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Section A

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	<p>Note: although complete sentences are not required, answers must include an appropriate verb or qualifier to identify the main purpose.</p> <p>Accept any reasonable answer about the differences in broadband speed between urban and rural areas based on the text.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to tell the reader about the difference in broadband speed between the countryside and town • to complain about poor internet provision in the country • to inform about the unfairness of internet provision 	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2	D – 5.8 Mbps	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	C – There is better choice of broadband providers giving higher speeds for people living in towns	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less distance from / closer to telephone exchanges (1) • more investments in towns / less investments in countryside (1) • problems in providing high speed broadband in countryside (1) <p>One mark for each correct answer, up to a maximum of two marks</p>	(2)

Question Number	Answer		Mark
5		Fact	Opinion
	This lower speed in the countryside is due to more people using broadband at the same time.	X	
	Broadband firms tend to invest more in towns and cities.		X
	Countryside broadband users receive average speeds of less than 4 megabits per second.	X	
	People who live in the countryside are being given a second class service.		X
	The average broadband speed in the countryside has fallen over the last year.	X	
	There are problems in providing high-speed web access in the countryside.	X	
	For 0 or 1 correct – 0 marks For 2 or 3 correct – 1 mark For 4 or 5 correct – 2 marks For 6 correct – 3 marks		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6	<p>Accept any reasonable answer identifying bias based on the text, up to a maximum of two marks.</p> <p>Answers may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emotive/negative language, eg 'rip off'; 'alarming' • one-sided argument/opinion, eg only views of Ed Richards • selective use of stats/facts, eg 'average speed' <p>NOTE Quotations from the text on their own do not gain marks, they need to be linked to the reasons why the text might be biased.</p>	(2)

Section B

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7	<p>Note: although complete sentences are not required, answers must include an appropriate verb or qualifier to identify the main purpose.</p> <p>Accept any reasonable answer about broadband speed based on the text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to inform the reader about the broadband speeds • a guide to broadband speed • to tell the reader about Mbps 	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8	<p>Accept any reasonable answer about ways of conveying information (layout or language) based on the text, up to a maximum of three marks.</p> <p>Answers may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of large bold font for title and sub-headings • paragraphs laid out in question and answer format • use of statistics • use of image (illustrating a stressed person at a computer) • use of a numbered list • use of direct address, ie 'you' 	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the distance of your home from the telephone exchange (1) • the number of people in the local area using the same service (1) • the time of day you access the service (1) <p>One mark for each correct answer, up to a maximum of two marks</p>	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online gaming (1) • video streaming (1) • online TV (1) <p>One mark for a correct answer.</p>	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
11	<p>Accept any reasonable answer about improving the broadband speed, based on the text, up to a maximum of three marks.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• contact your broadband provider• move your wireless router away from equipment which may interfere with the signal• update / check anti-virus software• only run applications you need to use	<p>(3)</p>

Section C

Question Number	Answer	Mark
12	Pashmina	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
13	Dave	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
14	<p>Accept any reasonable answer, based on the chosen contribution, up to a maximum of three marks.</p> <p>Any option may be chosen but all reasons must refer only to the chosen option.</p> <p>Unique reasons Dave/ Pay as You Go Mobile Internet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pay as you go (dongle) • £10 for 80 hours of internet • not tied to contract • USB port • keep in touch with friends • it's cheap <p>Unique reasons Pashmina/ Mobile broadband contracts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contract (dongle) • no initial fee • £15 a month for 240 hours of internet • sometimes laptop included (for £30/for extra £15) • suitable for heavy internet user • it's the best value <p>Unique reasons Sam/ Internet access via your phone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the phone / no need for laptop • £25 for unlimited access • easy access to emails • choice of contract or pay as you go • good for social networking sites • suitable if you don't need to download 	(3)

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