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2357/01 Paper 1 (Foundation)

Question	Answer		
1	Ticks as shown:		
	Item	Input (√)	Output (✓)
	(Help button)	(✔)	
	Keypad	✓	
	Microphone	✓	
	Motor		✓
	Pressure sensor	✓	
	Speaker		✓
	Warning lights		✓
2	Ticks as shown:		
	Use		Tick (√)
	Choosing from an on-s	screen	✓
	Moving a pointer on a	screen	\checkmark
	Reading numbers from cheque	n a bank	
	Sending output to a pr	inter	
	Storing data		

Question	Answer				Mark	Additional Guidance
3	Ticks as shown:					
	Statement	True (✔)	False (✓)			
	A modem is needed when using dial-up internet access	~				
	All information on the internet is accurate		✓			
	Having your own user ID stops others from seeing your files		✓			
	Using a wrist rest when typing will help prevent RSI	✓			[4]	
4	Stage The email is sent to Trevor's The message is sent from D (Daphne types the messag (Trevor reads the email) Daphne's ISP sends her me Trevor logs onto his email Daphne enters Trevor's email Marks to be awarded as follow	paphne's (ge) ssage to ail addres	computer to Trevor's ISF	Order 6 er Internet Service Provider (ISP) 3 (1) (7) 4 5 2		
				All 5 stages correct 4 3 stages in correct sequence 3 2 stages in correct sequence 2 1 correct 1 none correct 0	[4]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
5	Letters as follows:		
	D magnetic tape		
	C hard disk		
	B USB flash memory stick		
	A CD-ROM		
	E internal memory		
		[5]	
	Do not accept anything that is not in the list.		
6(a)	Rule 1 (tampering with wires), one from:		
	may cause loss of data		
	damage to computers		
	electrical fire		
	electrocution		
	Rule 2 (bags and coats), one from:		
	users may trip/fall		
	coats may be wet/cause damage		
	coats can be used in theft of items from room		
	Rule 3 (floppy disks/USB disks), one from:		
	may carry viruses		
	may be used to attempt to install unwanted applications/software/games		
	may be used to steal software/files		
	Rule 4 (external emails), one from:		
	may be used to steal software/files		
	may be sent inappropriate content		
	Rule 5 (ID & passwords), one from:	[5]	
	may alter/delete/copy/access other persons work/files	_	
	• may be used for illegal/unauthorised actions blaming the legitimate owner of		

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
	account		
	multiple simultaneous logins can cause file corruption		
6(b)	One from:		
	• (because drinks/food may be spilled/dropped) causing damage e.g.		
	keyboards/mice		
	liquids can cause electrical damage		
	liquids can cause electrocution	[1]	
7(a)	One from:		
	safer than manual monitoring		
	 person does not need to always be present/can do other things 		
	can be done at weekends and holidays		
	can be done over long periods		
	data is already in electronic form/can be imported into a computer for analysis		
	readings are accurate/less mistakes		
	readings are at accurate intervals		
	carried out remotely		
	linked to control system	[1]	
7(b)	Two from:		
	protect computer input circuitry		
	convert analogue data to digital data		
	sensors output analogue data/computers require digital data/computers cannot		
	process analogue data		
	store the data before passing it to the computer	[2]	
7(c)	B3		
. /	Accept other standard notations i.e. R3C2 Col B, Row 3	[1]	
7(d)	=average(B2:B8)		
	One mark for the function i.e. =average()	[2]	
	One mark for the correct range i.e. B2 to B8		
	One mark for other correctly working formula e.g. (B2+B3+B4+B5+B6+B7+B8)/7		

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
7(e)	Four from:		
	select/highlight data		
	correct range selected (A2 to B8)		
	select/click on chart wizard		
	select chart type		
	add axis labels		
	delete legend		
	add title		
	format title/axis labels		
	choose position of chart/resize chart	[4]	
7(f)	One from:		
()	(save and) insert from file		
	copy and paste	[1]	
7(g)	Two from:		
	use a search engine		
	type in the URL/web address		
	follow a (hyper)link from another page		
	from a saved/favourite/bookmark		
	history link	[2]	
8(a)	One from:		
()	can work anywhere		
	work always with her/can work at any time		
	no need to use portable/removable media	[1]	
8(b)	Two from:		
. /	laptop can be stolen		
	can be awkward/nuisance to carry		
	can be difficult to secure		
	easily damaged in transit		
	target for thieves/muggers		
	• specification can be less than a desktop/valid example of lower specification or	[2]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
	consequences		
	can view inappropriate materials more easily/can use on-line chat rooms		
	unsupervised /plagiarism/copying of work is easier		
	increased risk of health problems		
	short battery life		
9	Up to one mark for named device, up to three marks for how imported		
•			
	EITHER		
	Device, one from:		
	(Digital)camera/phone/card reader		
	How imported, three from:		
	For a new image:		
	connect camera to computer		
	via USB/cables/wireless		
	transfer files from camera to computer		
	remove memory card from camera		
	insert into card slot/use card reader		
	copy/cut files and paste/drag and drop into computer storage		
	OR		
	Device:		
	Scanner		
	How imported, three from:		
	For an existing photograph/already printed photograph:		
	place photograph on scanner		
	• start scan software/choose scan option within software/press button on		
	scanner		
	preview scan		
	choose scan options e.g. greyscale/colour/black and white/area to scan/resolution		
	scan image	[4]	
	crop/format/edit image		

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
	save image/choose file destination		
	Candidates must relate the reasons to the stated device.		
10(a)	Four from:		
	can send attachments/attach files		
	can send to multiple recipients at once		
	can be forwarded to others		
	have an electronic copy for reference/already in electronic format		
	can request automatic receipt notification		
	can request automatic read notification		
	can receive/be picked up from anywhere with internet access		
	can have an audit trail in an email		
	can send hyperlinks in a email		
	Do not accept references to cost or speed	[4]	
10(b)	One from:		
	can be insecure		
	can be misinterpreted/impersonal		
	no guarantee of delivery or reply		
	can be misfiled/overlooked		
	can be altered so is not suitable for e.g. legal documents		
	emails can carry viruses		
	Do not accept references to cost or speed.	[1]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
11	Four from:		
	never give out your personal contact details		
	be wary of discussing the area in which you live		
	do not state which school you go to		
	never use a photograph of yourself		
	 check who you are in contact with/be wary that their identity/details may be 		
	false		
	 never agree to meet another person from a chat room/always tell e.g. parents 		
	who you are going to meet		
	 never go alone to meet another person from a chat room 		
	 report any suspicious activity/contacts 	[4]	
		L 'J	
12	Four from:		
	 type criteria/criterion in text entry box 		
	 valid example of a search criterion 		
	multiple criteria		
	 use +,-AND/OR/NOT to link criteria 		
	 use speech marks/inverted commas 		
	 to keep criteria together/search together 		
	use advanced search facilities		
	o to select criteria	[4]	
	· · ·		TOTAL MARKS 6

2357/02 Paper 1 (Higher)

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2 (a)	One from:		
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	• data is already in electronic form/can be imported into a computer for analysis		
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	carried out remotely		
	linked to control system	[1]	
2 (b)	Two from:		
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	 convert analogue data to digital data 		
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2 (c)	Four from:		
- (-)	select/highlight data		
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	select/click on chart wizard		
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	delete legend		
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	format title/axis labels		
	choose position of chart/resize chart	[4]	
3 (a)	One from:		
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	 work always with her/can work at any time 		
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	How imported, three from:		
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l	via USB/cables/wireless		
l	transfer files from camera to computer		
l	remove memory card from camera		
l	insert into card slot/use card reader		
	copy/cut files and paste/drag and drop into computer storage		
	<u>OR</u>		
	Device:		
ł	Scanner		
ł	How imported, three from:		
	For an existing photograph/already printed photograph:	[4]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
	place photograph on scanner		
	• start scan software/choose scan option within software/press button on scanner		
	preview scan		
	choose scan options e.g. greyscale/colour/black and white/area to scan/resolution		
	scan image		
	crop/format/edit image		
	save image/choose file destination		
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5 (a)	Four from:		
	can send attachments/attach files		
	can send to multiple recipients at once		
	can be forwarded to others		
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	can request automatic read notification		
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6	Four from:		
	never give out your personal contact details		
	be wary of discussing the area in which you live		
	do not state which school you go to		
	never use a photograph of yourself		
	• check who you are in contact with/be wary that their identity/details may be false		
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	use speech marks/inverted commas		
	 to keep criteria together/search together 		
	use advanced search facilities		
	o to select criteria	[4]	
8 (a)	To gain a mark, the method plus the use is required.		
	Six from:		
	• use high-speed communication links/broadband services/internet access/WAN for		
	(fast) data/file transfer		
	use of email to send messages		
	use of email to send documents/files		
	fax machines for legal/confidential documents		
	use of mobile phones/PDAs to keep in contact (with office)		
	use of encryption/passwords security of data		
	VoIP systems/telephone conversations via internet		
	use of VPNs to set up remote network connection/desktop with office system		
	• video/tele-conferencing to set up meetings with other workers without travelling	[6]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
	use of portable electronic storage for file transfer		
	use of internet for research		
8 (b)	Two from:		
	 difficult to supervise employees cannot ensure/be sure that workers work the correct number of hours employees might not complete the work on time/employees distracted at home employees might produce work of lower standard than when in office employees might not be doing the work themselves difficult to contact employees employees may not be available/at home to receive an email/ telephone call difficult to motivate staff at a distance lack of personal intervention face to face meetings more difficult lack of staff interaction do not know staff personally difficult to enforce regulations e.g. health & safety have to provide/support of ICT services this has increased costs e.g. support staff/internet access company may be concerned about the security of data confidentiality loss of data 	[4]	
9	Four from:		
5	 reduced queuing time/get served quickly 		
	 no need for students/canteen to carry/have money/cash 		
	 reduced bullying/mugging as less cash carried 		
	food choices may be recorded/enforced		
	timed entry can be enforced		
	pupils can be easily identified		
	 reduced behavioural problems 		
	 cards can be returned if lost 		
	no discrimination of those on benefits/receiving free meals		
	reduced staff levels		
	school gets the money in advance	[4]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
10 (a)	Two from:		
10 (a)	cheap labour		
	 has reduced costs to the company. 		
	 recruitment of new staff 		
	 advertising in a different country may be cheaper. 		
	 premises are cheaper in different countries 		
	 reduced over heads/reduced utility costs 		
	 setup costs may be less 		
	 reduced initial layout 		
	regulations/laws may be more relaxed in different countries		
	 less money spent on adhering to e.g. safety regulations/data protection 		
	can provide 24 hour service		
	o using different call centres in different time zones	[4]	
10 (b)	Five from:		
	Example Positives:		
	can contact company at any time by email		
	 no need to wait for answer/be put on hold via telephone/no long phone calls 		
	call centre available anytime		
	Example Negatives		
	• if telephoning can experience delays through time differences/cultural/language differences.		
	must use electronic communications		
	not all have internet access so cannot use email/web.		
	no personal access to company staff		
	often no instant feedback.		
	• staff stick to a script (and may not answer specific questions)		
	Max 4 marks if all positives or negatives.	[5]	

10 (c)	Five from:		
	 Example Positives some customers adept with ICT so can easily/quickly contact the company help can be accessed from any place that has internet access help always available FAQ available Example Negatives not all individual/specific questions will be answered on a website generic FAQs not specific to customer problem must use internet/have internet access some customers not adept with ICT so will be disenfranchised/unable to get help so will use another company's products/services 		
	Max 4 marks if all positives or negatives.	[5]	

2359/01 Paper 3 (Foundation)

Question Number	Expected Answer			Mark	Rationale
1	buzzer magnetic tape	moni	tor		
	motor pointer	wind	ow	[2]	
2		1	1		
	Statement	True (√)	False (✓)		
	A CD-R allows quicker access to data than a hard disk		✓		
	A DVD is a portable medium	✓			
	A DVD stores more data than a CD	✓			
	Data is transferred more quickly from a DVD than from a hard disk		~		
	Data on a CD-RW is permanent and cannot be changed		~	[5]	
3	A bar code reader can be used to input data from a book	c in a libra	ary		
	A robot can be used to spray paint on cars				
	A remote control is used to change channels on a televis	sion			
	A magnetic stripe is used to hold data on a bank card				
	A keyboard is used to input text to a word processing part	ckage		[5]	
4 (a)	5			[1]	

	estion mber	Expected Answer					Mark	K	Rationale
4	(b)	4						[1]	
4	(c)	Student number					1	[1]	
4	(d)	Text/Alphanumeric/S	String				I	[1]	
4	(e)	(Test) score (out of h	nundred)/Mark					[1]	
4	(f)	Data	Range check	Format check	Invalid character check	Check digit			
		House			✓				
		Student number				✓			
		Teaching group		✓					
		Test score	✓					[4]	
5									
		Sensor	(✓)						
		Humidity	✓						
		Light	✓						
		Rain							
		Sound							
		Temperature	✓						
		Wind						[3]	

	stion nber	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
6	(a)	Three from: • observation • interviews • looking at documents • questionnaires	[3]	
6	(b)	Three from: data capture forms screen layouts report layouts screen displays audio output validation routines data structures/databases/spreadsheets file structures processing flowcharts algorithms program code	[3]	
6	(i)	Both the existing and new systems are run together/at the same time	[1] [1]	
6	(ii)	The existing system is replaced by the new system overnight/immediately	[1] [1]	

Question Number	Expected Answer			Mark	Rationale		
7	Requirement	(*)					
	Individuals have a right to view the information held about them.	✓					
	Personal data shall be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date.	~					
	Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose or purposes for which they are processed.	~					
	Personal data shall be kept for 100 years.						
	Personal data shall be obtained for any purpose the data holder feels is necessary.						
	Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully.	✓					
	Personal data shall be processed without considering the rights of data subjects.			[4]			
8 (a)	Two from:						
	 two people type/input the same data in/one person types the the computer compares the two versions if there are differences computer makes a sound/message ap screen/keyboard freezes/data is highlighted 		twice				
		 a valid example e.g. creating login/registration details the typist chooses the correct version and the process continues 					

Ques Numl		Expected Answer		Mark	Rationale
8	(b)	 Two from: a person reads through the data on screen/in the system/o compares it with the data capture form/original source corrects any mistakes 	latabase	[2]	
9	(a)		(^)		
		Cars produced by robots are always perfect			
		Robots can work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	✓		
		Robots do not need maintaining			
		Robots do not need paying	✓		
		Robots never break down		[0]	
		The finished product is more consistent	✓	[3]	
9	(b)		(√)		
		Humans are more accurate than robots			
		Humans are quicker than robots			
		Humans need to take breaks			
		Robots are expensive to buy and set up	✓		
		Robots are not adaptable to a sudden change of situation	✓		
		Wrong programming can mean several cars are wrongly produced before the situation is noticed	✓	[3]	

Question Number	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
10	One mark for each point		
	Sound (output)		
	Could be used to reproduce the noise of the eruption/sound of bubbling		
	Could be used to provide background music		
	Animation sequences		
	Could be used to create a model of a volcano erupting		
	Could be used to demonstrate the flow of lava		
	Could be used for movement of text and images		
	Video films		
	Could be used to show an actual volcano erupting		
	Could be used to show the actual flow of lava		
	Voice output		
	Could be used to produce a narrative accompanying the slides		
	Could be used to produce interviews with onlookers		
	Hyperlinks		
	Could be used to link to websites about volcanoes		
	Could be used to move quickly to another slide later/earlier in the presentation		
	Slide transitions		
	Could be used to make the change of slide/topic more visually exciting		
	Maximum of 4 features.	[6]	

Question Number	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
11	Two from:		
	Checkout operator		
	 some checkout operators might have lost their jobs 		
	 because there are fewer customers coming into the shops 		
	 some checkout operators might have had to re-train 		
	 as opportunities for other jobs arise 		
	 some checkout operators could go part time/job share 		
	 because there are fewer operators needed/fewer customers 		
	 to reduce the need for unemployment 		
	 some checkout operators might have changed jobs 		
	 otherwise they would be unemployed 		
	Two from:		
	Manager		
	 managers may have a wider range of workers to manage 		
	• may have to manage pickers/van drivers as well as current types of workers		
	 managers may have a wider range of situations to deal with 		
	 managers may have to organise part time rotas/job shares/delivery rotas 		
	managers may have had to organise training/re-training		
	 might have to receive training 		
	 to manage e.g. flexi-time/job sharing/online orders 		
	might lose job due to fewer branches		
	Two from:		
	IT staff		
	technical jobs may have increased		
	 due to need for web/designers/programmers 		
	 these workers could work from home/remotely 		
	 as some aspects such as web design do not require their presence in the workplace 		
	 computer operators/workers may have had to learn web design skills 		
	work longer hours		

2359/02 Paper 3 (Higher)

Question Number	Expected Answer		Mark	Rationale
1	Requirement	✓		
	Individuals have a right to view the information held about them.	✓		
	Personal data shall be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date.	✓		
	Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose or purposes for which they are processed.	¥		
	Personal data shall be kept for 100 years.			
	Personal data shall be obtained for any purpose the data holder feels is necessary.			
	Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully.	✓		
	Personal data shall be processed without considering the rights of data subjects.		[4]	
2 (a)	 Two from: two people type the same data in/one person types the same the computer compares the two versions if there are differences computer makes a sound/message ap screen/keyboard freezes/data is highlighted typist chooses correct version and process continues a valid example eg creating login/registration details 	[2]		
2 (b)	Two from:			
	 a person reads through the data on screen/in the system/data compares it with the data capture form/original source person corrects any mistakes 	[2]		

Question Number			Mark	Rationale
3 (a)		(√)		
	Cars produced by robots are always perfect			
	Robots can work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	✓		
	Robots do not need maintaining			
	Robots do not need paying	✓		
	Robots never break down			
	The finished product is more consistent	✓	[3]	
3 (b)		(√)		
	Humans are more accurate than robots			
	Humans are quicker than robots			
	Humans need to take breaks			
	Robots are expensive to buy and set up	✓		
	Robots are not adaptable to a sudden change of situation	✓		
	Wrong programming can mean several cars are wrongly produced before the situation is noticed	✓	[3]	

Question Number	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
4	One mark for each point		
	Sound (output)		
	Could be used to reproduce the noise of the eruption/sound of bubbling		
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	Could be used to demonstrate the flow of lava		
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	Hyperlinks		
	Could be used to link to websites about volcanoes		
	Could be used to move quickly to another slide later/earlier in the presentation		
	Slide transitions		
	Could be used to make the change of slide/topic more visually exciting		
	Maximum of four features	[6]	

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5	 Two from: Checkout operator some checkout operators might have lost their jobs because there are fewer customers coming into the shops some checkout operators might have had to re-train as opportunities for other jobs arise some checkout operators could go part time/job share because there are fewer operators needed/fewer customers to reduce the need for unemployment some checkout operators might have changed jobs otherwise they would be unemployed 		
	 Manager managers may have a wider range of workers to manage may have to manage pickers/van drivers as well as current types of workers managers may have a wider range of situations to deal with managers may have to organise part time rotas/job shares/delivery rotas managers may have had to organise training/re-training might have to receive training to manage e.g. flexi-time/job sharing/on line orders might lose job due to fewer branches 		
	 Two from: IT staff technical jobs may have increased due to need for web/designers/programmers these workers could work from home/remotely as some aspects such as web design do not require their presence in the workplace computer operators/workers may have had to learn web design skills work longer hours 	[6]	

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6	(a)	Both the existing and new systems are run together/at the same time	[1] [1]	
6	(a)	The existing system is replaced by the new system overnight/immediately	[1] [1]	
6	(b)	Three pairs from: The purpose and limitations of the system What the system is intended to do and what it can't do Hardware requirements The input, output and storage devices required Software requirements e.g. operating systems/application software/utilities/programming language How to use the features of the system e.g. add a record/delete a record/print Annotated outputs to illustrate uses The inputs and outputs of the system Both data and devices should be considered Validation routines Examples of these Troubleshooting section/FAQs/sample runs/help facility		
		When problems arise with system How to deal with possible problems Contact details/hotline	[6]	

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	Error messages Description of their meaning		
	How to set up the system e.g. how to connect hardware together/install software/register software Screen shots of system installation		
7	Four from: Ring – all computers are connected to each of the computers either side of it. Advantage – no server to break down/reduced cost of cabling / uses less cabling/ cheaper due to no server Star – all computers are connected to a common hub/server/concentrator/main computer Advantage – If one computer breaks down others can carry on	[4]	

Question Number	Expected Answer	Mark	Rationale
8	Six from:		
	 OCR advantages large amounts of text can be read this is helpful for people with disabilities original documents can be archived not limited to special types of fonts/can read some types of hand written documents e.g. utility meter readings/passport applications 		
	 OCR disadvantages slow process as data has to be re-read/checked for errors frequent inaccuracies in reading text grids/tables difficult to convert to text 		
	 MICR advantages difficult to forge quick to input data from cheques not affected by smudges/overwriting 		
	 MICR disadvantages not always easy for humans to read difficult to amend incorrect data more expensive than other methods limited to reading magnetic characters from bank cheques 		
	 OMR advantages fewer errors in data entry/easier to validate data input is very quick as less data per sheet than OCR 		
	 OMR disadvantages may be difficult to change the data corrected marks/smudges can be incorrectly read limited to reading marks from pre-printed forms e.g. lottery tickets/exam papers 		
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9	Four from:		
	 harmonious pleasing colour scheme avoiding bright colours avoiding clashing colours easy to follow instructions how to complete form are included examples of data well-organised question layout logical order of questions adequate space individual character boxes fonts/font size should be easy to read should contain closed questions where possible multiple choice/tick boxes yes/no answers plenty of white space/questions well spaced out 		

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10	Five from:		
	Advantages		
	 less money spent on travel/more disposable income 		
	less time spent on travel		
	more time for leisure activities		
	can spend more time with family		
	can work when it suits		
	 doesn't have to get up so early 		
	can work at own pace		
	may be fewer distractions		
	less traffic pollution/lower carbon footprint		
	less traffic congestion		
	 less stress because less driving in rush hour 		
	 the do not have to live close to their work place 		
	 easier for the house bound/disabled as they do not need to travel 		
	Disadvantages		
	less idea sharing with other workers		
	 need a lot of self-motivation/less work produced due to too much freedom 		
	family can disturb worker		
	 less social interaction with management/fellow workers 		
	difficult to find work space		
	One mark for suitable reasoned conclusion not already awarded		
	Max 4 for all advantages/disadvantages	[5]	

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11	Five from:		
	 RAM stores data which can be changed/stores current user work/application software current user work consists of data which needs to be changed application software might need to be updated changeable memory is needed to load previous work from other media 		
	 ROM there needs to be ROM to contain settings which need to be the same every time the machine is switched on ROM cannot be changed/Stores BIOS/program instructions for games so so cannot be used to store temporary data some instructions need to be impossible to change BIOS/games software must be impossible to change 	[5]	

Grade Thresholds

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Unit Threshold Marks

Unit		Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	U
2357/01	Raw	60	n/a	n/a	n/a	39	35	31	28	25	0
	UMS	55	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	40	32	24	16	0
2357/02	Raw	60	39	35	31	27	23	21	n/a	n/a	0
	UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	36	n/a	n/a	0
2358	Raw	60	58	53	45	38	32	26	20	14	0
	UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0
2359/01	Raw	60	n/a	n/a	n/a	38	34	30	26	22	0
	UMS	55	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	40	32	24	16	0
2359/02	Raw	60	37	32	27	23	19	17	n/a	n/a	0
	UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	36	n/a	n/a	0
2360	Raw	60	54	45	36	28	24	21	18	15	0
	UMS	120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24	0

Specification Aggregation Results

Overall threshold marks in UMS (ie after conversion of raw marks to uniform marks)

	Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U
1094	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	0
	Maximum Mark	A *	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	U
1994	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	0

The cumulative percentage of candidates awarded each grade was as follows:

	A *	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U	Total No. of Cands
1094	4.1	18.2	42.1	66.9	82.9	91.4	95.5	98.2	100	666
1994	6.5	26.1	55.1	84.8	96.4	99.3	100	100	100	158

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