

Mark Scheme (Results) Summer 2007

GCSE

GCSE Design and Technology: Systems & Control (Electronics) Higher Tier (1974/3974)

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Marking Guidance

Give / State / Name

Normally a one or two word answer, at the very most a short sentence.

Describe

Normally, one or two sentences which form a description, making reference to more than one point. All points must be linked for a complete answer.

Explain

Normally, one or two sentences which form an explanation. This requires a clear or detailed account of something and includes a relevant justification, reason or example.

Evaluate

Normally one or two sentences where the quality, suitability or value of something is judged. This can include both positive and negative points, with each point normally requiring a relevant justification.

The mark scheme contains a range of possible answers for all questions. For some questions it is possible to provide a finite number of acceptable answers. However, in some instances it is not possible to provide every conceivable answer. In these instances objective guidance is provided.

For all answers candidates are not expected to give the exact wording contained in this mark scheme. However, to gain credit their answer must demonstrate the same meaning as detailed in the mark scheme.

It is the examiner's responsibility to apply their professional judgement in determining if what the candidate has written has the same meaning as the answer detailed in the mark scheme. For all answers the *'Key words'* have been written in bold text.

For describe and explain questions, candidates may give a different combination of the marking points listed in the mark scheme. In such instances candidates can be rewarded for the marking points provided that they are suitably linked. However, candidates cannot be rewarded for the same point repeated in two different combinations.

Examiners must mark in red pen using ticks and crosses in the body of the script.

Design & Technology: Systems & Control (Electronics) (1974/2H) Full Course Higher Tier Mark Scheme

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q01a	974_2H_Q01a The drawings below show details of a garden lamp. It is powered by solar energy and has a supporting metal stake.		
	Two specification points for the garden lamp are that it must:		
	automatically turn on when it is dark		
	be able to be installed anywhere in a garden		
	Under each of the following headings, give <u>one</u> more specification point which should be included in the garden lamp. For each point, give <u>one</u> reason why it should be included.	specificatio	n for the
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Three each of the following, one under each heading: Specification points Reasons (Do not accept repetition of the specification points given)	3x1 3x1	(6)
	Market Point: it must be cost effective / cheap Reason: so that more people buy them		
	Point: it must be appropriate in the garden Reason: so it fits the surroundings / aesthetically pleasing		
	Point: it must be small / take apart Reason: so that it may be stored in the winter		
	<u>Quality</u> Point: it must give a good light Reason: to illuminate a large area		

Point: the case must have smooth edges Reason: to stop cuts to the user

Point: must have low power consumption Reason: to keep alight for long periods

Point: must be made from waterproof/weatherproof materials Reason: to be used outside

Point: must be durable/tough Reason: to withstand outside knocks

Environment

(must relate to materials, components and processes not the environment in which it is to be used)

Point: it must use rechargeable batteries / use materials that can be recycled Reason: to save on waste/landfill sites

Point: it must use solar power Reason: to save on other forms of energy

Point: use materials that do not pollute the ground Reason: flowers may not grow

Some flexibility should be given as some points may cross over descriptions.

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q01b	The reflecting dome of the garden lamp is made from clear acrylic. It is waterproof.		
	Give two other reason why clear acrylic is a suitable material from which to make the reflecting dome.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two reasons given:		
	 light shines out rigid 		
	 easily moulded to snape inexpensive 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q01c	The reflecting dome is manufactured by blowing moulding.		
	Give two reasons why blowing is a suitable process to manufacture the reflecting dome.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two reasons given:		
	 dome shape easy to produce / simple mould repeatable little waste cheaper than injection moulding (Do not accept 'cheap' on its own) 	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q01d	The electronics housing and battery case is made from rigid polystyrene using injection moulding.		
	Give <u>two</u> properties of rigid polystyrene that made it suitable for the electronic housing and battery cas For each property give <u>one</u> reason why it makes rigid polystyrene suitable.	e.	
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two properties and two reasons given:		
	Point: low melting point Reason: easy to mould		
	Point: electrical insulator Reason: prevents short circuits		
	Point: waterproof Reason: keeps electronics away from weather		
	Point: tough Reason: will withstand knocks / will not crack	2x1 2x1	(4)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q01e	The electronic housing an battery case is made using black polystyrene.		
	Explain one reason, other than looks, why black polystyrene is used to make the electronic housing and	battery case) .
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reasons explained:		
	 the black case is between the ultra bright LED and the LDR and therefore stops one affecting the other (only answer) 	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q01f	The mild steel supporting stake for the garden lamp is finished using plastic dip coating.		
	Explain one reason why plastic dip coating is used to finish the supporting stake.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reason explained:		
	 mild steel is liable to rust and plastic dip coating helps to prevent this dip coating in black plastic makes the stake match the rest of the lamp steel may contaminate the ground and the dip coating forms a barrier to step this 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Steet may containinate the ground and the dip coating forms a barrier to stop this	271	(-)
Question number	Question		
1974_2H_Q01g	Two purposes of the garden lamp are that it must:		
	automatically turn on when it is dark		
	• be able to be installed anywhere in a garden		
	Explain under the following headings, how the garden lamp achieves these purposes.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One purpose explained: automatically turn on when it is dark		
	• the LDR senses the amount of light and switches the circuit on when the light intensity decreases		
	(only acceptable answer)		
		2x1	
	One purpose explained: be able to be installed anywhere in a garden		
	 having solar power and rechargeable batteries it does not need to be connected to mains/does not need connecting wires 		
	• as the supporting stake is made from steel it is strong enough to go into the hardest ground	2x1	(4)
		(Tota	al 22 marks)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02ai	A designed bicycle alarm contains a combination of logic gates and a timer circuit to make it work.		
	Shown below is a simplified block diagram of the bicycle alarm system.		
	A Quad 2 input NAND gate is needed to create the AND gate and the Bistable.		
	Complete the truth table for a NAND gate.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Each correct output given:		
	I/P 1 I/P 2 O/P 0 0 1		
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		4x1	(4)
	(Only answers)		
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02aii	Complete the diagram below to show how two NAND gates in combination can produce an AND gate.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Correct connection drawn		
		1	(1)
	(Only answer)		

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02aiii	Complete the diagram below to show how two NAND gates in combination can produce a Bistable.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Drawing completed: 1 mark for each cross over		
	$\frac{1}{2 \text{ marks}}$		
	Cross overs worth 1 mark	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02bi	When the output of the AND gate was connected to the buzzer the circuit did not work.		
	Explain the reason why a buzzer connected directly to an integrated circuit will not work.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	The reason explained:		
	 IC gives a low current output but the buzzer needs a high current input IC output not strong enough to drive the buzzer 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02bii	Describe one way in which a named interface device may be used to drive the buzzer.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One way described with the interface device named:		
	 FET may be connected between the IC and the buzzer Darlington pair / power transistor may be connected to the IC output to give a higher gain Driver IC may be used which is a high current device 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02ci	The circuit diagram below shows a 555 timer used as an Astable. The circuit needs to be prototyped before batch production.		
	Explain one reason for prototyping the circuit.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reason explained:		
	 check the circuit works/is safe which saves money/materials/time check the physical size of the circuit so that the case may be designed/ it fits inside a case 	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02cii	One method of prototyping the circuit is by using computer modelling.		
	Give three ways in which computer modelling of the circuit can make its design and manufacture more of	efficient.	
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Three ways given:		
	 saves on components saves time can be stored carsily adapted 		
	 easily adapted used to produce PCB / direct transfer of design to CAM 	3x1	(3)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02d	The batch produced case for the bicycle alarm would be designed using computer aided design (CAD).		
	Give two ways in which CAD could be used to model the case for the bicycle alarm.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two ways given:		
	 the shape/surface holes may be designed dimensions can be accurate different materials may be tried create a virtual case rotate to see other sides 		
	 look at different shapes test different ergonomic layouts of components 	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02e	It is possible to use computer testing of manufactured electronic circuits.		
	Explain one reason for using computer testing of batch produced electronic circuits.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reason explained:		
	 computer testing programs can check each circuit faster than human testing once set-up it saves money on wages / it allows complex testing / easily repeated quality assurance methods need to match high production levels / need to maintain reliable products 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q02f	Computer Integrated Manufacture (CIM) is used to make batches of the cycle alarm.		
	Give two advantages to the manufacturer of using CIM to make batches of the cycle alarm.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	 Two advantages given: CAD to CAM direct data transfer easy to manage batch production / products made to order automatic cash audit / ordering parts/raw materials / JIT 		
	best allocation of CAM	2x1	(2)
		(Tota	al 22 marks)

Question Number	Question			
1974_2H_Q03a	A company is designing a system to help swimmers train alone. The system will be	housed in a case.		
	The specification for the swimmers' training system is that it must:			
	• be housed in a portable casing that will stand on the side of the pool	•		
	 nave a method of switching on and a method to give an audible signal for starting have a method of detecting and giving a visual indication of a false start 			
	 be made from materials and processes suitable for batch production 			
	In the spaces opposite, use sketches and, where necessary, brief notes to show tw training system that meet this specification.	<u>vo different</u> design id	ea for the sw	immers'
	Answer		Part Mark	Total Mark
	Design Idea 1			
	Each point of the specification has two marking points.			
	1 mark should be awarded for evidence of each point of specification resolved in the	design.		
	For each specification point with both elements viably satisfied	2 marks		
	For each specification point with only one element viably satisfied Where an answer does not viably answer a specification point	1 marks 0 marks		
	where an answer does not vlably answer a specification point	0 marks		
	Candidates may answer any specification point in either graphical form or by annotation	ion.		
	No marks are awarded for quality of communication.			
	Each specification resolved in design:			
	Be housed in a portable casing that will stand on the side of the pool.			
	Evidence that the casing is portable		1	
	eg handle / sizes / strap / weight / wheel system		1	
	eg Flat base/ support legs / brackets			

 Have a method of switching on and a method to give an audible signal for starting. Evidence that it can be switched on eg PTB / pressure Pad / light sensing/rocker/membrane switch Evidence of audio signal for starting eg buzzers / speaker / bell / piezo 	1 1
 Have a method of detecting and giving a visual indication of a false start. Evidence of a detecting method eg Micro switch/ LDR and light / infra-red tx+rec/ radio Evidence of a visual indication of a false start eg Lamp / LED / alpha-numeric display 	1 1
 Be made from materials and processes suitable for batch production Evidence of suitable material eg Acrylic / Polystyrene / other named polymer / aluminium Evidence of process that could seal the electronics inside eg Injection moulding / blow moulding / rotational or slush moulding / pressed / folded 	1 1



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Design Idea 2

To score a mark for Design Idea 2, each specification point must be resolved again in the second design idea but the second design must be technically / conceptually different in design and construction from the first and simply not a variation on a theme to score a mark

Have a different method of being portable Have a different method of standing on the side of the pool Have a different method of switching on Have a different method of audio signal starting Have a different method detecting a false start Have a different visual indication of a false start Have a different appropriate material Have a different method of appropriate manufacture



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Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q03b	Three of the original specification points are repeated below.		
	 Evaluate how <u>one</u> of your design ideas succeeds or fails to meet each of these specification points. (i) The swimmers' training system must be housed in a portable casing that will stand on the side of (ii) The swimmers' training system must have a method of switching on and a method to give an audi (iii) The swimmers' training system must have a method of detecting and giving a visual indication of 	the pool. ble signal fo a false start.	r starting.
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Each point clearly evaluated:		
	If a candidate has indicated design Idea 1 and then evaluates design idea 2 for all or part of (i), (ii), & (iii) then the idea in greater evidence should be marked.		
	The evaluation of the design must contain reference to either positive or negative aspects not simply a description of the design.		
	Award 1 mark for a correct evaluation / justification relating to each design feature and how it succeeds or fails.		
	Repetition of original spec scores 0.		
	 (i) Evaluation of: Be housed in a portable casing that will stand on the side of the pool: Positive or negative statements relating to: The portable housing Method of standing on the side of the pool eg The handle could get in the way of the swimmer but the flat bottom and low centre of gravity make it very stable 	2x1	
	 (ii) Evaluation of: The method of switching on and a method to give an audible signal for starting: Positive or negative statements relating to: The method of switching on The audible system for starting eq The two tone buzzer is easy to understand (1) but the rocker switch may short circuit if the 	2x1	

	swimmer is wet		
	 (iii) Evaluation of: Has a method of detecting and giving a visual indication of a false start: Positive or negative statements relating to: Detecting the false start The visual indication of a false start eg the PTM may not work if the swimmer is not standing directly on it (1) but the flashing red light is a clear indication requiring the swimmer to stop (1) 	2x1	(6)
		(Tota	al 22 marks)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04ai	The circuit, shown below, is the control system for an air conditioning unit.		
	Give one reason for using VR1 in the circuit.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reason given:		
	 sets potential difference / voltage temperature control 	1	(1)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04aii	Describe the action of the thermistor (TH1) in the circuit when the temperature becomes colder.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	The action described:		
	 resistance increases and the voltage across it increases/voltage at + gets bigger 		
	(This is the only acceptable answer but it may be given in a different way)	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04aiii	Describe the action of the operational amplifier (OpAmp) in the circuit when the voltage applied to its n larger that that applied to the inverting input (-).	on-inverting	input (+) is
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	The action described:		
	• if + is greater than - the OpAmp saturates/switches on and gives maximum output (This is the only acceptable answer but it may be given in a different way)	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04aiv	Calculate the current passing through R1 if the voltage at the inverting input (-) of the OpAmp is set at 1	۷.	
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Current calculated:		
	 80µA 0.08mA 0.00008A Correct number; no units (1 mark) Correct number; wrong units (1 mark) Correct number ; correct units (2 marks) 	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04av	VR2 and R2 are in parallel and are used to set the voltage at the inverting input (-) of the OpAmp. Calculate the total resistance of VR2 and R2 when VR2 is adjusted to its maximum value. Use the formula: $\frac{R1 \times R2}{R1 + R2}$		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Resistance calculated:		
	 5K / 5KΩ /5Kohms 5000R /5000Ω / 5000ohms Correct number; no units (1 mark) Correct number; wrong units (1 mark) Correct number; correct units (2 marks) 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04avi	Explain the reason for using R3 in the circuit.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	The reason explained:		
	• the 9V output from the Op Amp would blow the LED without the R3 protection (This is the only acceptable answer but it may be given in a different way)	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question			
1974_2H_Q04bi	The manufacturers of the air conditioning unit control system also make control systems for other domestic appliances. The manufacturers are considering redesigning their control circuits using Programmable ICs (PICs).			
	Explain two advantages of using PICs for electronic control systems.			
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark	
	Two advantages explained:			
	 only one basic circuit so less set-up costs/easier to fault find only one control board needed therefore saves production time/costs / storage space less components / small control board therefore saves space in the product PIC is versatile/same PIC can control different products because control is by program 	2x1 2x1	(4)	
Question Number	Question			
1974_2H_Q04bii	Explain one disadvantage of using PICs for electronic systems.			
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark	
	 One disadvantage explained: PIC has lots of legs actual circuit could be bigger PICs are more expensive so individual circuits could be more expensive / replacement control boards more expensive PICs need to be programmed therefore specialist training needed/ specialist hardware/software needed 	2x1	(2)	

Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04c	Give one environmental advantage of using control systems in domestic appliances.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One environmental advantage given:		
	 less energy used always at the correct temperature/setting less natural resources used to produce the energy reduces carbon footprint 	1	(1)
Question Number	Question		
1974_2H_Q04d	Describe two ways in which old electronic control system circuits may be recycled or reused.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two ways described:		
	 ICs or PICs could be removed and used in other circuits / re-programmed whole circuit could be removed and used for different domestic appliances PCB with components removed may be used as a fuel for power generation 	2x1 2x1	(4)
		(Total 22 marks)	
		TOTAL FOR PAPER: 88 MARKS	

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Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q01a	1a The drawings below show details of a garden lamp. It is powered by solar energy and ha a supporting metal stake.		
	Two specification points for the garden lamp are that it must:		
	automatically turn on when it is dark		
	be able to be installed anywhere in a garden		
	Under each of the following headings, give <u>one</u> more specification point which should be included in the garden lamp. For each point, give <u>one</u> reason why it should be included.	specificatio	n for the
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Three each of the following, one under each heading: Specification points Reasons (Do not accept repetition of the specification points given)	3x1 3x1	(6)
	Market Point: it must be cost effective / cheap Reason: so that more people buy them		
	Point: it must be appropriate in the garden Reason: so it fits the surroundings / aesthetically pleasing		
	Point: it must be small / take apart Reason: so that it may be stored in the winter		
	<u>Quality</u> Point: it must give a good light Reason: to illuminate a large area		

	Point: the case must have smooth edges Reason: to stop cuts to the user		
	Point: must have low power consumption		
	Reason: to keep alight for long periods		
	Point: must be made from waterproof/weatherproof materials Reason: to be used outside		
	Point: must be durable/tough Reason: to withstand outside knocks		
	Environment (must relate to materials, components and processes not the environment in which it is to be used)		
	Point: it must use rechargeable batteries / use materials that can be recycled Reason: to save on waste/landfill sites		
	Point: it must use solar power		
	Reason: to save on other forms of energy		
	Point: use materials that do not pollute the ground Reason: flowers may not grow		
	Some flexibility should be given as some points may cross over descriptions.		
Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q01b	The reflecting dome of the garden lamp is made from clear acrylic. It is waterproof.		
	Cive two other reason why clear acrylic is a suitable material from which to make the reflecting dome		
	Give two other reason why clear acrylic is a suitable material from which to make the reflecting dome.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two reasons given:		
	 light shines out 		
	 rigid 		
	easily moulded to shape		<i>(</i> -)
	inexpensive	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q01c	The reflecting dome is manufactured by blowing moulding.		
	Give two reasons why blowing is a suitable process to manufacture the reflecting dome.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two reasons given:		
	 dome shape easy to produce / simple mould repeatable 		
	 little waste cheaper than injection moulding (Do not accept 'cheap' on its own) 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q01d	The electronics housing and battery case is made from rigid polystyrene using injection moulding.		
	Give <u>two</u> properties of rigid polystyrene that made it suitable for the electronic housing and battery case. For each property give <u>one</u> reason why it makes rigid polystyrene suitable.	9.	
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Two properties and two reasons given:		
	Point: low melting point Reason: easy to mould		
	Point: electrical insulator Reason: prevents short circuits		
	Point: waterproof Reason: keeps electronics away from weather		
	Point: tough Reason: will withstand knocks / will not crack	2x1 2x1	(4)

Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q01e	The electronic housing an battery case is made using black polystyrene.		
	Explain one reason, other than looks, why black polystyrene is used to make the electronic housing an	d battery case	Э.
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reasons explained:		
	 the black case is between the ultra bright LED and the LDR and therefore stops one affecting the other (only acceptable answer) 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q01f	The mild steel supporting stake for the garden lamp is finished using plastic dip coating.		
	Explain one reason why plastic dip coating is used to finish the supporting stake.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reason explained:		
	 mild steel is liable to rust and plastic dip coating helps to prevent this dip coating in black plastic makes the stake match the rest of the lamp steel may contaminate the ground and the dip coating forms a barrier to stop this 	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q01g	Two purposes of the garden lamp are that it must:		
	 automatically turn on when it is dark be able to be installed anywhere in a garden 		
	Explain under the following headings, how the garden lamp achieves these purposes.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	 One purpose explained: automatically turn on when it is dark the LDR senses the amount of light and switches the circuit on when the light intensity decreases (only acceptable answer) 	2x1	
	 One purpose explained: be able to be installed anywhere in a garden having solar power and rechargeable batteries it does not need to be connected to mains/does not need connecting wires 		
	 as the supporting stake is made from steel it is strong enough to go into the hardest ground 	2x1	(4)
		(Tot	al 22 marks)

Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q02ai	A designed bicycle alarm contains a combination of logic gates and a timer circuit to make it work.		
	Shown below is a simplified block diagram of the bicycle alarm system.		
	A Quad 2 input NAND gate is needed to create the AND gate and the Bistable.		
	Complete the truth table for a NAND gate.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Each correct output given:		
	I/P 1 I/P 2 O/P 0 0 1 0 1 1		
	1 0 1 1 1 0 (Only answers) (0)	4x1	(4)
Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q02aii	Complete the diagram below to show how two NAND gates in combination can produce an AND gate.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Correct connection drawn		
		1	(1)
	(Only answer)	I	(1)

Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q02aiii	Complete the diagram below to show how two NAND gates in combination can produce a Bistable.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	Drawing completed: 1 mark for each cross over		
	Imarks		
	Cross overs worth 1 mark	2x1	(2)

Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q02bi	When the output of the AND gate was connected to the buzzer the circuit did not work.		
	Explain the reason why a buzzer connected directly to an integrated circuit will not work.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	The reason explained:		
	 IC gives a low current output but the buzzer needs a high current input IC output not strong enough to drive the buzzer 	2x1	(2)
Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q02bii	Describe one way in which a named interface device may be used to drive the buzzer.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One way described with the interface device named:		
	FET may be connected between the IC and the buzzer		
	 Darlington pair / power transistor may be connected to the IC output to give a higher gain 		
	Driver IC may be used which is a high current device	2x1	(2)
		(Tota	al 11 marks)
Question Number	Question		
3974_2H_Q03a	The circuit, shown below, is the control system for an air conditioning unit.		
	Give one reason for using VR1 in the circuit.		
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark
	One reason given:		
	 sets potential difference / voltage 		
	 temperature control 	1	(1)

Question Number	Question				
3974_2H_Q03b	Describe the action of the thermistor (TH1) in the circuit when the temperature becomes colder.				
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark		
	The action described:				
	• resistance increases and the voltage across it increases/voltage at + gets bigger (This is the only acceptable answer but it may be given in a different way)	2x1	(2)		
Question Number	Question				
3974_2H_Q03c	Describe the action of the operational amplifier (OpAmp) in the circuit when the voltage applied to its non-inverting input (+) is larger that that applied to the inverting input (-).				
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark		
	The action described:				
	• if + is greater than - the OpAmp saturates/switches on and gives maximum output (This is the only acceptable answer but it may be given in a different way)	2x1	(2)		
Question Number	Question				
3974_2H_Q03d	Calculate the current passing through R1 if the voltage at the inverting input (-) of the OpAmp is set at 1	V.			
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark		
	Current calculated:				
	 80µA 0.08mA 0.00008A Correct number; no units (1 mark) Correct number; wrong units (1 mark) Correct number ; correct units (2 marks) 	2x1	(2)		

Question Number	Question				
3974_2H_Q03e	VR2 and R2 are in parallel and are used to set the voltage at the inverting input (-) of the OpAmp. Calculate the total resistance of VR2 and R2 when VR2 is adjusted to its maximum value. Use the formula: $\frac{R1 \times R2}{R1 + R2}$				
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark		
Question Number	Resistance calculated: • 5K / 5KΩ /5Kohms • 5000R /5000Ω / 5000ohms Correct number; no units (1 mark) Correct number; wrong units (1 mark) Correct number; correct units (2 marks) Question	2x1	(2)		
3974_2H_Q03f	Explain the reason for using R3 in the circuit.				
	Answer	Part Mark	Total Mark		
	 The reason explained: the 9V output from the Op Amp would blow the LED without the R3 protection (<i>This is the only acceptable answer but it may be given in a different way</i>) 	2x1	(2)		
		(Total 11 marks)			
	TOTAL FOR PAPER: 44 MARK				