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There was a small entry for this examination for the Summer 2021 series. Some of the candidates were well prepared and demonstrated good knowledge and understanding of the topics in the specification.

High scoring responses were seen for several of the questions that would have been familiar to candidates who had seen sample and past papers. Topics that were well addressed included:

- Arithmetic and logical operators
- User profile settings
- ROM
- Network speeds
- Binary addition
- File compression
- Selecting appropriate media (images).

Topics that were included in recent past papers but were not well addressed in this examination included:

- Data representation (image)
- Environmental impact
- Interpreting program code
- Following algorithms and tracing variables
- Selection
- Logical expressions
- CPU and secondary storage (including magnetic and solid state)
- ASCII / Unicode
- Network hardware (switch / filter)
- Spreadsheets.

Other topics that candidates found to be challenging included:

- File permissions
- Image manipulation.

Performance covering the full mark range was noted including some excellent responses worthy of the highest grades.

One area for improvement would be in application of knowledge and justification for reasons and explanations.

