (1)	3
	I used conditional formatting (1) by putting a preset formula (1) e.g. to work out the date (1) / which shows the cells which have to be dealt with next (1)	
	I used a length check (1) to set the text length to 10 characters (1) to put a limit on customer Postcode (1)	

10. (d) (i)	What and why? Graph: The graph on page 8 showed me how money was spent (1) and it allowed me to work out the break even point (1)	2
10. (d) (ii)	 What and why? No mark for naming a different process but up to two marks for detailed description x2. Macro, Sort, Search, 3D referencing, etc. E.g. I used 3D referencing with four worksheets in my workbook (see pages 9, 10 and 11), so that I could look up similar sales data for each month (1) contained in the different work sheets (1) and composed the results on the summary (1), etc. My macro shown on page 4 defined the special print settings in the Page Setup dialog box (1) and printed the invoice on page 5 (1) Identify a navigation macro and where is it going to/between (1) this will make it more user friendly / to move backwards and forwards more efficiently (1) 	2x2

IT3

1.	One mark for each of any four points relevant to learning to read:	4
	Have a minimum amount of text on screen	
	Use child friendly font/size of font	
	 Use bright colours to attract the child's attention 	
	 Have an uncluttered appearance / easy to read clear layout 	
	 Involve minimal use of the keyboard / alternative input devices 	
	 Use speech synthesis / sound so that they can hear the words 	
	Animation/videos to keep their interest	
	Instant feedback on their responses	
	Interactivity - Not by itself, must be qualified e.g. quizzes, educational games	
	Visual prompts e.g. pictures of a cat	
	Not	
	Not On screen help / Pen uns / Language Complexity	
2	Poquirements: Two marks awarded for requirements	6
۷.	The novice user's priority will be ease of learning/intuitive (1)	0
	The expert user will want to get the job done in the least possible time (1)	
	HCI: Maximum of four marks for HCI	
	Novice user will need clear navigation structure / Colour scheme making it easier to use	
	i.e. showing routes through a program (hyperlinks) (1)	
	Novice user will use wizards which are not as flexible as setting it out vourself (1)	
	Novice user will use help screens / tutorials to get them out of difficulties / show them how	
	to do things (1)	
	Expert user knows the commands (1) and will find it quicker than clicking through a series	
	of windows (1) (dos window to use ipconfig compared to getting the same information from	
	windows (1))	
	Increased number of ways of performing the same operation (1)	
	Shortcuts which the experienced user can use rather than going through a series of menus	
	(1)	
	Expert ;Customise the interface to suit their needs (1)	
	Condone well-argued points made about specific application.	
3	Examples from any four different categories:	8
0.	Eactor (1) Description / Example (1) \times 4. If factor unclear or missing can still award	Ŭ
	the example mark if can be clearly matched.	
	Physical security – this involves protecting hardware and software using physical	
	rather than software methods either to restrict access to the computer equipment	
	or the storage medium using physical methods (Locks, guards biometric	
1	methods)	
	 Logical (software) methods user ids, passwords, levels of access (e.g. who 	
1	can update web pages) firewalls, encryption.	
	Continuous investigation of irregularities / Auditing for detection (trailing) -	
	guery any transactions that are out of the ordinary for customers, access logs	
	 System Access - establishing procedures for accessing data such as log on 	
1	procedures. firewalls.	
	 Personnel administration – training (including prevention of accidental misuse) 	
1	fitting the employee to the task, ensuring that staff are controlled staff screening	
1	Operational procedures - including disaster recovery planning and dealing with	
	threats from viruses, backup, updating antivirus	
	Disciplinary procedures – warnings / dismissal / prosecutions etc.	
	Can give firewalls in either place BLIT not twice	
	Not: Code of conduct	
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1	NOT CAMERAS OR CCTV	
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4.	FTP (File Transfer Protocol) is a standard Internet protocol (1) providing a simple way of transferring files between computers using the Internet (network) / by a process which bunches the data into packages and sends messages back and forth to say each package has been received (1) OR FTP is a <u>standard</u> set of rules (1) that have been established to allow the exchange of	2
	(large) files over the internet (network) (1)	
	MUST BE CLEARLY NOT ABOUT EMAIL OR COMPRESSION NOT Instructions instead of rules or Data instead of files	
	Used for uploading a database of sales from one branch of the organisation to the head office (1) (Always need to know what the data are) Or to distribute information (on their new sales catalogue) between the company and their	1
	customers and suppliers (1) Or Used for down/uploading a website from/onto the internet/server (or a file) (1) Or other relevant example (1) e.g. Transfer files from mac to pc.	
	You are not <u>limited</u> to file size / allows reliable transfer of files between platforms / greater security in transfer of information / can have greater control of remote computer (if well developed).(1)	1
	Not Just large files Not sending multiple files at once	
5.	3 x (1 mark for giving each factor and a 2nd mark for a fuller description)	3x2
	 Cost of the network Initial purchasing of equipment. Installation and training. Maintenance / Personnel costs. Size of the available budget will determine what can be done e.g. fibre optic cable is faster but is also more expensive. Wireless systems are flexible but need more maintenance. Size of the organisation (Not size network) Needs can range from a small LAN to a global WAN. Some communications media are limited by the distance they have to travel. Amount of data processing required must also be considered. How the system will be used Will they need large data storage? From where will they operate the network e.g. at home in office or remote access from different locations. Existing systems an extension is required e.g. when a new branch office opens. Any new network must fit in with the existing operating systems and protocols. It must support any peripherals already in use e.g. bar code readers, printers, etc. Performance in terms of: reliability / user friendliness / capacity / speed of processing. (Must mention one of the factors above) Different parts of the organisation may have different performance requirements. e.g. a real-time e-commerce system may require greater speeds and capacity and security than an in-house payroll system. 	

6.	Allow sensible reverse answers but not duplicate points.	4
	Dialup:	
	 Modem/ dialup is very slow and limits its use - a download on dialup can take minutes compared to broadband. 	
	 If only a light user dialup might be cheaper as only have to pay when you are using it * 	
	 Can be used anywhere there is a phone line # 	
	Broadband:	
	 Not available everywhere (blackspots) # You pay a monthly subscription so more expensive if light user/ whether you use it 	
	 or not/ easier to budget / not penalised by heavy usage if have unlimited package* Streaming (fast download time) means that you can use it to listen or watch films 	
	or music / less need for buffering / less lag /greater bandwidth	
	no other mention of downloading)	
	It does not tie up your phone line. More accurate as it keeps anti-virus ata up to data automatically.	
	 More secure as it keeps anti-virus etc up to date automatically Can make chean phone calls via the internet 	
	Makes video conferencing possible	
	 Don't have to waste time <u>connecting</u> to the internet /<u>Always on</u> 	
	Only give one of * or # answers	
	Not 'Can be used anywhere there is a broadband connection'/ not wireless answers	
7.	Remote management is to do with stations not users	4
	One mark for each of any four points:	
	Check to see right number of licences.	
	 Setting regular times for virus scanning/ check virus scanning has been done 	
	 Check to see no unauthorised software loaded on machines. 	
	Update software/rebuild software on stations / re-setup stations / re-install software	
	 Log off users who have forgotten to do so. 	
	Send instant messages.	
	Guide users through problems.	
	Take control of stations.	
	Check on hardware to see what needs upgrading.	
	Check on components to see if any failing.	
	Shut down stations.	
	Clear printer queues (remotely) at stations. Condens the following statements	
	Condone the following statements	
	(realtime not auditing)	
	Check on emails being sent (when should be working).	
	Check on which sites employees visit.	
	NOT manage passwords / delete files / other tasks normally done at the server	

8.	Answers have to cover all four sections to get full marks. (Lose one from the max	8
	mark if for every section not covered i.e. if only two sections covered max is 6)	
	The advantages of teleworking for the employee	
	 Teleworking makes it easier for people to live and work where they choose, as it is 	
	possible for some staff to work from home (less stressful).	
	 It reduces traffic congestion and carbon dioxide emissions and is therefore 	
	'greener' / this has an environmental benefit since there is no commuting to work.	
	 Not having to travel to work saves time/money. 	
	Flexibility of working hours / Work your own hours / Fit around family commitments	
	/ No need to take time off to see workmen.	
	Ideal for disabled.	
	The disadvantages of teleworking to the employee	
	Home costs such as heating, lighting increase.	
	 Employee may feel isolated. 	
	 Some employers may pay teleworkers less as there is more competition for jobs. 	
	No workmates to go out with /socialise.	
	 Boundary between home and work is lost. 	
	 Loss of status for some staff – no plush offices, etc. 	
	 May not be a guiet place in the house to work/ can get distracted 	
	Passed over for promotion.	
	The advantages of teleworking to the employer	
	Smaller offices are needed.	
	 Fewer backup staff need to be employed (e.g. cleaners, caretakers) 	
	Staff less likely to spend time off sick. (Not never off sick)	
	Reduced office overheads e.g electricity, gas, insurance, furniture etc -(either	
	needs office overheads or example not just 'reduced overheads')	
	Staff may be more amenable to working flexible hours.	
	Retaining skilled workers / maternity.	
	 Employ workers from a wider pool of talent. 	
	 Comfortable environment can lead to greater productivity. 	
	The disadvantages of teleworking to the employer	
	Change to organisational structure may be needed	
	 Hard to determine how bard staff are working (monitor progress) 	
	 Harder for managers to manage the work 	
	 Increased number of sites for ICT equipment may cause more security risks 	
	 Employers usually pay for the employees' ICT equipment 	
	 More difficult to hold meetings face to face 	
	 Health and Safety checks needed on employee home 	
	 More security risks as more sites. 	
9.	Distributed computing – where a series of computers are <u>networked</u> together (1) and	3
	(they each work on solving the same <u>problem</u> (1) Each computer shares processing,	
	(Siuraye) and Danuwium (T)	
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10.	One mark for a basic description of an application with further mark for expansion with more detail	2
	EXAMPLES The purpose of the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence)/project is to search for intelligent life outside the Earth (1) - and to do this a radio telescope is used. (1) In order to search for the narrow-bandwidth signals lots of computing power is needed. (1) At first supercomputers containing parallel processors were used to process the huge amount of the data from the telescopes. Then someone came up with the idea of using a <u>virtual</u> supercomputer consisting of a huge number of Internet-connected computers. (1) <i>Popular Power project: helping to develop flu vaccines (1)</i> NB No mark for just naming application	
11.	At least one advantage and disadvantage for full marks	4
	 Advantages of distributed computing Reduces cost because an expensive powerful computer such as a supercomputer is not needed. Can pass work to computers anywhere in the world (using the Internet). Improved performance as each computer can work on part of the data. To get more processing power you just need to add more PCs. Disadvantage of distributed computing Issues with the security of data spread out on so many different computers. Heavy reliance on networks and communications which may not always be reliable. 	
	 Increased costs owing to the use of expensive communication lines. 	
12	Systems that convert data from internal/external sources (1) into information and resources designed to support the decisions of <u>managers (company)</u> (1). OR MIS are organised collections of people, procedures and resources (1) designed to support the decisions of <u>managers (company)</u> (1). OR MIS are programs designed to produce timely (up to date), relevant and accurate information (1) to help <u>managers (company)</u> make good decisions. (1)	2
	Candidates may describe some of the following:	8
	 Factors which make a good MIS Accuracy of the data. Flexibility of data analysis. Providing data in an appropriate form/format. Accessible to a wide range of users and support a wide <u>range of skills and knowledge.</u> Improve interpersonal communications amongst management and employees. Allows individual project planning. Avoids information overload. Allows speedy decisions for urgent situations NOT up to date. 	
	 Factors which can lead to poor MIS Complexity of the system. Inadequate initial analysis. Lack of management involvement in initial design. Inappropriate hardware and software. Lack of management knowledge about computer systems and their capabilities. Poor communications between professionals. Lack of professional standards. 	

13	7-9 marks	Candidates give a clear, coherent answer fully and accurately describing	9
		three methods used. They use appropriate terminology and accurate	
	4-6 marks	Candidates briefly describe three methods used, but responses lack	
		clarity. There are a few errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar.	
	1-3 marks	Candidates simply list methods or give a brief description of one. The	
		response lacks clarity and there are significant errors in spelling,	
	0 marks	No appropriate response.	
	Indicative content (3 marks for each of 3 points) One mark for a list		
	One mark for	r describing method and two marks for expansion / purpose / specific	
	A detailed de	escription of a point can be given 2 marks	
	Do not give duplicate answer *		
	could appear	r in any of the four techniques.	
	Interviews w	ith managers / users / workers / customers (not 'people') about the	
	• Inter	views with managers normally reveal how the departments works now	
	Any	current <u>problems/issues</u> .	
	 Norn they 	nally will say how they want the <u>new</u> system to work and what information want. *	
	Oper	rational staff can supply fine detail on how the current system works.	
	Very	time consuming as a lot of people have got to be contacted.	
	• Need	ds skilled interviewers to get the correct information out of people.	
	Observation operates (1)	(inspect/ look at / shadow employee/system) of how the current system	
	 So the 	at one can understand what they do,	
	 Detail Apy ti 	I OF FIOW OF INFORMATION	
	• Can b	be time consuming and span several weeks before you can see everything.	
	Inspection of (produced by	f records studying the paper based information / electronic logs y the company at the moment) (1)	
	Allow	s one to see what information is currently held	
		any.	
	• Docu	ments include organisational charts, manuals, reports, minutes of meetings	
	and a	Il documentation.	
		ng for faults in procedures	
	Questionnaires which are given out to managers / users / workers / customers to		
	• Ideal	I way to collect information as you do not have to waste time talking to people	
	and	can stick to the important points without digressing.	
	State	e now they want the new system to work and what information they want.	
	 Audi Ecor 	nomical to reproduce and distribute.	
	Prob	lem is that people forget to fill them in and hence an incomplete picture.	
	 Resp 	ponse rate from posted surveys is often poor.	
	Resp	condents may misunderstand some of the questions/ not be truthful.	
	 Cost result 	Involved in mining people to ask others to fill in questionnaires and collect lts can be significant.	
	 Flexi 	ibility of when the recipient can answer the questions	

Γ	14	Any 18 valid points	18
		Data issues	
		 Put a lot of private data on a social networking site / Data has to be given to setup homepage on social networking site. (1) 	
		 People tend to share more data than they should as it is their best friend. (1) 	
		• Data such as dob, Mother's maiden name, address, phone number etc are given and can be abused (1)	
		• The access to personal data is, in itself, morally questionable. (1)	
		Privacy and security issues	
		People might see your data /Anyone could see your data you don't wish to	
		• Concerns about the level of safeguarding within social networking sites, as there is no real way of checking who you say you are . (1)	
		 Use of alter-egos can be dangerous in that friendships that develop on social networking sites could, in the very worst cases, lead to paedophilia 	
		/stalking/grooming and child pornography. (1)	
		 Examples in newspapers of people being refused employment, sacked because their social networking sites show them engaging in 'questionable behaviour'. (1) Some people will say that this is a valid use of freely available information; (1) 	
		 others may say that this is an invasion of privacy and that what you do in your private life is of no interest to your employer (1) 	
		 But what if it is a teacher? And it is corrupting the attitudes of their pupils. (1) 	
		You can set your security settings high	
		 People do not read their terms and conditions Can sell personal data on to third parties 	
		Abuse/ Crime issues cause (1) and if extended consequence(1)	
		Identity theft (1)	
		 Information can also be used for identity theft (1) such as creating false passports / driving licences (1) 	
		 This info can be used to order goods and services in your name and could contain enough information to answer your secret question. (1) 	
		 Hacking -Could mean that bank details could be hacked or computer infected by virus. (1) 	
		 Phishing scams – get bank details Spreading Virus 	
		cyber bullying,	
		• trolling,	
		tagging	
		Inciting crime or violence Xou Tubo	
		Addiction to gaming	
		Twittering can get you into trouble	
		 Pop up adverts from third parties could contain viruses/spyware 	
1		Uses/Advantages of social networking	
		 Enthusiasts believe that it is the easiest and quickest way possible to make friends and widen it across the world. (1) 	
		 This may have positive cultural benefits (1) but has taken over face-to-face conversations. (1) 	
		• Like email they offer the opportunity to avoid personal embarrassment that could arise when actually talking to people. (1)	
		Allows people who have similar interests to get together. (1)	
1		• Seems that long term relationships and even marriages are happening. (1)	
1		• Useful for keeping in contact with family and friends if you live far apart. (1)	
1		 Useful for short written communication, sharing of photos, videos. (1) 	
		 Now say because of it everyone in the world is within 4 contacts of any other person (1) 	
1		 Much easier to branch out and form friendship groups than email (1) 	

15.	Suitable definition of a relational database, such as:	2
	A (large) collection of data items and links between them (1) structured in such a way that it	
	allows it to be accessed by a number of different applications programs (1)	
	A group of tables linked (1) together by primary and foreign keys (1)	
16.	Data consistency is where the same data has exactly the same value and formatting	1
	throughout, (normally because it is only stored once)	
	OR Determinister av is the relationship between the innut data, the researce data and the	
	Data consistency is the relationship between the input data, the processed data and the	
	correct at each stage and is said to be consistent	
	OR	
	Data consistency is using one file to hold a central pool of data this means if information is	
	changed in one file it does not need to be changed in another.	
	OR	
	Data being inconsistent in a flat file due to possibility of different formats etc and being	
	consistent in a RDBMS as each record is only stored once so cannot have different attributes.	
	Data which is repeated uppersonally is called redundant data	
	OR	
	Data redundancy is where you store an item of data more than once.	1
	Data integrity – the correctness of the data. I ruthful, Accuracy.	
		1
	Data independence – the data and the applications/programs used to access it are	
	independent/separate.	
	OR	1
	New applications can be developed to access the data without changing the data.	
47	Example of possible tables	0
17.	Example of possible tables	6
	CONSULTANT (Consultantid surname phone etc)	
	Underline = primary. $\#$ = foreign	
	1 mark per table name	
	1 mark per foreign key	
	1 mark per primary key	
	If WardID is duplicated then no mark for that key.	
	<u>Condone</u> if Doctor is used in place of Consultant	
	ND Ne more far a primary or faraign law which is not labelled	
	NB NO MARK TOR A PRIMARY OF TOREIGN KEY WHICH IS NOT LABELLED.	
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18.	1 mark for description involving:	1
	Large, Archive and used for Decision Making – Look for 2 of these 3	
	A large collection of archived data used for decision making (1) OR	
	A large company generates huge quantities of data stored in a consistent order to make interrogation more productive.(1)	
	Data is non-volatile and time invariant (archive data).Used to support organisational decision making.(1)	2
	A huge database specifically structured for information access and reporting (1)	
	Up to two marks for an example of use Examples for one mark (What or Why)	
	Allows the company to store information about every sale (1)	
	Allows the company to see who has bought what items and when. (1)	
	Can use it to plan future changes or developments in their business. (1)	
	Allows the company to use data mining. (1)	
	Allows the company to find the most popular product (1)	
	Example for two marks (What and Why)	
	Allows the company to see who has bought what items (1) and then target them with special offers. (1) (why)	

19	One mark for the meaning (patterns / trends / generating new information)	1
	Data mining is interrogating the data to find patterns in the data which is stored in the	
	warehouse.	
	Alternative wording for above might be:	
	 Is the analysis of a large amount of data in a data warehouse to provide new information? 	
	 Is a speculative process investigating potential patterns? 	
	 Involves the presumption that dormant within the data are undiscovered patterns / groupings / sequences / associations. 	
	 Software uses complex algorithms to search for patterns. 	
	 Is drilling down into the mass of data so users can understand it more / discover meaningful patterns. 	
	 Is looking for meaningful patterns in a large mass of data and presenting results in tables and graphs. 	
	Up to two marks for example of use	2
	Examples worth 1 mark:	
	Can provide:	
	 The company with a list of customers likely to buy a certain product, which they can then use to target with a mail shot. 	
	Comparisons with competitors	
	 Useful 'what if' results from modelling exercises 	
	Predictions for future sales	
	Analysis of best sites for shops	
	Analysis of sales patterns	
	Returned information can be tested for plausibility.	
	• Data if of value can be processed into a report to help decision making.	
	Examples worth 2 marks: (What and Why)	
	 Fighting shoplifting in clothing stores – Jaeger used DM to look at transactions and position of item in store (1) – found even with tags most items stolen near doors – led to increased CCTV, more prosecutions and recovery of goods.(1) 	
	 Analyse buying patterns / identification of customer needs – virgin Media use DM to segment and target customers (1) most likely to buy new services or upgrades. (1) 	
	 Could allow company to find a previously unknown relationship between regions of the country and food preferences (1) and they can then target special promotions. (1) 	
	The difference here is that the why will refer to a <i>new connection</i> between the data or a new conclusion	

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