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		SECTION I	Marking guidelines
		Attempt ALL questions in this section	
1.		ne the part of the processor that temporarily stores a and program instructions.	Registers
			1 mark
2.		e one reason why computer systems use binary abers rather than decimal numbers.	 Simple two state system where ON is represented by a 1 and OFF is represented by a 0. Arithmetic calculations are simpler since there are fewer combinations of 1s and 0s. It is easier to represent two states physically on backing storage devices.
			1 mark (any one)
3.	Johi	n's computer is infected by a virus.	
	(a)	Describe one way in which a computer virus could be spread.	 Via floppy disks Homemade CDs 'Fun' websites E-mail (attachments) Sharing infected files
			1 mark (any one)
	(b)	State the law that is broken by deliberately spreading a computer virus.	The Computer Misuse Act 1 mark
4.	Stat	e the type of main memory that stores programs	ROM
4.		data permanently.	
			1 mark
5.	Describe one economic factor that has led to the widespread use of computer networks.		 Falling cost of telecommunication technologies and services Shared access to expensive equipment Geographical spread of organisations Demand for up-to-date information
			1 mark (any one)
6.		gital camera has a built-in computer system. ne this type of computer system.	Embedded computer system 1 mark

an <i>interface</i> . Explain why an interface is required.	 Analogue to digital (vice-versa) Buffering Compensates for differences in Speed Code Voltage Between the CPU and the peripheral 1 mark (any one)
A <i>macro</i> is used to carry out a function in an application program. Describe one method of creating a macro.	 Record user actions (as a series of mouse clicks/moves and assign actions to keystroke) Use a scripting language 1 mark (any one)
A program asks the user to enter an eight character password. Name the <i>standard algorithm</i> that a program would use to check the number of characters in a password.	Input validation 1 mark
A program asks the user to enter an address. State the type of variable used to store the name of a city.	String 1 mark
Program code must be <i>readable</i> . Describe one way of improving the readability of a program.	 Use of meaningful variable names Internal commentary Using indentation Use of blank lines (white space) Modular code 1 mark (any one)
State one use of a <i>text editor</i> at the implementation stage of the software development process.	 Enter program code Edit program code Formatting program code 1 mark (any one)
A program written in a <i>high level language</i> must be translated. Describe one benefit to the programmer of using an <i>interpreter</i> rather than a <i>compiler</i> to translate the program code.	Reports mistakes made in the program code as it is being developed.
New computer software must be documented. State the name of the document that explains the features available in the new software.	User guide 1 mark
	Explain why an interface is required. Explain why an interface is required. A macro is used to carry out a function in an application program. Describe one method of creating a macro. A program asks the user to enter an eight character password. Name the standard algorithm that a program would use to check the number of characters in a password. A program asks the user to enter an address. State the type of variable used to store the name of a city. Program code must be readable. Describe one way of improving the readability of a program. State one use of a text editor at the implementation stage of the software development process. A program written in a high level language must be translated. Describe one benefit to the programmer of using an interpreter rather than a compiler to translate the program code. New computer software must be documented. State the name of the document that explains the

		Attemp	SECTION I t ALL questions		Marking guidelines	
15.		specifiction	o buy a new lapto ns of two possible			
		Name	ne RACER CAM12			
	F A	Processor2.6 GHz2.3 GHzRAM3 Gb RAM2 Gb RAMMagnetic500 Gb750 GbDriveHard DriveHard Drive				
	(a)		ER has a 2.6 GHz hat is meant by 2.		The clock speed of the processor (ticks/pulses 2.6 billion times per sec). 1 mark	
	(b)	RAM.		ptop as it has more having more RAM.	 More RAM means more data can be stored as Kirsten is working on the laptop. Kirsten can use memory intensive programs (eg video editing) or data (eg high colour bit depth graphics) etc. 	
	(c)	State one	old laptop has a fl reason why mod py disk drives.	<i>oppy disk drive</i> . ern computers do not	 1 mark (any one) Low storage capacity Slower data transfer times Comparison to other drives, eg flash drives, etc, store more data 1 mark (any one) CD-RW DVD-RW DVD-RAM 1 mark 	
	(d)	State a su	uys an <i>optical driv</i> u uitable optical disk drive to save and o	that she could use		
	(e)	She decio inkjet prin	des to buy a laser nter.	ach to her new laptop. <i>printer</i> rather than an has chosen the laser	 Fast printing speeds Dry print outs Larger capacity paper trays Cheaper running costs 1 mark (any one) 	
	(f)	The laptop uses a <i>character set</i> . Explain what is meant by a character set.			The list of characters a laptop/device recognises (list of characters on own not enough for mark).	
					1 mark	

	(g)		aptop is installed with an <i>operating system</i> . e one function of an operating system.	 File management Memory management Error reporting Controlling peripherals HCI (GUI) 1 mark (any one)
	(h)	to he	en uses her laptop to create a letter to send er insurance company. She saves the letter g a standard file format.	
		(i)	State the standard file format that keeps the formatting of the letter.	Rich Text Format (RTF) 1 mark
		(ii)	The finished letter requires 32 Kb of storage. Convert this file size into bytes .	32 x 1024 = 32 768 1 mark
		(iii)	A laptop is a type of portable computer system. Name one other type of portable computer.	 Palmtop PDA Smartphone Tablet 1 mark (any one)
16.	<i>com</i> from	n <i>puter</i> n 50 di	tional language school uses a <i>mainframe</i> system to process candidates' exam results fferent countries. A program is being analyse these results.	(10)
	(a)		e two reasons why the language school uses inframe computer system to run the ram.	 Mainframes can store large quantities of data Mainframes have high speed data processing Mainframes can multitask Multi-Access 1 mark each (any two)
	(b)	use t	e the standard algorithm the program should to find the country that has the lowest per of candidates sitting exams.	Finding the minimum 1 mark
	(c)	coun	number of candidates for each of the 50 tries needs to be stored. the data structure required.	(One dimensional) array 1 mark

(d)	total Part 1. 2. 3. 4.	add country total to overall total end loop	 Loop 50 times For 50 countries do
	Com	plete step 2 of the design.	1 mark (any one)
(e)	exam date D E Part	2 if then 3 display error message	
	(i)	Complete step 2.2 of the design above.	 month<1 OR month>12 month<=0 OR month>=13 2 marks (1 mark for correct month condition, 1 mark for operator)
	(ii)	This part of the design needs to be repeated until correct. State the type of loop required.	Conditional (do not accept programming syntax such as Repeat, While etc) 1 mark

	(f)		following test data is used to check the th of the candidate's date of birth:	
			Normal 06	
			Extreme	
			Exceptional 13	
		(i)	What could be the missing input for extreme data?	1, 01, 12
				1 mark (any one)
		(::)	Evaluin the importance of therewally	To ensure the software contains as
		(ii)	Explain the importance of thoroughly testing a program.	To ensure the software contains no errors when distributed.Fit for purpose.
				1 mark
			·	10
17.		decio a pro	e owns a company called Classic Cars. He des to employ a software developer to create ogram to help him process data. The wing design has been created:	
			Lustomer Data Lut and store tomer data Calculate customer bills Customer bills	
	(a)	State	e the graphical design notation used above.	Structure diagram/Chart
				1 mark
	(b)	State	the stage of the software development	Implementation
			ess that involves creating the program code.	
				1 mark
	(c)		software developer decides to use a <i>high</i>	 HLLs are written in English like terms Easier to understand
		State	two reasons why a high level language is rather than <i>machine code</i> :	 Easier to understand Easier to edit Easier to find errors HLLs are problem orientated (not machine) HLLs are portable
				1 mark each (any two)

(d)	The software developer uses <i>pre-defined</i> <i>functions</i> within the program. Explain one benefit to the software developer of using pre-defined functions.	 Saves time to write the code for the function Can be used many times in different programs Saves time during testing as pre-tested Saves design time as already designed 1 mark (any one)
(e)	The software developer creates <i>readable</i> program code. State one reason why readable code helps future maintenance.	 Program will be easier to understand Program will be easier to change later Original programmer may not be available when changing the code 1 mark (any one linking to "maintenance")
(f)	The program is now complete and fully tested. State one reason why it is important to produce a <i>technical guide</i> .	 User needs to know how to install program properly or it won't run User may encounter problems and won't know how to fix them User's computer may not be compatible with program and hence can't be installed 1 mark (any one)
		10

(i) When a user clicks on the graphic of the car, another page on Dave's website is shown. Name this navigation feature. • Hyperlink Name this navigation feature. • Hotspot 1 mark (any one) (ii) Dave adds a video clip to the website. State why high bandwidth is recommended for viewing this video clip. • Video files tend to be large and streaming or downloading video data requires a high bit rate. No buffering • Run more smoothly (not jerky) • No buffering 1 mark • Available 24/7 for sending and receiving mail • He can set up mailing lists • He can set up mailing lists • He can set up mailing lists • Faster communication method compared to snail mail etc • He can set up mailing lists • Faster communication method compared to snail mail etc	(g)		e decides to advertise his company using a site:	
State why high bandwidth is recommended for viewing this video clip. streaming or downloading video data requires a high bit rate. Run more smoothly (not jerky) No buffering Imark Imark (iii) Apart from cost, state one advantage to Dave of using <i>e-mail</i> to communicate with customers. Available 24/7 for sending and receiving mail He can set up mailing lists He can set up mailing lists He can set up mailing lists Faster communication method compared to snail mail etc Imark (any one) Imark (any one)		(i)	another page on Dave's website is shown.	Hotspot
Dave of using <i>e-mail</i> to communicate with customers. He can set up mailing lists He can send attachments Faster communication method compared to snail mail etc 1 mark (any one)		(ii)	State why high <i>bandwidth</i> is recommended	streaming or downloading video data requires a high bit rate.Run more smoothly (not jerky)No buffering
		(iii)	Dave of using <i>e-mail</i> to communicate with	 receiving mail He can set up mailing lists He can send attachments Faster communication method compared to snail mail etc
				(30)

[END OF SECTION II]

		Atte	SECTION III Part A – Artificial Intelligence empt ALL questions in this section.	Marking guidelines
18.			Diva is an intelligent robot that has been led to clean floors.	
	(a)	that bum Nam	esticDiva has been fitted with sensors so it can move about the house without ping into the furniture. le two sensors that would help the robot ct the furniture.	 Touch/proximity/pressure Infrared Magnetic Light Sonar Vision (camera) 2 marks (any two)
	(b)		esticDiva responds to spoken commands as START, STOP and CLEAN.	
		(i)	State the area of artifical intelligence that is being used by the robot to understand spoken commands.	 Speech recognition Language/voice recognition 1 mark
		(ii)	State two factors that may make communication with the robot difficult.	 Background noise Sore throat/cold Slang words Regional/foreign accents Speaking quickly 2 marks (any two)
	(c)	unde phot State	esticDiva uses artificial intelligence to erstand the layout of the house from ographs. e the area of artificial intelligence that is g used for this task.	 Computer Vision Vision systems 1 mark
	(d)	faste	e one development in hardware, other than er processors, that has made progress in the of artificial intelligence research possible.	 More memory (RAM) Increased backing storage capacity 1 mark (any one)
				(7)

19.	<text></text>		Ver Favorier Iori Help Ver Favorier Iori Help Stop Perfert Home Stop Perfert Home Seach Favorier Help ONNS' DEN Agota nidea? We've got the cash! Expert Business Advice Inth have a business plan? Seach Seach Inth money do you want? Seach Seach <th></th>	
	(a)	(a) An <i>expert system</i> can be accessed from the website.		
		(i)	Explain what is meant by an "expert system".	A computer program that mimics the advice of a human expert.
		(ii)	State two advantages of using the expert system rather than consulting a human expert.	 Expertise always available Reduced wage bill Combines expertise of several experts Less chance of errors 2 marks (any two)
	(b)	used simu Nam	tural language program called 'Leona' is I to answer simple questions. Leona lates conversation with a human. e this type of natural language processing cation.	Chatterbot 1 mark
	(c) A user downloads an application form to a palmtop computer system. State one input device that could be used to complete the application form.		top computer system. e one input device that could be used to	 Touchscreen Microphone Keyboard 1 mark (any one)

(d)	artifi	ness users can apply online for loans. An <i>cial neural system</i> is used to assess the risk ving loans.	
	(i)	Explain what is meant by an artificial neural system.	Electronic model of the human brain (consisting of many interconnected processors). 1 mark
	(ii)	Describe one disadvantage of using an artificial neural system for this task.	 Setting up of an artificial neural system is very time-consuming and requires a lot of technical expertise. An artificial neural system cannot explain the reasoning behind how it made its prediction or decision. 1 mark (any one)
			(7)

20.	of s facts	pecial s and i	Theatre in Newtown is organis events. It uses a knowledge barules about events and tickets. base is shown below:	ase to store	
	2 3	showir showir	ng_on(opera,saturday). ng_on(dance,saturday). ng_on(storytelling,sunday). dance,3).	(Opera is showing on Saturday) (Dance costs £3)	
	6 7	costs(suitabl	opera7). storytelling4). le_for(dance,adults). le_for(opera,adults).	(Dance is suitable for adults)	
	9 10	suitabl family ₋ (X,chil	le_for(storytelling,children). _show(X) if suitable_for	(X is a family show if X is suitable for children) (Get a free ticket for X if X costs Y and Y is greater than £5)	
	(a)	(i)	State the result of the followin ?showing_on(dance,sund	• • •	 No False 1 mark (accept one)
		(ii)	State the result of the followir ?family_show(X).	ng query:	 X=storytelling storytelling 1 mark (accept one)
	(b)	the s	g the numbering system to help system will evaluate the query: ?get_free_ticket(X).	o you, <i>trace</i> how	as far as the first solution. Match at line 11 Subgoal 1 costs(X,Y) Match at line 4 X = dance, Y = 3 1 mark Subgoal 2 costs(3>5) Subgoal fails 1 mark Backtrack to subgoal costs(X,Y) Match at line 5 X = opera, Y = 7 1 mark Subgoal 2 costs(7>5) Subgoal succeeds X=opera 1 mark
					4 marks

(c)	creat	way of representing information before ting a knowledge base is by using a antic net.		
	(i)	Draw a semantic net to represent the facts: likes(jess,comedy) likes(jess,dance) features(dance,ballet)	 1 mark for each fact correct 3 marks all correct Lose 1 mark if there is an error with arrows Lose 1 mark if there is an error with predicates. 	
			3 marks	
	(ii)	Name the stage of the software development process at which a semantic net will be drawn.	Design 1 mark	
(d)	throu	following search tree illustrates a search igh a knowledge base. strawberry apple mango kiwi ange plum plum pear		
	are v strav State	solution to the problem is pear. The nodes visited in the following order: vberry/apple/mango/kiwi/orange/plum/pear e the type of search that has been used	Breadth-first search	
	here		1 mark	
			(11)	

		Atte	SECTION III Part B – Computer Networking empt ALL questions in this section.	Marking guidelines		
21.	finar By u	ncial s Ising t	bank uses the Internet to advertise, sell ervices and communicate with customers. he Internet the bank has saved money on id other costs.			
	(a)	the b	t from costs, state two other advantages to bank of using the Internet for these oses.	 Services can be available 24/7 Has a worldwide customer base so potential for new customers Faster communication with customers Information can be updated quickly 2 marks (any two, not "customer benefits") 		
	(b)	prog balar State	c customers can download an application ram from the bank's website to view nces on their mobile phone. The Internet service that is used to pload the application program.	File Transfer Protocol (ftp) 1 mark		
	(c)		le phones use WAP technology and obrowsers.	jy and		
		(i)	What is a microbrowser?	A browser that is used on small screens of mobile devices.		
		(ii)	State one reason why mobile phones use microbrowsers.	 They have small file sizes which match the small memory sizes of mobile phones. Web-pages can be displayed on smaller screens. 1 mark 		
	(d)	custo Nam	bank upgrades the website to allow omers to transfer money between accounts. e the stage of the software development ess being carried out.	Maintenance 1 mark		
	(e)	(e) The bank's website has a help page. Customers use the following URL to access this help page: <u>http://www.bstbank.co.uk/help</u>				
		(i)	Name the <i>protocol</i> used by this URL.	Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) 1 mark		

(ii)	Describe how the <i>Domain Name Service</i> (<i>DNS</i>) would find this URL on the Internet.	The appropriate server is found (1 mark) and translates the domain name into an IP address (1 mark) 2 marks
(iii)	State one limitation of using <i>domain</i> names across the Internet.	Running out of domain names.
		1 mark
		(10)

22.		McTavish family connects their three computer	
	syst	ems and a printer wirelessly within their home.	
	(a)	Name this type of network.	Wireless LAN
			1 mark
	(b)	State one additional hardware requirement for setting up this network.	 Wireless Network Interface Card (WNIC) Receiver Transmitter Wireless router 1 mark (any one)
	(c)	State one advantage of using a wireless connection compared to a cabled connection.	 allows portable devices to be used and hence connection can be accessed around the family home less cabling is required therefore less likely to trip over cables 1 mark (any one)
	(d)	They now decide to connect their three computers to the Internet. State one reason why they need an ISP.	 allows connection to the Internet provides e-mail addresses for the family provides appropriate hardware and software 1 mark (any one)
	(e)	The family access the Internet to stream video. State the type of Internet connection required for this task.	Broadband 1 mark
	(f)	Describe one <i>software security</i> feature the parents could use to prevent the children accessing inappropriate content on the Internet.	Set up a firewall (filtering software) to filter inappropriate websites and/or keywords. 1 mark (must be description not responses like "use parental
	(g)	Explain what the parents should do to avoid accidentally downloading computer <i>viruses</i> from the Internet.	 Use anti-virus software Don't open unknown e-mails or attachments Don't respond to unknown pop-ups
			1 mark (any one)
			(7)

23.			nsmission company installs and sells onnections.	
	demand for the company to supply and install <i>dial up modems</i> .		and for the company to supply and install	 Download and upload speeds are too slow One phone line cannot be used for both Internet and phone use Low Bandwidth 1 mark each (any two)
	(b)		police are interested in purchasing a fast, re and dedicated connection to the Internet.	
		(i)	State the type of connection the company should recommend to the police.	Leased line 1 mark
		(ii)	State two types of network threats that could lead to failure of the police computer network.	 Threats to hardware – (routers, hubs, switches, cables fail etc) Threats to software – (firewalls fail, communication software crashes, network management tools unavailable etc) Denial of service attacks Physical disasters (fire, flood etc) Viruses Hackers
	(c)	The company also sells <i>encryption</i> software. Explain what happens when data is encrypted.		 1 mark each (any two) Data is changed into a code 1 mark
	(d)	The company is investing in televisions that allow multi-user gaming across the Internet.		
		(i)	State one other task this type of television could perform to suggest it is an appliance that uses <i>converging technologies</i> .	 Rent on-line movies or sporting events'channels Buy goods Surf the Internet 1 mark (any one)
		(ii)	State one other example of an appliance that uses converging technologies in the home.	 Smart fridges CCTV or alarm systems Remote heating Remote water sprinklers for the garden Internet access on TV
				1 mark (any one) (8)

			SECTION III Part C – Multimedia Technology empt ALL questions in this section.	Marking guidelines	
24.		ertise r	eating a website for a local cycling shop to nountain bikes for sale and cycling skills		
	(a)	with Nam	I discusses the requirements of the website the manager of the cycling shop. e the stage of the software development ess that Nihal is carrying out.	Analysis 1 mark	
	(b)		l takes photographs for the website using igital camera.		
		(i)	The digital camera makes use of a CCD. Describe the function of a CCD in a digital camera.	The CCD (charged coupled device) uses sensors to capture light coming in through a lens and then converts it. 1 mark	
		(ii)	Each photograph has a file size of 2.4 Mb. The digital camera memory card has a capacity of 2 Gb. Calculate how many images can be stored on the memory card. Show all working .	 2 gigabytes = 2048 megabytes (1 mark) 2048/2.4 = 853 photographs (1 mark) 2 marks 	
		(iii)	Nihal edits Photograph A to produce Photograph B as shown below. State which feature of the image editing software Nihal has used.		
			Photograph A Photograph B Image: Constraint of the second seco	 Alter brighness Alter contrast 	
				1 mark (any one)	
		(iv)	Nihal's photographs are saved as JPEG files. JPEG files use <i>lossy compression</i> . Explain what is meant by lossy compression.	 Pixels are removed from the picture Cuts out parts of the graphic that won't be noticed by the human eye. 1 mark (any one) 	

(c)		I is advised to use a WYSIWYG editor to te the website.	
	(i)	Describe how a WYSIWYG editor would be used to create his website.	Description of using a toolbar or dragging and dropping pictures and text frames to create webpages.
			1 mark
	(ii)	Name one other method that could be used to create the website.	HTML codeText editor
			1 mark (any one)
(d)	the v	I records a video on bike maintenance for vebsite. He saves the video file and then ads it to the website for viewing.	
	(i)	State the most appropriate item of hardware that is used to capture video.	Digital video cameraDigital Camera
			1 mark
	(ii)	State one file type that could be used to store the video.	AVIMPEGWMV
			1 mark (any one)
	(iii)	The video is very jerky when it is played. Explain how Nihal could alter the settings in the video recording software to ensure	Increase the frame rate
		that the video is not jerky.	1 mark
			(11)

25.		nes4U rious f		multimedia DVD to advertise its	
	(a)	recor	ded u	round music for the DVD was sing a microphone. The recording llows the settings to be altered.	
		Select Settings: A O 44kHz O 96kHz I B O B O I I O I <td< th=""><th>44kHz 96kHz 0 16 bits</th><th></th></td<>		44kHz 96kHz 0 16 bits	
		(i)	State	e the name of the setting for A.	Sampling frequency/rate
		(ii)	State	e the name of the setting for B.	Sampling resolution/depth 1 mark
		(iii)	soun	e which standard file format for digitised Id would give the best quality sound the smallest file size.	
		(iv)	micro	ead of recording sound with a ophone, the sound could have been nesised.	
			(A)	Describe one way of creating sound in this way.	 Playing music on a MIDI keyboard Using a MIDI software program to create the music 1 mark (any one)
			(B)	State the file format that would be used to store the information from the synthesised music.	MIDI 1 mark

(b)	The DVD includes a virtual reality guide to the luxurious flats.		
	(i)	Explain the benefit of using virtual reality rather than a slideshow of images to advertise the flats.	User can journey through the flat and interact with a computer generated three- dimensional multimedia world. (1 mark)
	(ii)	State one specialised input device that could be used with this virtual reality application.	 Data gloves Data suits Virtual reality headset 1 mark (any one)
(c)	State	imedia files can be run as executable files. e one other way that you can run multimedia on a computer system.	 Browser File player Viewer 1 mark (any one)
			(8)

26.		ector graphics package was used to create a pany logo for a local optician. BrightEyes	
	(a)	Name two attributes of the circle objects used in the logo.	 Centre Radius Line colour Line thickness Fill colour Layer 2 marks (any two)
	(b)	Name one file type used to store graphics in vector format.	 SVG VRML/WRL 1 mark (any one)
	(c)	Describe two advantages of a vector graphic over a bit mapped graphic.	 Redrawn to any scale without loss of quality – resolution independence Each object is editable Objects can be grouped Objects can be overlapped without destroying the object underneath Smaller file size than bitmapped graphics which store every pixel 2 marks (any two)
	(d)	The logo is displayed on a large monitor in the optician's window. State the item of hardware that is required to display graphics on the monitor.	 Graphics Card Graphics Adaptor Card Video Card 1 mark (any one)
			(6)

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