

**Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations**  
**General Certificate of Secondary Education**

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY A**  
FOUNDATION TIER (2357F)  
PAPER 1

**1094**

**Specimen Paper 2002**

Additional materials:  
Candidates answer on the question paper.

**TIME** 1 hour

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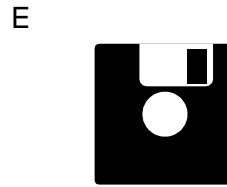
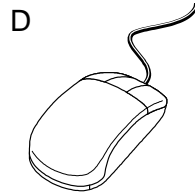
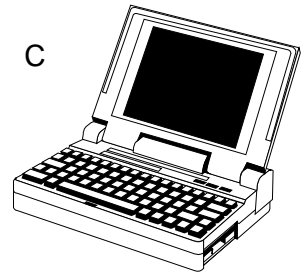
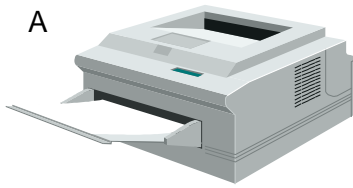
**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in the space above.
- Write your Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer all the questions.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the spaces provided on the question paper.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 60.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where an answer requires a piece of extended writing.

1 Name the objects A,B,C,D and E, using words from the list.



plotter

joystick

video

mainframe computer

mouse

floppy disk

laptop computer

keyboard

CD-ROM

printer

graphics tablet

CD-ROM drive

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

[5]

2 Ring **two** items which contain personal data.

keyboard

pupil record

driving licence

car park ticket

floor turtle

scanner

[2]

3 Ring **two** changes caused by the introduction of video recorders in the home.

**The quality of the TV programmes has improved.**

**People can decide when they want to watch a TV programme.**

**People have more leisure time.**

**More home video recordings are made.**

**More channels are available by satellite and cable television.**

**Television screens have become larger.**

[2]

4 Give **one** way computers may be useful to pupils in a science lesson.

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[1]

5 Tick whether the following statements are **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

	TRUE	FALSE
A CD-ROM can store more data than a floppy disk.		
A modem is used to communicate using the telephone system.		
DTP packages are used to create newspapers.		
A midi system is used to store data when printing to a slow printer.		
Floppy disks must be formatted before they are used.		

[5]

6 Write down **two** problems which can be caused by pupils having access to other pupils' computer files.

Problem 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Problem 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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[2]

- 7 You keep a database of your friends' names, addresses and dates of birth etc. Write down **two** ways in which this information might be used.

Way 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Way 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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[2]

- 8 A school stores information about pupils who have left the school. Write down **one** way in which the school might use this information.

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[1]

- 9 A school secretary sits in front of a computer all day. Give **two** pieces of advice which should help prevent medical problems.

Advice 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Advice 2 \_\_\_\_\_

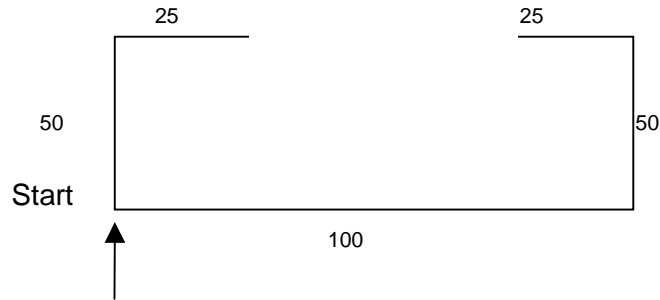
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[2]

10 A floor turtle can use the following instructions.

FORWARD $n$	Move $n$ cm forward
BACKWARD $n$	Move $n$ cm backward
LEFT $t$	Turn left $t$ degrees
RIGHT $t$	Turn right $t$ degrees
PEN UP	Lift the pen off the paper
PEN DOWN	Place the pen on the paper

Write a set of instructions which makes the turtle draw the following shape.




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[4]

- 11 For each of the following state **one** way the package could be used during the production of a school play.

Spreadsheet package

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Data handling package

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[2]

- 12 Describe **two** ways in which software companies try to prevent illegal copying of their disks.

Way 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Way 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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[2]

- 13 A spreadsheet is used to process data about the number of cars using two car parks over a year.

	A	B	C	D
1	Month	Car park A	Car Park B	Most popular car park
2				
3	January	120	145	=if ( B3>C3 , "A" , "B" )
4	February	140	135	
5	March	174	201	
6	April	134	120	
7	May	167	130	
8	June	278	290	
9	July	290	315	
10	August	312	289	
11	September	216	290	
12	October	213	278	
13	November	126	178	
14	December	78	98	

- (a) Cell D3 shows how the most popular car park for January is calculated. After typing the formula in D3, describe a quick way of putting similar formula into D4 to D14.

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[2]

- (b) Describe how a chart or graph is created to show the use of the car parks over a period of one year.

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[2]

(c) (i) Give **one** different situation which can be modelled using a computer.

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(ii) Give **two** reasons why a computer model would be useful in this case.

Reason 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reason 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[2]

14 (a) Give **one** situation where automatic data logging equipment could be used to record data over a long period of time.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(b) Give **one** reason why automatic data logging equipment should be used to record data over a long period of time?

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\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

15 (a) What is a computer virus?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]



(b) Write down **two** ways in which you could prevent a computer virus affecting your machine.

Way 1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Way 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[2]

**16** A school is going to buy a number of laptop computers for pupils to borrow and use at home.

Give **two** problems that this may cause.

Problem 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Problem 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[2]

**17** A small buggy connected to a computer is placed in a maze. The buggy will travel through the maze and learn the correct path. State **one** sensor which should be attached to the buggy and describe how it would detect an obstacle.

Sensor \_\_\_\_\_

Detection \_\_\_\_\_

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[2]

- 18** A school secretary uses a computer all day. What **two** pieces of advice would you give to prevent the secretary having medical problems through the use of the computer? Give a reason for each piece of advice.

Advice \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason \_\_\_\_\_

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Advice \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason \_\_\_\_\_

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[4]

- 19** A school needs to convert a classroom into an Information Technology room containing 20 computers.

- (a)** What factors should be taken into account when choosing a suitable classroom?

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[2]

- (b)** Cost will be one factor in choosing the type of computers to buy. What other factors should be considered?

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[2]

(c) Give **one** way the introduction of the new computer system will affect the staff and pupils.

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[1]

20 (a) Give **two** advantages of using an encyclopædia stored on CD-ROM rather than as a book.

Reason 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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[2]

(b) Give **two** reasons why it is preferable to use the book.

Reason 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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[2]

**TOTAL MARK 60**



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## Answers

Where there is only one answer given this is the only answer available.

Where a candidate has to choose a number of answers from a given list there should be no more answers than that asked for in the question. If a candidate gives more answers than asked for then every answer over the specified number cancels out one of the correct answers - if there are any.

No trade names are to given credit unless accompanied by a description of what they do eg 'MS Word' would gain no credit but 'the word processor MS Word' would.

- 1     A     printer 1  
       B     CD-ROM     1  
       C     laptop computer     1  
       D     mouse 1  
       E     floppy disk     1
- 2     pupil record     1  
       driving licence 1
- 3     People can decide when they want to watch a TV program. 1  
       More home video recordings are made.     1
- 4     One from:  
       Printing reports  
       Producing graphs  
       Looking up information  
       Collecting data  
       Writing reports  
       Simulating experiments  
       Modelling  
       Searching for data  
       Any other suitable use.     1
- 5     TRUE     1  
       TRUE     1  
       TRUE     1  
       FALSE     1  
       TRUE     1

- 6** Two from:  
 Data can be changed  
 Sensitive data can be looked at - medical  
 Data can be deleted  
 Data can be copied  
 Data can be corrupted with a virus  
 Any other suitable answer 2
- 7** Two from:  
 To print out address labels for birthday cards.  
 As an address book.  
 As a telephone directory.  
 Not same answer twice  
 Any other suitable answer. 2
- 8** One from:  
 Names and addresses for mailshots  
 Dates of birth to send to appropriate age groups.  
 Mail shots to people who have been involved in particular sports or events.  
 To send exam results to candidates.  
 To send references.  
 Any other suitable answer 1
- 9** Two from:  
 Eye strain  
 Sit in an upright chair.  
 Do not sit at the screen for long periods of time.  
 Take frequent breaks from the screen.  
 Rest the hands sensibly to avoid RSI.  
 Use a filter on the monitor  
 Correct sitting position  
 Have regular eye checks  
 Don't sit too close to monitor  
 Any other suitable answer. 2
- 10** Forward 50  
 Right 90  
 Forward 25  
 Pen Up  
 Forward 50  
 Pen Down  
 Forward 25  
 Right 90  
 Forward 50  
 Right 90  
 Forward 100

4 marks for complete answer (as above or alternative that works)  
 3 marks for close answer that does not work  
 2 marks for reasonable answer which uses some of the instructions  
 1 mark for 3 consecutive correct instructions 4

- 11** Spreadsheet package  
 One from:  
 Calculating the cost of the production.  
 Recording the receipts. 1
- Data handling package  
 One from:  
 Keeping an inventory of the property.  
 Names and address of actors  
 Keeping a list of people to mailshot. 1
- Must be the activity.
- 12** Two from:  
 Copy protection to make the disk un-copyable.  
 Restricting the number of installations from a single disk.  
 Using a code number from the supplier when the disk is installed.  
 Reading the serial number of the computer when the software is installed.  
 Encryption  
 Any reasonable answer. 2
- 13** (a) Highlight cell D3 to D14 1  
 Replicate (fill, copy) D3 down to D14 1  
 Any suitable answer
- (b) Highlight the areas containing the numbers of cars.  
 Select the type of chart.  
 Click on the button/select from a menu to create a graph.  
 Add title/legend/colour etc (1)  
 Position the graph on the screen. 2
- (c) (i) One from:  
 Flight simulation  
 Financial modelling  
 Bridge construction  
 Must be modelling - not recording  
 Any other suitable answer. 1
- (ii) Two from:  
 Too costly to build a physical model.  
 Too time consuming to build a physical model.  
 Variables can be changed easily to see the effects of any change in input.  
 Dangerous  
 Any other suitable answer. 2
- 14** (a) One from:  
 Weather station.  
 Automatic car park.  
 Monitoring a scientific experiment.  
 Monitoring traffic.  
 Temperature  
 Any suitable answer. 1



- (b) A suitable reason for using the computer in the given application such as:  
not having to remember to take the readings.  
automatic  
more accurate readings. 1
- 15 (a) A piece of software/file which corrupts other software/computer 1  
It can be passed from one computer to another computer 1
- (b) Two from:  
Use a virus scanner.  
Software in the computer which checks every disk placed in the drive.  
Running a virus checking program which checks every file on the disk.  
Do not allow others to place disks in the disk drive.  
Write protect floppy disks.  
Any other suitable answer. 2
- 16 Two from:  
Pupils may damage the computer (physical/software).  
Pupils may lose the computer/stealing.  
Pupils may introduce viruses.  
Pupils could delete other pupils work.  
Pupils could use them for games and not for work.  
Pupils may not have a printer to print their work.  
Sharing  
Training students.  
Deleting software.  
No handwriting answers.  
Any other suitable answer 2
- 17 One pair from  
Switch contact  
Optical reflection of light  
Sound reflection of sound  
Not heat sensor 2
- 18 Two from:  
Lighting  
Ergonomic Keyboard  
Radiation  
Use the correct chair to avoid back problems.  
Take regular breaks to avoid eye strain.  
Position the keyboard with an arm rest to prevent injury to the wrist.  
Any other suitable answer  
1 mark for advice. 1 mark for reason. 4

- 19 (a)** Two from:  
Size of the room.  
Location of the room.  
How difficult is it to re-position the staff using the room.  
Electricity supply to the room.  
Layout of the room.  
Can the room be secured?  
Any other suitable answer. 2
- (b)** Two from:  
Compatibility of the computers with the other computers in the school.  
Is all the required software available for the computers.  
How much re-training will be needed if the system is different to what is already in the school?  
What maintenance agreements are available on the different computer systems.  
Robustness  
On-going cost.  
Maintenance agreement.  
Any other suitable answer. 2
- (c)** One from:  
Training of staff/pupils.  
Re-organisation of the timetable.  
Upheaval during installation.  
Any other suitable answer. 1
- 20 (a)** Two from:  
Quicker to get the information you want  
Search facilities.  
Save pictures to other applications  
Selectively save text to other applications  
Video  
Large sound files  
Cost of updates  
Any other suitable answer 2
- (b)** Two from:  
No computer available  
Can be read without needing a computer system  
Religious beliefs  
Not cost  
Any other suitable answer 2

**TOTAL MARK 60**

### Assessment Grid Paper 1 (Foundation)

Question Number	AO1	A02	AO3	AO4	AO5	Grade
1	1.1/1.2/1.3 [5]					G
2				1.3 [2]		G
3				1.6 [2]		G
4			2.1/2.2/2.3/2.4 [1]			G
5	1.1/2.1 [5]					F
6					1.3 [2]	F
7			2.3 [2]			F
8				2.3 [1]		F
9			1.6 [2]			E
10	2.4 [4]					E
11	2.3 [2]					E
12					2.5 [2]	E
13a	2.3 [2]					D
13b	2.3 [2]					D
13c	2.3 [1]			2.3 [2]		D
14a	2.4 [1]					D
14b		2.4 [1]				D
15a					1.6 [2]	D
15b					1.1 [2]	D
16				1.1 [2]		D
17	2.4 [2]					C
18					1.6 [4]	C
19a		1.6 [2]				C
19b		1.6 [2]				C
19c				1.6 [1]		C
20a			1.3 [2]			C
20b			1.3 [2]			C

