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1.

(a)	Graphics digitiser Keyboard Light pen Mouse Sensor Any 3 BUT	Correct answer only	(3)
(b)	concept Keyboard scanner digital camera/Web cam joystick graphics tablet touch screens/pad microphone Electronic Whiteboard MICR OCR OMR bar code reader		
	Any 1 BUT	not in box	(1)
(c)	Laser printer Monitor Plotter Speaker		
	Any 2 BUT	Correct answer only	(2)
(d)	ink-jet printer actuator motor lights dot-matrix printer NOT VDU		
	Any 1 BUT	not in box	(1)
(e)	CD-ROM DVD ROM DVD RAM hard disk ROM NOT CD		
	Any 2 BUT	Correct answer only	(2)

Total 9 marks

2. Advantages

- Cheaper because......
 - o Less staff to pay
 - No fancy shop to pay for
 - o To advertise from Web page
- Faster to
 - o access a range of info about new products
 - Obtain latest information
 - Access worldwide databases
 - o E-mail customers rather than mail them about....
- World wide market rather than a local one.
- Create an e-business
- Creates some jobs
- Shorter hours become possible
- Sales at any time of the day
- Can deal with more people at the same time
- Power of Advertising on the Web

Any 3 x 1 mark

Disadvantages

- Local people might not know you are there
- Not feel a personal service
- Staff can waste time just surfing the net
- Access/ISP can cost money
- Virus issues
- Hacking issues
- May cause unemployment must be clear this applies to the shops
- Fear of buying due to credit card security would cut sales
- Not everyone has access to Internet/computers

Any 2 x 1 mark

Total 5 marks

3(a) (i)	C6	Correct answer only - 1 mark	
(ii)	C10 C12	Correct answer only Correct answer only 2 x 1 mark	
(b)	Number Currency Date Text Formulae Bold Centre (Column) width	Any 3 x 1 mark	
(c)	Faster to edit/change/alter/amend Neater/easier/edit/change/alter/amend Changes are automatically recalculated in totals. Time saved using replicate Clearer/better presentation/layout Validation advantages More accurate/fewer errors		

By hand is taken as a minimum of pen, pencil and brain.

Any 2 x 1 mark

Total 8 marks

4. NOT "first name" as already given

Title at least 3
Surname/Last name at least 10
Other names at least 10

NOTE MAX TWO FOR NAME

Number at least 2
Street - Address line 1 at least 10
Town/Area/County - Address line 2 at least 10

(address – instead of above) at least 20/memo/or 2x10

NOTE MAX TWO FOR ADDRESS LINES

If terms Address 1 and town are mixed up – usually gains one tick

Postcode at least 7

(or clear 3box gap 3 box)

Telephone number (day) at least 11
Telephone number (evening) at least 11
Contact tel. Number at least 11
Mobile tel. Number at least 11

NOTE MAX TWO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fax number at least 11

E-mail address at least 20(sensible splits)

Photo box to fit

Date of membership/expiry of membership at least 8(2-2-2/4)

Identification given at least 10

DOB at least 8(2-2-2/4)
Gender at least 6 (or coded)

(allow over 18 and YES/NO)at least 3Membership Number or equivalentat least 5SignatureMemo

Date at least 8(2-2-2/4)

NB – could use the date at end of form

NOT NI - Not doctor, not doctor's address etc.

Boxes only unless memo specified

[_] – open boxes are OK – boxes with small vertical lines are OK but dashes are NOT.

Memo = lines/dashes/large box/dots IGNORE FILLING IN

Mark only the first 7 fields (Do not count first name)

Ignore correct duplicate fields eg. 3rd telephone number – these do not count in the SEVEN.

Tick correct field name – do not penalise lack of capitals

Tick correct number of boxes/memo field for the corresponding field name.

Count ticks - divide by 2 - round down

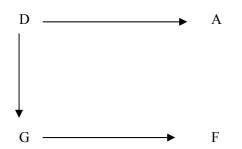
MAX 7 marks

Design given 1 or 0

Don't give the mark if you cannot read or the form is VERY disorganised. Or LESS THAN 3 FIELDS

Total 8 marks

5(a) Check decision boxes
Is the correct pair in the process box?



D must be linked with A (if D is wrong A cannot be given)

G must be linked with F (if G is wrong F cannot be given)

2 x 1 mark for each pair Either order is OK Total 4 marks

(b) Heat sensor (temperature sensor) / thermistor/thermo-couple (Not THERMOMETER or sensor or temperature probe)

1 mark

(c) Any suitable answer that is

greater than or equal to 1 minute less than or equal to 30 minutes

1 mark

(d) The idea that "feedback" is a continuous or 24/7 activity

1 mark

NOT CONSTANT unless qualified

Total 7 marks

6.a) Desk Top Publishing Package

Allow word processing package. NOT PowerPoint or Excel

Allow named DTP and w/p software eg. Word, Publisher

1 mark

b) Part b) mark independently - NOT JUST ABOUT PRESENTATION

Mark the feature then the reason. (If feature is wrong, the reason can't be right)

Check if the feature is clarified in the Reason part.

If no feature given for any part, go back and check for two features on one line.

- Picture/clipart added/graphic/image
- Resize clip art/crop
- Text/font size made bigger/smaller/changed
- (Text made) bold/underline/italic/font style
- (Text) centred
- Drawing tools/auto shape/pre-shapes
- Using bullet points/numbering/lists
- Tables
- Text boxes/frames
- Borders/Border Art
- Text font name/type changed/Word art used
- Columns/Tab
- Coloured(text)could be used
- Coloured (background/pattern/shade/watermark/fill)
- Text right/(fully) justify
- Change the line spacing
- Import text
- Spellchecker/grammar checker
- Grouping together/moving..../drop and drag
- Copy and paste/cut and paste
- Layering

One bullet point can only score one mark.

NOT just Wizard/template NOT just alignment

NOT "writing" for the first mark. Allow for additional named repeats.

NB – allow "change/different font" for one mark but if a second font change is given then assume it is the same as the first. i.e. if given a mark for "change font" then no additional mark would be given for the answer "change font style.

Any 4 for 1 mark each for feature named.

- Can be easily read
- Looks more attractive
- Contains no spelling/grammar mistakes
- Produces professional layouts
- Produces interesting layouts
- Control layouts/formatting
- Makes text stand out
- Grabs peoples attention/eye-catching/noticeable
- Personalise / show what they sell
- Saves time entering/errors in retyping
- Consistent throughout
- All can be moved at once

Straight repeats of reasons do NOT gain additional marks.

Any 4 for 1 mark each relating to above

Total 9 marks

7.

Manages time allocations for tasks	
Allocates memory for storing programs	
Handles input and output operations	

Correct Answer only 3 x 1 mark

Total 3 marks

1 mark

8

a) Password Qszxfg7596
Allow transposition errors or capitals

Reason Less likely to guess – not obviously linked to Sarah

Longer – less likely to guess

Any 1 x 1 mark

b) Password Sarah Correct Answer Only 1 mark

Reason Most likely to guess – obviously linked to Sarah

 $Shortest-most\ likely\ to\ guess-less\ letters$

Any 1 x 1 mark

c) (i) Software/is a program/code

Replicates itself

Cause problems/damage/deletes/destroys to other software or systems

Any 2 x 1 mark

(ii)From a floppy disk brought into school

From the Internet

From an e-mail

Written by a pupil

Any 1 x 1 mark

d) (i) Encoding the information (or some of it) on the network

Even if pupils got hold of sensitive info, it would not be able to "read" without the "key" Any one 1 mark 1 mark

Total 8 marks

9 NB – looking for answers related to THIS application

(i) Graphics software uses/needs lots of memory
Imported images may be large
Editing images needs lots of memory
May be handling lots of images

Any 1 x 1 mark

(ii) Makes it easier to see detail/draw
Colour so that the drawing can be seen in colour
Easier to compare/see in detail multiple images

Any 1 x 1 mark

(iii) Graphics/images/design files that need to be saved can be very large **Not program**

1 mark

(iv) Editing/handling/dealing with graphics (files/pictures/designs) requires a lot of processing. So a fast processor is needed to deal with these in an acceptable time.
 Could be dealing with lots of programs/tools/images together
 Rendering/tweening of images takes a lot of processing

1 mark

(v) For saving/backing up LARGE FILES
Allow large files to be imported/exported
Distribution to customers/clients/companies
NOT just for saving

1 mark

Total 5 marks

10.

(a) use of colour
use of sound
use of images/pictures/graphics/icons
position of items on screen
help facilities
house style

NOT easy to use.

Any 4 x 1 mark

(b) Menu Correct answer only - 1 mark Command Correct answer only - 1 mark

Total 6 marks

11. These versions will work 90% of the time. You must "trace through" others.

Version 1 – Going right (possible combination)

Step 1 – look at and mark the BIG square first (3)

Step 2 - look at and mark the LITTLE square next (1)

Step 3 – Check for PENUP and PENDOWN sequence with instruction between(1)

Step 4 – Check the transition instructions between squares(1)

FORWARD 60 (could be FORWARD 10 FORWARD 50)

1 mark

RIGHT 90

FORWARD 50

RIGHT 90 1 mark

FORWARD 50

RIGHT 90

FORWARD 50 1 mark

3 Marks for drawing the large square

MARK FIRST

RIGHT 90

FORWARD 10

RIGHT 90

PENUP (could before either of the other 3 instructions)

FORWARD 10

PENDOWN

LEFT 90 (could come before PENDOWN)

NB - if no left turn - SMALL SQUARE as in version 2

TRY TO MARK LAST

1 Mark PENUP/DOWN with any instructions between

1 Mark for moving pen to a suitable point to start the small square THEY DREW.

FORWARD 30

RIGHT 90

FORWARD 30

RIGHT 90

FORWARD 30

RIGHT 90

FORWARD 30

1 Mark for drawing the small square - MUST be ALL correct

TRY TO MARK SECOND

If starts with PENUP then lose 1 mark

If mm or degrees or if FD or RT etc. is used, lose the first mark ONLY

Version 2 – Going right (possible combination)

Step 1 – look at and mark the BIG square first (3)

Step 2 - look at and mark the LITTLE square next (1)

Step 3 – Check for PENUP and PENDOWN sequence with instruction between(1)

Step 4 – Check the transition instructions between squares(1)

FORWARD 10 1 mark

RIGHT 90 FORWARD 50

LEFT 90 1 mark

FORWARD 50 LEFT 90 FORWARD 50 LEFT 90

FORWARD 50 1 mark

3 Marks for drawing the large square

MARK FIRST

LEFT 90

FORWARD 10

LEFT 90

PENUP (could before either of the other 2 instructions)

FORWARD 10

PENDOWN

RIGHT 90 (could come before PENDOWN)

NB - if no right turn - SMALL SQUARE as in version 1

TRY TO MARK LAST

1 Mark PENUP/DOWN with any instructions between

1 Mark for moving pen to a suitable point to start the small square THEY DREW.

FORWARD 30

LEFT 90

FORWARD 30

LEFT 90

FORWARD 30

LEFT 90

FORWARD 30

1 Mark for drawing the small square – MUST be ALL correct

TRY TO MARK SECOND

If starts with PENUP then lose 1 mark

If mm or degrees or if FD or RT etc. is used, lose the first mark ONLY

12(a) Sending a text message/mail

1 mark

/attachment/file/picture

Over a communications network

1 mark

LAN/WAN/Internet /WAP phone/between computers

Message sent electronically would score 1 mark.

NOT just electronic-mail

(b) Advantage compared with post

- Arrives faster/sent faster
- Same delivery time anywhere in the world
- Cheaper to send than paying postage/send attachments at no extra cost.

ALLOW e-mails are free

- Less chance of getting lost
- Send to many people at the same time
- Send when ready (not when post is collected)
- Check e-mails from many places (World wide)
- Don't have to leave the house to send it.

NOT – does not need the receiver to be there

Any 3 x 1 mark

(c) Disadvantage compared with telephone

- Don't know if anyone is "in"
- Not easy two way communication/ Impersonal you don't immediate response
- More likely to have a telephone than e-mail
- Mobile phone can be reached in more places
- Problems with computers are more common
- Catch/send virus
- Excessive junk mail

Any 2 x 1 mark

Total 7 marks