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for the guidance of teachers**

**0420 COMPUTER STUDIES**

**0420/13**

Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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1 1 mark per correct row.

	keyboard	microphone	speaker	webcam
<b>VoIP</b>		✓	✓	
<b>video conferencing</b>		✓	✓	✓
<b>instant messaging</b>	✓			

Correct Answer Only

[3]

2 viruses e.g.

- use anti-virus software // regular virus scans
- don't open/use disks // don't open email attachments from unknown sources

Hacking e.g.

- passwords / user IDs
- firewalls

Spyware e.g.

- anti-spyware software
- delete cookies at end of session

Phishing e.g.

- don't open emails from unknown sources
- don't divulge personal information via email / unsecure website
- ensure that the site viewed has a valid security certificate (SSL)

tapping into wireless networks e.g.

- secured wifi network (protected by passwords)
- encryption / WEP
- no broadcast of network ID

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3 (a) Any **three** from:

- questionnaires
- interviews
- observation
- looking at existing paperwork

[3]

(b) 0 marks for name, 2 marks for reasons which **MUST** tie up with name

Questionnaires / interviews

- possible to obtain information direct from customers
- possible to obtain information direct from staff
- customers/staff can take questionnaires away to answer in own time
- interviews allow first hand information to be gathered/questions -asked can be tailored to the individual



6 (a)

<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
1	0	0	0	0	8	4
2	1	4		4	3	1
3	2	2		6	5	8
4		3	1	9	4	2
5	3	2		11	1	3
6		2	2	13	2	2
7		0		13	1	2
8		1	3	14	5	5
9		0		14	4	0
10	4	4		18	5	4
11	5	1		19		

1 mark

1 mark

1 mark

1 mark

1 mark

<----- 1 mark ----->

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(b) L = 5 }  
       } }  
       S = 3 }  
       T = 19 }

1 mark

1 mark

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**7 (a)** *virtual tour*

Any **two** from:

- hot spots to move from room to room
- ability to zoom in and out of rooms
- ability to rotate around the room (panning)
- voiceovers

*interactive map*

Any **two** from:

- how to get to hotel from some starting point on the map
- use of satellite photos and map superimposed
- zoom in/zoom out
- move north, south, east and west
- use of “pin head” to show location of hotel
- hotspots with information on that area
- how to get from one part of the hotel to another

*room booking online*

Any **two** from:

- calendar function// room availability for given dates
- type of room
- number of guests
- price per room
- hotel facilities e.g. breakfast/full board/half board
- special requirements
- special offers
- payment

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**(b)** Any **one** from:

- safe credit card payment facility
- hyperlinks to other web pages/websites
- local weather forecast

[1]

**8 (a)** = (D2 \* B2) + (E2 \* C2)  
           1 mark      1 mark

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**(b)** = B2 \* 4

[1]

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(c) Any **two** from:

- use (=) IF(F2 > G2, “exceeded”, “within range”)
- replicate formula down to row 7

OR

- F2-G2
- if result is positive ...

OR

- draw graph of data in columns F and G
- compare values on graph to determine if exceeded

OR

- drawing line of unit gradient (on a scatter graph of total cost versus maximum allowance)
- compare values on graph to determine if exceeded [2]

(d) Any **one** from:

- automatic calculation
- no need to create formula (etc.) every time on the spreadsheet
- can be assigned to a keyboard shortcut and launched [1]

9 (a) Any **one** from:

- infra red sensor
- pressure sensor/induction loop
- radar [1]

(b) – time of day

- date [2]

(c) 1 mark for name + 1 mark for correct application

- barcode e.g. – stock taking in supermarket
  - getting prices at POS
  - library system
  - tracking systems (e.g. parcels)
- RFID e.g. – identifying/tracking individual items (livestock, vehicles, people)
- biometrics e.g. – finger printing, face images, etc. as security systems
- magnetic stripe e.g. – security cards (e.g. hotel room keys)
  - credit/debit cards/ATMs/banking
  - loyalty cards
- OCR/OMR e.g. – scanning in documents/photos/exam papers
- microphones e.g. – interface (input) to a computer (used by disabled people) [4]

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10 (a) Any one benefit and one drawback from:

*benefit:*

- can bank at any time 24/7
- save money on travelling
- save time not travelling to bank
- can bank from anywhere
- can do transactions/look after account

*drawbacks:*

- need computer equipment/internet
- fear of hacking , viruses, etc.
- lack of one to one with bank
- creation of “ghost towns”
- reduced socialising
- cause of redundancies
- possibility of mismanaging account
- lack of counter services (drawing out cash) [2]

(b) Any **one** from:

- stops hackers getting all of the PIN characters [1]

(c) (i) **51020:** value of c: 5  
message: PIN OK (1 mark)

**5120:** value of c: 4  
message: ERROR (1 mark) [2]

(ii) length check [1]

11 (a) (i) *what data is gathered:*

Any **one** from:

- pressure
- temperature
- humidity
- wind speed/direction
- historic data [1]

(ii) how data is gathered:

Any **one** from:

- sensors
- satellites
- airline pilots send in information
- meteorological/weather balloons/station [1]

(b) (i) Any **one** from:

- information from sensors/satellites sent to computer
- data compared to stored information
- which contains known weather patterns
- predictions made based on these comparisons
- expert system [1]

- (ii) Any **one** from:
- produces weather maps showing isobars, etc.
  - computer can show weather changes graphically/by animations
- [1]

12 (a) (i)

A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

} 1 mark

} 1 mark

[2]

- (ii) OR gate
- [1]

(b)

A	B	C	X
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

} 1 mark

} 1 mark

} 1 mark

} 1 mark

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- 13 (a) Any **one** from:
- buffer
  - RAM
- [1]

- (b) – interrupt
- [1]



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- (c) Any **two** from:
- hardware problem (e.g. head crash on disk drive)
  - software “glitch”
  - viruses
  - disconnected printer cable
  - automatic update in progress
  - too many applications open
- [2]

- (d) Any **one** from:
- backup the document
  - enable automatic saving of work
  - manually save document every 10 minutes
  - save before printing
- [1]

**14 (a) 7** [1]

(b) Hg, Cs  
 (1) (1) Correct Answer Only [2]

(c) **(Atomic Number > 50) AND (State at room temp = “solid”)**  
 <----- 1 mark -----> <----- 1 mark ----->

Or

**(State at room temp = “solid”) AND (Atomic Number > 50)**  
 <-----1 mark -----> <-----1 mark ----->

Must use exact spelling [2]

(d) Os, Fe, Ga, Ag, Cs, Hg, Br, O, Ar [2]

**15 (a) key press:**

2	3
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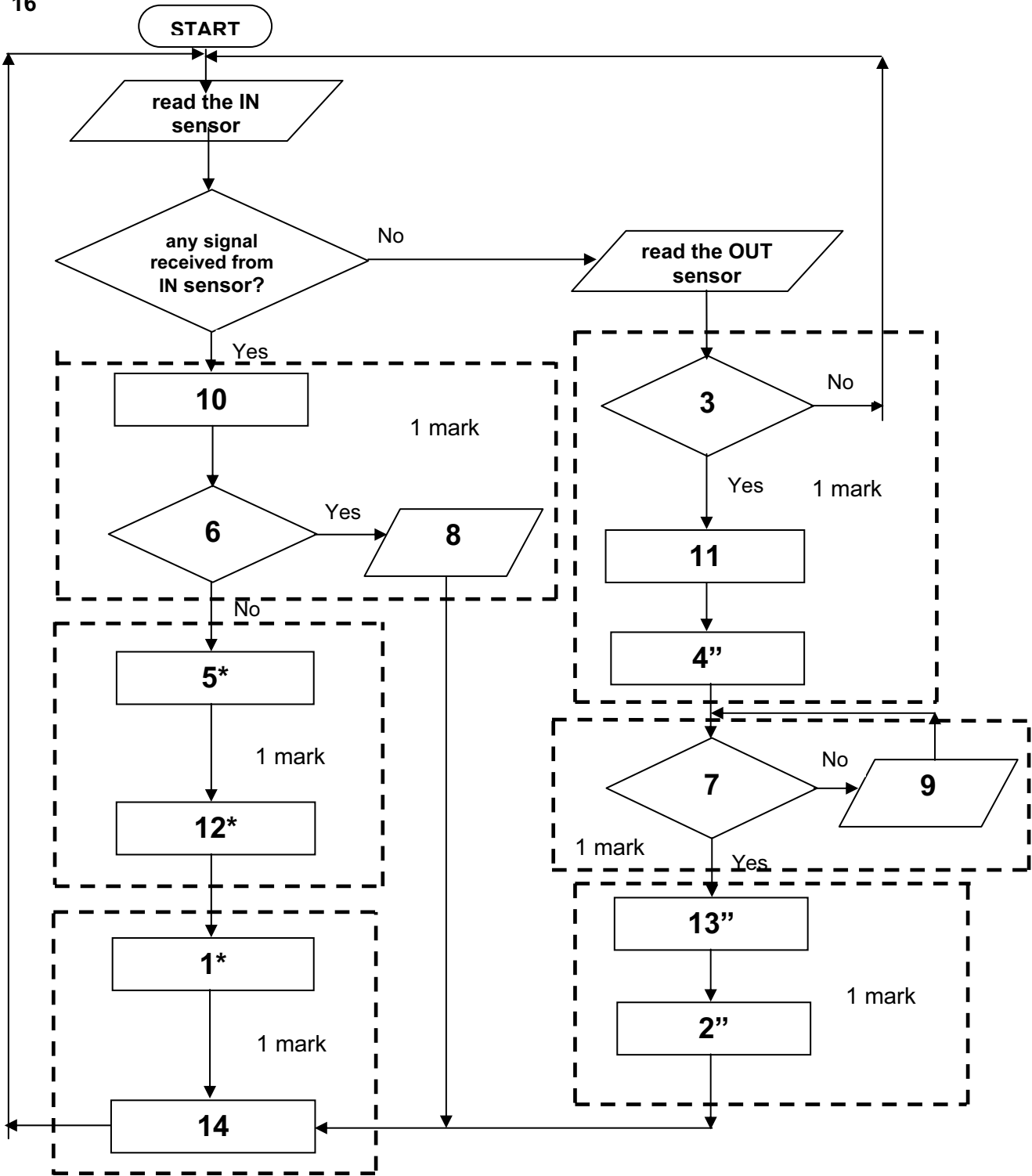
represented by:

0	1	0	1	1	1
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[2]



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\*Instead of 5, 12, 1 can have:  
 12, 1, 5  
 12, 5, 1

"instead of 4, , 13, 2 can have:  
 13, , 2, 4  
 13, , 4, 2

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**17** marking points

- Initialisation (smallest, largest, total) (could be first input)
- correct loop (also: **repeat** .... **until** n = 500, **while** n <> 500 **do** ....)
- input (inside a loop)
- calculate the density
- check on largest density + action taken
- check on smallest density + action taken
- find population total + calculate average population
- print values (outside loop + some evidence of processing taking place)

e.g.

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smallest = 10000: largest = 0: total = 0           (1 mark)
for country = 1 to 500                          (1 mark)
    input population, area                         (1 mark)
    density = population/area                     (1 mark)
    if density > largest then largest = density   (1 mark)
    if density < smallest then smallest = density (1 mark)
    total = total + population -----> (1 mark)
next country -----> (1 mark)
average = total/500 ----->
print largest, smallest, average                 (1 mark)

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