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**COMPUTER STUDIES**

**0420/13**

Paper 1

**October/November 2011**

**2 hours 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **all** questions.

No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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This document consists of **20** printed pages.



1 (a) Give **two** benefits of networking a set of computers.

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(b) A college decides to use network computers with wireless capability.

Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using wireless systems.

Advantage: .....

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Disadvantage: .....

..... [2]

- 2 The following table shows **three** applications which require specialist **output** devices.

For **each** application, suggest **one** possible **output** device and give a reason for your choice.

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| Application                                       | Output device | Reason for choice of device |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
| A visually impaired person using a word processor |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
| Using CAD to design a new engine                  |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
| Monitoring a house for burglars                   |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |
|   |               |                             |

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3 A user wishes to use a word processing application. They can either use a *command line interface* (CLI) or a *graphical user interface* (GUI) to open this application.

(a) Describe how both methods could be used to select the application including any input hardware needed.

(i) CLI

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(ii) GUI

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..... [4]

(b) (i) What is meant by *automatic data capture*?

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(ii) Name a device used in automatic data capture and describe an application that uses it.

Device: .....

Application: .....

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..... [3]

4 **Five** definitions and descriptions are shown below on the left hand side.

**Five** computer terms are shown on the right.

Match the definitions/descriptions on the left to the correct term on the right by drawing connecting arrows.

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in the range 11 to 18

computer generated  
operation of a chemical  
process

software that looks for  
information based on certain  
key words

system where all the data  
are collected first before  
being processed in one go

typing in a password twice  
to ensure it is correct

verification

validation

simulation

search engine

batch processing

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- 5 When new software is produced it is usually accompanied by *user documentation* and *technical documentation*.

(a) Explain these two terms:

user documentation: .....

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technical documentation: .....

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- (b) The following list contains items that can be found in either or both types of documentation.

Tick (✓) the box which indicates where you would find each item.

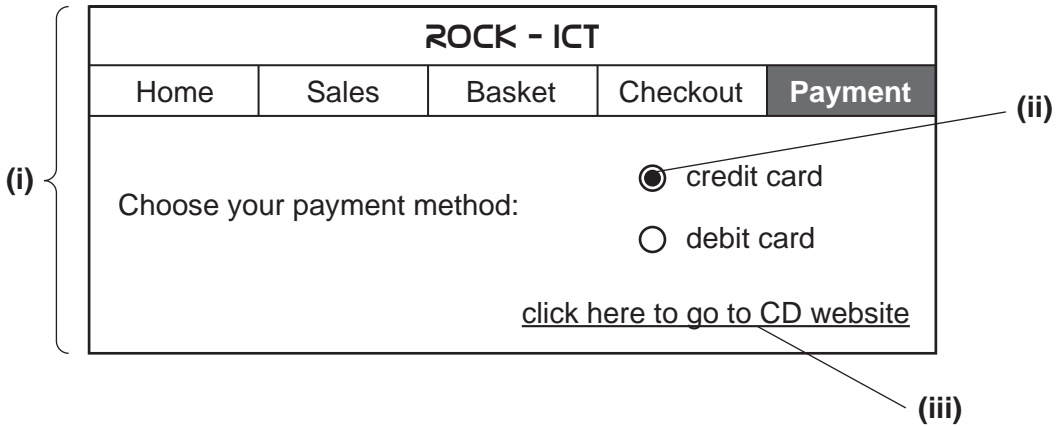
| Item                               | User documentation only | Technical documentation only | Both user <u>and</u> technical documentation |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| how to save a file                 |                         |                              |  |
| program listing/coding             |                         |                              |  |
| hardware and software requirements |                         |                              |  |
| file structures                    |                         |                              |  |
| list of variables                  |                         |                              |  |
| how to load the software           |                         |                              |  |
| meaning of errors/error messages   |                         |                              |  |

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6 (a) What is meant by the term *web browser*?

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 ..... [1]

(b) Rock-ICT has set up a website as shown below:



Give the names of the **three** parts that have been labelled:

(i) .....  
 (ii) .....  
 (iii) ..... [3]

(c) How does the website recognise the user's buying preferences as soon as they visit the website?

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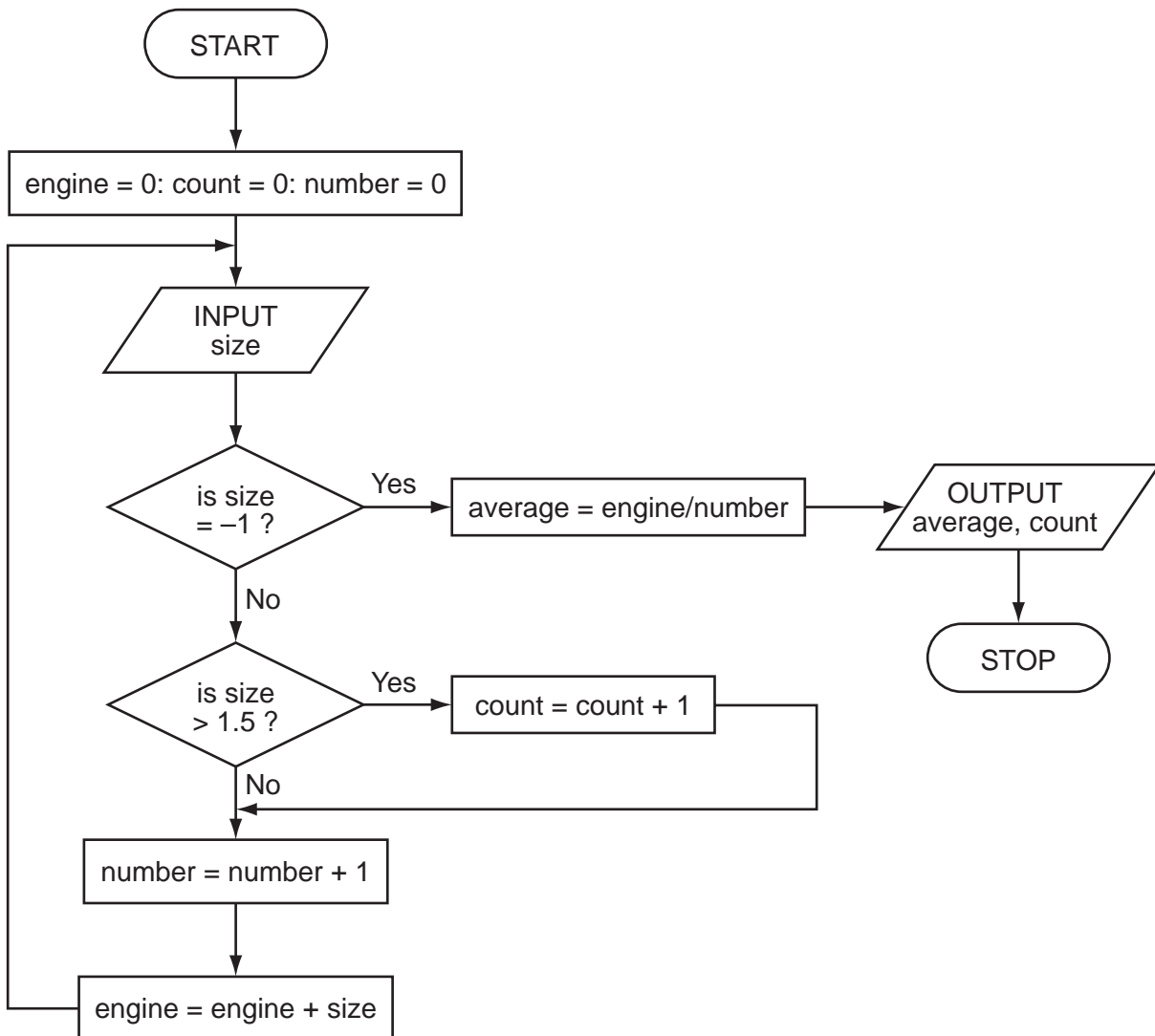
(d) Hacking is one security issue associated with the Internet and emails. State **two** other security issues.

1 .....  
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 2 .....  
 ..... [2]

- 7 The following flowchart inputs the size of a number of car engines; a value of -1 stops the input.

The following information is output: *average engine size* and *number of engines with size > 1.5*.

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Complete the trace table for the following input data:

1.8, 2.0, 1.0, 1.3, 1.0, 2.5, 2.0, 1.3, 1.8, 1.3, -1

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| <b>engine</b> | <b>count</b> | <b>number</b> | <b>size</b> | <b>average</b> | <b>OUTPUT</b> |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
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8 Robots are being introduced into a factory which makes engines.

(a) Describe **three** ways this could affect the workers.

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3 .....

..... [3]

(b) One of the many advantages to management is the reduction in overall costs.

Give **two** reasons why using robots could reduce costs.

1 .....

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2 .....

..... [2]

(c) Give **two** other advantages to the management of introducing robots.

1 .....

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2 .....

..... [2]

9 A spreadsheet was set up to compare passenger costs for five airlines.

|   | A         | B             | C                    | D                  | E                       |
|---|-----------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Flight id | Distance (km) | Number of passengers | Total revenue (\$) | Cost per passenger (\$) |
| 2 | AA 151    | 3 000         | 240                  | 60 000             | 250                     |
| 3 | AT 304    | 2 000         | 320                  | 80 000             | 250                     |
| 4 | BR 106    | 1 500         | 150                  | 45 000             | 300                     |
| 5 | CD 221    | 8 000         | 400                  | 360 000            | 900                     |
| 6 | EX 115    | 6 000         | 280                  | 140 000            | 500                     |
| 7 |           |               |                      | Average cost:      |                         |

(a) What formula must be in E2 to calculate the cost per passenger.

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(b) Cell E7 is to contain the average passenger cost.

What formula would need to be placed in this cell?

..... [1]

(c) It was decided to add two new columns (F and G) to find out if the airline made a profit or loss on each flight. The costs per flight are calculated by multiplying **Distance (km)** by 1/10th of the **Number of passengers**.

(i) What formulas must be in column F?

|   | F                 |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Flight costs (\$) |
| 2 |                   |
| 3 |                   |
| 4 |                   |
| 5 |                   |
| 6 |                   |

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(ii) The formula = IF (F2 > D2, "Loss", "Profit") was added to cell G2. What would be output?

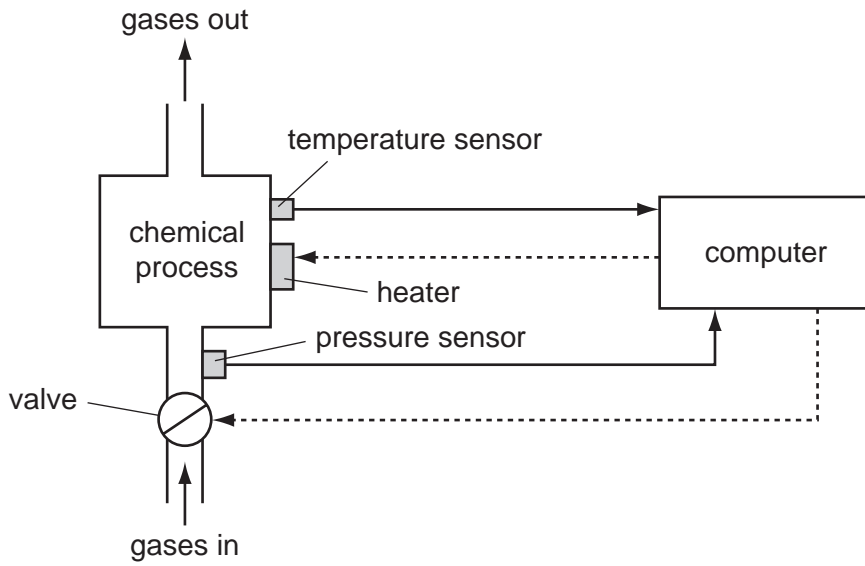
..... [1]

(iii) What formula would be in G5 after replication down from G2?

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10 A computer system is being used to monitor and control a chemical process.

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(a) Data are collected from sensors at regular intervals and compared with stored values.

(i) Describe how the computer uses this data when **monitoring** the chemical process.

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..... [1]

(ii) Describe how the computer uses this data when **controlling** the chemical process.

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(b) What steps are necessary for the computer to control the temperature of the chemical process?

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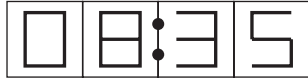
(c) Name **two** other sensors and give a different application where they are used.

sensor 1: .....  
application: .....  
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.....  
sensor 2: .....  
application: .....  
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..... [4]

11 A digital alarm clock is controlled by a microprocessor. It uses the 24-hour clock system (i.e. 6 pm is 18:00).

Each digit in a typical display is represented by a 4-digit binary code:

For example:



(clock display)

is represented by:

| 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |               |
|---|---|---|---|---------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1st digit (0) |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2nd digit (8) |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3rd digit (3) |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4th digit (5) |

(a) What time is shown on the clock display if the 4-digit binary codes are:

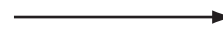
| 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |



(clock display)

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(b) What would be stored in the 4-digit binary codes if the clock display time was:



| 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |           |
|---|---|---|---|-----------|
|   |   |   |   | 1st digit |
|   |   |   |   | 2nd digit |
|   |   |   |   | 3rd digit |
|   |   |   |   | 4th digit |

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(c) The clock alarm has been set at 08:00.

Describe the actions of the microprocessor which enable the alarm to sound at 08:00.

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12 A database has been set up to show details about countries. Part of the database is shown below.

| Country code | Country      | Continent | Area (millions sq km) | Population (millions) | Coastline | Currency  |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| CH           | China        | Asia      | 9.6                   | 1320                  | Yes       | yuan      |
| IN           | India        | Asia      | 3.8                   | 1150                  | Yes       | rupee     |
| PO           | Poland       | Europe    | 0.3                   | 39                    | Yes       | zloty     |
| BO           | Bolivia      | America   | 1.1                   | 9                     | No        | boliviano |
| TI           | Tibet        | Asia      | 1.2                   | 2                     | No        | yuan      |
| BR           | Brazil       | America   | 8.5                   | 192                   | Yes       | real      |
| RO           | Romania      | Europe    | 0.2                   | 22                    | No        | leu       |
| SA           | Saudi Arabia | Asia      | 2.2                   | 28                    | Yes       | riyal     |
| ZA           | Zambia       | Africa    | 0.7                   | 12                    | No        | kwacha    |

(a) How many fields are in each record?

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(b) Using **Country code** only, what would be output if the following search condition was used?

**(Population (millions) > 1000) OR (Continent = "Asia")**

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..... [2]

(c) Write down a search condition to find which countries have a land area less than 3 million square km and also have a coastline.

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..... [2]

(d) If the database was sorted in **descending order** of population size, using **Country code** only, what would be the order of countries in the database?

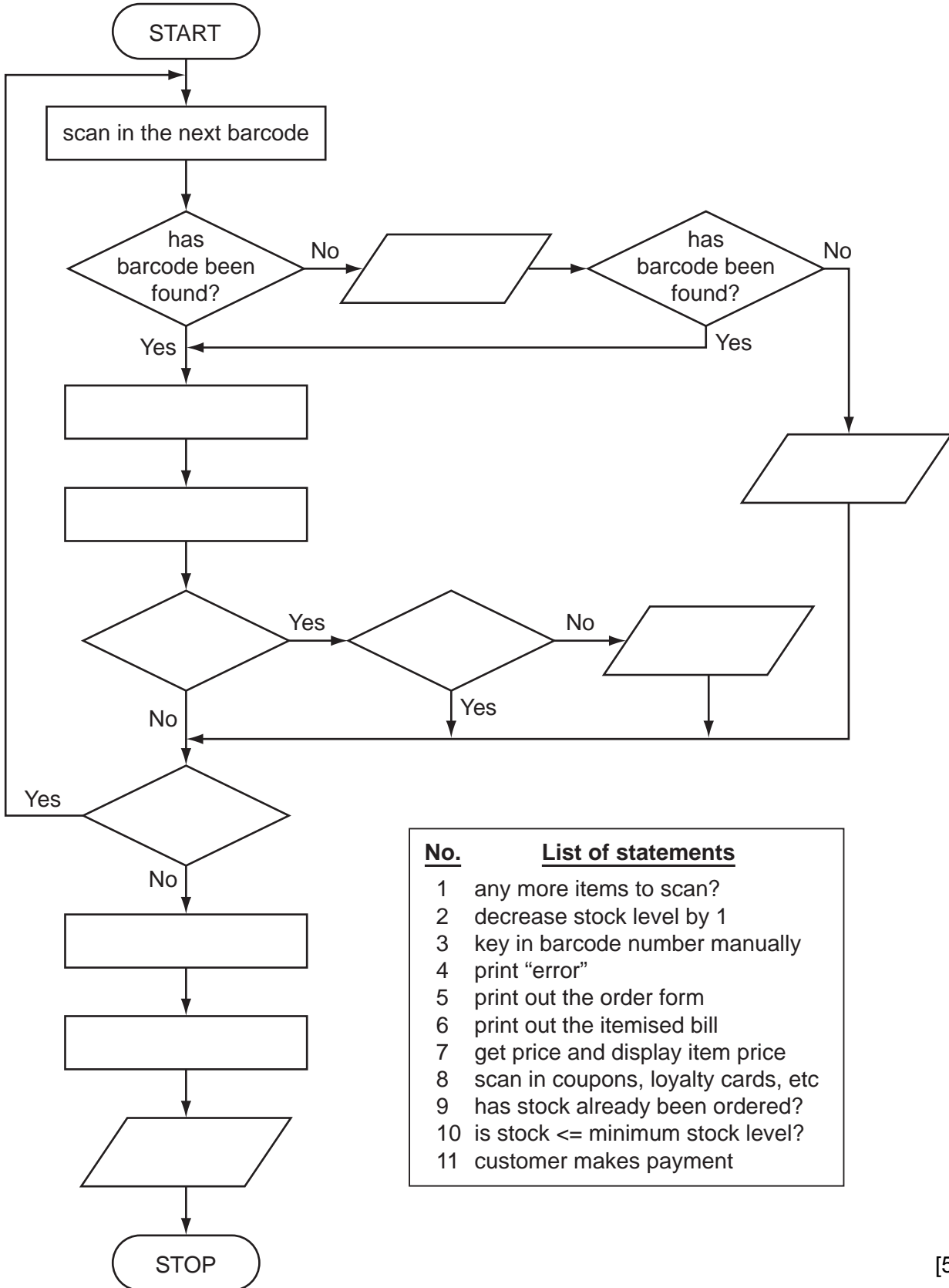
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13 The following flowchart shows how barcodes are used when a customer buys items from the supermarket. Barcodes are used to find the prices and to carry out stock control. Several stages are missing from the flowchart. These stages are shown in the item list below.

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Insert the correct statements, **using numbers only**, to complete the flowchart.



| No. | List of statements                  |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 1   | any more items to scan?             |
| 2   | decrease stock level by 1           |
| 3   | key in barcode number manually      |
| 4   | print "error"                       |
| 5   | print out the order form            |
| 6   | print out the itemised bill         |
| 7   | get price and display item price    |
| 8   | scan in coupons, loyalty cards, etc |
| 9   | has stock already been ordered?     |
| 10  | is stock <= minimum stock level?    |
| 11  | customer makes payment              |

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- 14 An alarm, Y, sends a signal ( $Y = 1$ ) when certain fault conditions in a chemical process are detected. The inputs are:

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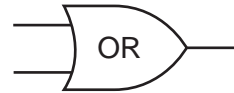
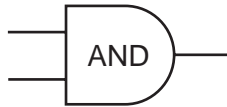
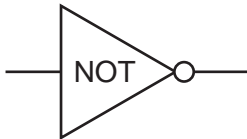
| Input | Binary value | Condition                |
|-------|--------------|--------------------------|
| A     | 1            | acidity > 5              |
|       | 0            | acidity $\leq$ 5         |
| T     | 1            | temperature $\geq$ 120°C |
|       | 0            | temperature < 120°C      |
| S     | 1            | stirrer bar ON           |
|       | 0            | stirrer bar OFF          |

The alarm, Y, returns a value of 1 if:

**either** (i) temperature  $\geq$  120°C AND stirrer bar is OFF

**or** (ii) acidity > 5 AND temperature < 120°C

- (a) Draw the logic circuit for the above system using these logic gates.



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(b) Complete the truth table for this alarm system.

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| A | T | S | Y |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |   |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |   |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |   |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |   |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |   |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |   |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |   |

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15 A student gave the following **three** computer definitions.

Give the name of the term being described in **each** case.

(i) "a signal from a device sent to a computer causing the CPU to stop its current operation temporarily"

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(ii) "an exchange of signals between two devices when communicating to ensure synchronisation"

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(iii) "a temporary memory to store data waiting to be sent to a device"

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