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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

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Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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1(a)(i)	<p>1 mark for each description</p> <p>Pixel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single square of one colour • The smallest addressable element in an image <p>File header:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data about the bitmap image (e.g. number of colours) 	2
1(a)(ii)	<p>1 mark per bullet point for working, 1 mark for answer</p> <p>Working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $1024 \times 512 = 524\,288$ pixels/bytes • $524288 / 1024 / 1024$ <p>Answer:</p> <p>0.50 mebibytes</p>	3
1(b)	<p>1 mark for naming method, 1 mark per description to max 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run-length encoding • Replace sequences of the same colour pixel • ... with colour code and number of identical pixels 	3
1(c)(i)	252	1
1(c)(ii)	<p>1 mark per bullet point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Converting 15 to binary 0000 1111 • Method for addition • Final answer <pre> 0010 0011 + 0000 1111 ----- 0011 0010 1 111 </pre>	3
1(c)(iii)	<p>1 mark per bullet point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Converting -10 to two's complement binary 1111 0110 • Adding values • Final answer 0001 1001 <pre> 10 = 0000 1010 -10 = 1111 0110 0010 0011 + 1111 0110 ----- 0001 1001 11 11 </pre>	3

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1(d)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The formal and legal rights to ownership // intellectual property rights • Protects against unauthorised reproduction of work • Provides for legal right of redress 	2

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2(b)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • memory management • file management • security management • hardware / device / peripheral / resources management • input/output management • process management • error checking and recovery • provision of a platform for software • provision of a user interface 	4														

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3(c)(ii)	<p>1 mark for correct answer</p> <p>The number is divided by 8 (and only whole number retained)</p>	1								

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4(a)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All computers are of equal status Each computer provides access to resources and data // data is distributed Computers can communicate and share resources Each computer is responsible for its own security 	2
4(b)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 2 per drawback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced security // no central management of security ... only as secure as the weakest computer on the network ... each computer is at risk from viruses from other computers No central management of backup ... if the data from one computer is not backed up it is lost to all of them No central management of files/software ... consistency may be difficult to maintain ... each computer may have different software from the others Individual computers may respond slower ... because they are being accessed by other computers In order to share files etc. all the computers involved need to be switched on ... so the files etc. may not be always available 	4

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4(c)(i)	<p>1 mark for first 2 ticks, 1 mark for last 2 (shaded)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="308 315 1326 775"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="308 315 890 416">Task</th> <th data-bbox="890 315 1090 416">Performed by router</th> <th data-bbox="1090 315 1326 416">Not performed by router</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 416 890 479">Receives packets from devices</td> <td data-bbox="890 416 1090 479" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1090 416 1326 479"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 479 890 580">Finds the IP address of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL)</td> <td data-bbox="890 479 1090 580"></td> <td data-bbox="1090 479 1326 580" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 580 890 680">Directs each packet to all devices attached to it</td> <td data-bbox="890 580 1090 680"></td> <td data-bbox="1090 580 1326 680" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 680 890 775">Stores the IP and/or MAC address of all devices attached to it</td> <td data-bbox="890 680 1090 775" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1090 680 1326 775"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Task	Performed by router	Not performed by router	Receives packets from devices	✓		Finds the IP address of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL)		✓	Directs each packet to all devices attached to it		✓	Stores the IP and/or MAC address of all devices attached to it	✓		2
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4(c)(ii)	<p>1 mark per bullet point for justification up to max 3</p> <p>No mark for identification of wired/wireless</p> <p>Wired</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faster connection // higher bandwidth • needed as she is downloading/streaming large files • ... less time waiting / less latency / fewer delays • More reliable / stable connection • ... is less susceptible to issues with distance/walls/interference • More secure <p>Wireless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom of movement • ... can move between different rooms with a mobile device and still receive/transmit data • ... no need of a physical connection • Easily expanded if friends want to access the same network • Less cabling / expertise is needed • ... making the initial setup less expensive 	3															
4(d)	<p>1 mark for identifying that she is using both. 1 mark per bullet point for justification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using internet because sending data on the infrastructure • using WWW because accessing a website (that is stored on a web server operated by the webmail) that is part of the WWW 	3															

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5(a)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition: Microprocessor/microcontroller within a larger system // microprocessor/microcontroller that performs one specific task • Example: e.g. Embedded system in washing machine only controls the programs for the washing cycle // it is part of the washing machine but does not perform any other function within it 	2
5(b)	<p>1 mark for RAM, 1 mark for ROM</p> <p>RAM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store the choices/wash program the user has entered // stores the data read from the sensors // stores the time left in the program // by example <p>ROM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store the start-up instructions (for the washing cycles) 	2
5(c)	<p>1 mark per bullet point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system uses feedback • The system causes the temperature to change // produces an action 	2

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6(a)	Range (check)	1
6(b)	Presence (check)	1
6(c)	Existence (check)	1

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7(a)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat-file has more data redundancy • ... because the same data is stored many times // data is stored in different tables which are linked • There is program-data dependence with flat-files • ... because any changes to the structure of the data means the programs that access that data have to be re-written • Flat-file has more data inconsistency // worse data integrity • ... because duplicated data might be stored differently //...because when data is updated in one place, it is not updated everywhere • It is not easy to perform complex searches /queries • ... because a new program has to be written each time • Flat files could have a lack of privacy • ... as user views cannot easily be implemented 	3								
7(b)(i)	<p>1 mark for each correct example</p> <p>one-to-one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. customer to payment details // customer to login details <p>one-to-many</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. customer to order <p>many-to-many</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. order to product // customer to product 	3								
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7(b)(iii)	<p>1 mark</p> <p>CREATE DATABASE SHOPORDERS ;</p>	1								
7(c)	<p>1 mark per item to max 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • table name • field name // attribute • data type • type of validation • Primary Key • Foreign Key • relationships 	3								

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