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## General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

## Section A

Question number	Answer	Mark
1a	Award one mark for any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (A system of) connected/linked computers/devices.</li> <li>• A collection of servers</li> </ul>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1b	<b>The only correct answer is C</b>  <i>A is not correct because GPS data is not included in a packet header</i> <i>B is not correct because HTML data is not included in a packet header</i> <i>D is not correct because web server URLs are not included in a packet header (the IP address would be)</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
1c	Award one mark for any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect systems/networks/data</li> <li>• Prevent users seeing inappropriate content</li> </ul> Do not award answers relating to malware	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2	Near Field Communication / NFC	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3	<b>The only correct answer is B</b>  <i>A is not correct because a browser is used to view WWW content</i> <i>C is not correct because a protocol is used to transfer WWW content</i> <i>D is not correct because a search engine is used to find WWW content.</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4a	Award one mark for each up to a maximum of two marks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key logging</li> <li>• Spyware</li> <li>• Hacking</li> <li>• Social media posts</li> </ul> Award one mark for 'eavesdropping' if a mark from points 1-3 not already awarded.	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4b	<p>Award one mark for any one of the following up to a maximum of two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not post personal information online</li> <li>• Set account to 'private'</li> <li>• Block users you do not know</li> <li>• Report suspicious behaviour</li> <li>• Install anti-malware</li> <li>• Use a pseudonym</li> <li>• Use an avatar</li> <li>• Ensure devices are secured (e.g. enable lock screen)</li> <li>• Use a (strong) password</li> <li>• Change your password regularly</li> <li>• Do not share your password</li> <li>• Be alert for phishing emails</li> <li>• Avoid over-sharing</li> <li>• Use a VPN</li> <li>• Disable GPS tracking</li> </ul>	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
5	<p>Award one mark for any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User</li> <li>• Peripherals</li> <li>• Application software</li> <li>• Hardware</li> </ul>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6	<p><b>The only correct answer is B</b></p> <p><i>A is not correct because applications are not utilities</i>  <i>C is not correct because operating systems are not utilities</i>  <i>D is not correct because programming software is not a utility</i></p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
7	<p><b>The only correct answer is A</b></p> <p><i>B is not correct because = assigns a value to a variable</i>  <i>C is not correct because = assigns a value to a variable</i>  <i>D is not correct because = assigns a value to a variable</i></p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8a	Integer/floor division Modulus / modulo / mod  Accept 'division with no remainder' for 'integer division' Accept 'remainder' for 'modulus / modulo'	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8b	<b>The only correct answer is A</b>  <i>B is not correct because OR is a logical operator</i> <i>C is not correct because + is an arithmetic operator</i> <i>D is not correct because () is not an operator</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
9	<b>The only correct answer is A</b>  <i>B is not correct because copy is not a feature of both search and sort algorithms</i> <i>C is not correct because shuffle is not a feature of both search and sort algorithms</i> <i>D is not correct because swap is not a feature of both search and sort algorithms</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark										
10	<p>Award 1 mark for each correct line, up to a maximum of 3 marks.</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Hardware component</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Purpose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Central processing unit</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Executes instructions</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Main memory</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Stores executing programs</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Secondary storage</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Keeps programs and data indefinitely</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Inputs data into a computer</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Do not award lines between boxes where a box on the left has lines to multiple boxes on the right.</p>	Hardware component	Purpose	Central processing unit	Executes instructions	Main memory	Stores executing programs	Secondary storage	Keeps programs and data indefinitely		Inputs data into a computer	(3)
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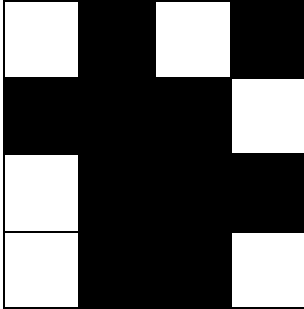
Question number	Answer	Mark
11a	hard Accept: mechanical  (disc) drive Do not accept 'disc' on its own	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
11b	vibrations	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
11c	<b>The only correct answer is A</b>  <i>B is not correct because solid-state drives do not spin</i> <i>C is not correct because solid-state drives are not more secure</i> <i>D is not correct because solid-state drives are not read only</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
12a	<b>The only correct answer is D</b>  <i>A is not correct because there are 1024 bytes in a kibibyte</i> <i>B is not correct because there are 1024 bytes in a kibibyte</i> <i>C is not correct because there are 1000 bytes in a kilobyte</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
12b	Award one mark for each correct nibble: 0110 0110	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
12c	<p>1 mark for any correct row 2 marks for all rows correct</p>  <p>Award marks for inverse or rotated image.</p>	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
13a	<p><b>The only correct answer is D</b></p> <p><i>A is not correct because check is not an algorithm</i>  <i>B is not correct because check is not a character</i>  <i>C is not correct because check is not an integer (and neither is the data type assigned to it)</i></p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
13b	<p>Award one mark for any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes/waits for user input</li> <li>• Assigns it to 'check'</li> </ul>	(2)

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14	<table border="1" data-bbox="352 1619 1195 1816"> <thead> <tr> <th>Code</th> <th>Output</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><code>print (w[1])</code></td> <td>o</td> </tr> <tr> <td><code>print (w[5:])</code></td> <td>icated</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Award 'licated' for second row.</p>	Code	Output	<code>print (w[1])</code>	o	<code>print (w[5:])</code>	icated	(2)
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Question number	Answer	Mark
15a	A description to include three linked points from:  Starting with the first/last item (1), a comparison is made <b>with the target item</b> (1) repeatedly (1) until they match / until the end of the list (1) when the algorithm ends / when the position of the target item is returned / when it returns found/not found (1)	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
15b	<b>The only correct answer is A</b>  <i>B is not correct because the fewest comparisons would be needed if the target value was in the first position</i> <i>C is not correct because the fewest comparisons would be needed if the target value was in the first position</i> <i>D is not correct because the fewest comparisons would be needed if the target value was in the first position</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
16	<p>1 correct connection = 1 mark 3 correct connections = 2 marks 4 correct connections = 3 marks</p> <p>Do not award answers with more than one line from any device.</p> <p>Award maximum 1 mark if all lines are correct, but direction not shown correctly.</p>	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
17a	Award one mark for any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unicode can represent more characters</li> <li>Russian/Cyrillic characters not represented by ASCII</li> </ul>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
17b	Award one mark for any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 128</li> <li>• <math>2^7</math></li> </ul>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
18	Award one mark for identification and one mark for the linked reason, up to a maximum of two marks.  <b>Identification:</b> More bits are used. <b>Linked reason:</b> Because more representations of the amplitude are needed.  Alternative response example: Increasing the sample rate means that more samples will be taken and more data will be generated because the amplitude of the sound at each sampling point is represented by a fixed number of bits.	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
19a	9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 (Accept if written horizontally)	(1)

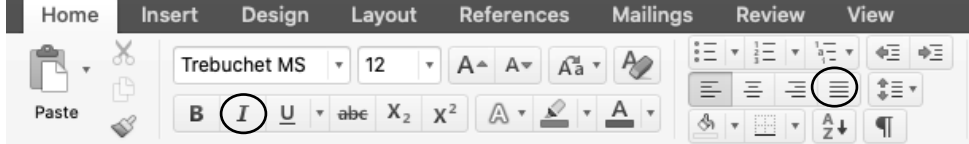
Question number	Answer	Mark
19b	number	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
20	<pre>num1 = input("Please enter a number") num1 = int(num1)</pre>	(4)

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if num1 > 0:
    print("Your number is positive")
elif num1 < 0:
    print("Your number is negative")
else:
    print("You entered 0")
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Award float for int.

## Section B

Question number	Answer	Mark
21a		(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
21b	<p>Award one mark for any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text box</li> <li>• Callout</li> <li>• Shape</li> <li>• Table</li> <li>• Header</li> <li>• Footer</li> <li>• Page</li> <li>• Chart</li> <li>• References</li> </ul> <p>Accept image</p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
22	Easier to visualise/identify ratios/relationships	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
23	pixel	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
24a	<p><b>The only correct answer is B</b></p> <p><i>A is not correct because some cloud software is free</i>  <i>C is not correct because cloud software is online</i>  <i>D is not correct because not all cloud software is WYSIWYG</i></p>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
24b	Award one mark for each up to a maximum of two marks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• animations</li> <li>• transitions</li> <li>• multimedia content / video</li> <li>• slide duration</li> </ul>	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
25a	<b>The only correct answer is B</b>  <i>A is not correct because a primary key is not a password</i> <i>C is not correct because a primary key is not always the first key</i> <i>D is not correct because a primary key is not a single criterion used in a query</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
25b	<b>The only correct answer is D</b>  <i>A is not correct because Date/Time would store the month as numeric data</i> <i>B is not correct because Logical can only store logical values</i> <i>C is not correct because Number could not store the name</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
25c	<b>The only correct answer is B</b>  <i>A is not correct because reports do not add data collection</i> <i>C is not correct because reports do not provide analysis tools</i> <i>D is not correct because reliability is not improved at this stage</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
26	Award one mark for any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spreadsheet</li> </ul> Accept Database	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
27a	Number	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
27b	C9 Allow '30'	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
27c	Award one mark for each bracket and one mark for the * operator. $= (E6+E7)*(C9+C10+1)$ Accept alternative expressions e.g. sum(E6:E7)	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
27d	Award one mark for use of sum and one mark for correct cell range =SUM(C11:C14)  Allow =SUM(C11+C12+C13+C14)	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
28	Award one mark for any one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution/quality is not reduced when enlarged/resized</li> <li>Smaller file sizes</li> <li>Transfers more quickly</li> <li>Uses less bandwidth</li> </ul>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
29	<b>The only correct answer is B</b>  <i>A is not correct because compression will not remove part of the image</i> <i>C is not correct because enhancing will not remove part of the image</i> <i>D is not correct because resizing will not remove part of the image</i>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
30a	body	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
30b	An explanation to include:  It helps navigation (1) because it provides links from one part of a document to another / allows users to jump between sections / all information does not have to be in one page (1) OR They enable users to jump to a specific location in a web page (1) so users do not have to read the whole page to find content (1)	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
31	Award one mark for any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read only</li> <li>View</li> </ul>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
32	Award one mark for any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So the <b>file</b> size is reduced / takes up less (storage) space</li> <li>• So they download/upload more quickly.</li> <li>• So less bandwidth is used when uploading them</li> </ul>	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
33	A description to include two linked points from:  Select both (1) and group them (1)	(2)

Question number	Answer	Mark
34	An explanation to include:  To provide consistency of documentation (1) because it helps brand/identify the company to the audience / because it supports accessibility (1)	(2)





