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0420 COMPUTER STUDIES

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1   Generally, one mark for each valid point. Two examples gain two marks.

   (a) *smart card*
   integrated chip card
   data held in tiny silicon chip
   replaces the need for magnetic stripes
   harder for criminals to copy/change data
   used by banks, mobile phones, satellite TV receivers   **[2]**

   (b) *relational database*
   contents of files are linked/data held in a number of interrelated files or relations
   linked by common fields
   uses tables   **[2]**

   (c) *read-only memory (ROM)*
   non volatile memory
   used to store systems software
   read from but not written to
   cannot change   **[2]**

   (d) *de-skilling*
   skilled/semi skilled labour
   replaced by microprocessor-controlled systems
   e.g. manufacturing   **[2]**

   (e) *top down design*
   breaking down the problem/task/program
   into sub problems/smaller tasks/modules
   stepwise refinement   **[2]**

2   Any **two** features

   download screen savers
   receive text messages
   internet
   caller display
   PIN code
   range 59 m indoors, 300 m outdoors
   clear signal   **[2]**

3   **(a)** **One** effect from

       fraud/transferring money
       viewing sensitive confidential data
       changing data
       sell data
       virus/logic bomb
       blackmail   **[1]**

   (b) **Two** ways from

       passwords/codes
       encryption
       monitoring attempts to access the system/logging use
       lock keyboard/computer/doors
       firewalls
       smart card
       fingerprints/biometrics
       restrict access
       set up false web sites   **[2]**

4   Any **three** file management tasks from e.g.

    load/save
    sort
    merge
    de-fragment
    delete
    calculate file size/space left
    automatic backup
    directories   [3]

5   (a) Any **two** ways from e.g.

    on-line teaching/testing
    multimedia presentation
    interactive board
    use internet – access web sites e.g. see expert systems demo
    video conferencing   [2]

    (b) Any **two** ways from e.g.

    e-mail/file attachments
    send document as a FAX using computer
    put on bulletin board
    put on school web site
    use ISP messaging facility
    use ISP texting facility   [2]

6   (a) Any **two** advantages from e.g.

    H L similar to English
    H L easy to understand
    Easy to correct errors/test
    problem orientated
    portable   [2]

    (b) Award **one** mark for example and **one** mark for reason

    example e.g.   operating system
                        game

    reason   fast
                        1 → 1 with machine code
                        no need to compile/uses assembler   [2]

7   (a) B7:B12, E3

    (b) Select B7:E13,
         Format, Cell, Currency

    (c) **=**SUM(B7:B12) or (B7+B8+B9+B10+B11+B12)   **[1]**

    (d) =B7/2 or B7* 0.5   **[1]**

    (e) C10:E10   **one** mark
         B13:E13   **one** mark   **[2]**

    (f) B6:E6   **one** mark
         B13:E13   **one** mark   **[2]**

8   (a) **One** from

         probe/sensor
         AD converter   **[1]**

    (b) **Two** from

         data stored in computer database
         compared with set parameters
         compared with previously stored readings   **[2]**

    (c) **Two** from

         graph
         database table   **[2]**

    (d) alarm   **[1]**

    (e) **Two** from

         readings are taken automatically
         accurate measurements are made
         no human error
         readings are taken at exactly the right time   **[2]**

9   (a) 1   **[1]**

    (b) $\xleftarrow{\text{10, 5,}}$ $\xleftarrow{\text{16, 8, 4, 2, 1}}$
         one mark   **one** mark   **[2]**

10 (a) **Two** from

less staff/employment costs/queues in the bank
can close branches/less costs for maintaining branches
less paper/electronic transactions   [2]

(b) **Two** from

need to have/be able to use devices capable of accessing the internet
security risks
cannot have the personal service offered by the conventional bank
cannot get cash   [2]

(c) **Three** from

the data must be up-to-date
the data can only be used for the purpose for which it was collected
data must be accurate
data must be destroyed when no longer needed
data user must register what data is stored and the use
data must be used fairly and lawfully
data must be protected from accidental damage
only authorised people can have access to that data
hackers are prosecuted
fines are imposed data is misused   [3]

11 (a) Any **two** from

interviewing/asking questions
questionnaires
observing
inspecting files/paper/screens   [2]

(b) Any **two** from

cost/benefit analysis
any conflict between requirement and law
development time
does technology exist/is it practical
description of business plus problems
part of business being looked at e.g. processing of orders
objectives of the proposed system
alternative solutions and why others were rejected
do the staff have the expertise to cope with the new system/enough money to go ahead/technology available
plan for implementation
course of action/how to proceed   [2]

(c) Any **three** from

decide on   software
                        hardware

design   input formats
                        output formats
                        file structures/tables
                        test plan
                        flow charts/algorithms
                        processing   **[3]**

(d) Any **one** from

direct changeover
parallel conversion
phased conversion
pilot conversion   **[1]**

12 (a) <u>Data type</u>
Date is DATE, others are text/alphanumeric/string   **one** mark

<u>Field length</u>
Date of birth = 8   **one** mark

Others = 30
E-mail = 40   **one** mark

<u>Validation</u>
Date is DATE, Picture/Format Check, Length Check, Range Check
Others are Type Check
<u>Or</u> all are Presence Check   **one** mark   **[4]**

(b) Award **one** mark each

appropriate heading
all 6 fields present
clearly not a hand written form
sufficient spaces for data
icon/hyperlink/hot spot on screen   **[5]**

(c) Award **one** mark

two people can have same name   **[1]**

(d) **One** mark

e.g. change of address/phone number/e-mail address/marry   **[1]**

(e) random/direct access   **[1]**

13 **(a)** Any **three** from

'faults' input
knowledge base searched
using inference engine/rules
solution(s) suggested
knowledge base contains knowledge of experts **[3]**

(b) Award **one** mark each

medical diagnosis
geological surveys - oil and mineral deposits
construction industry - quantity surveyor costings
mineral prospecting
social services - calculate benefit
financial services - predict stock market movement/recommend investments
speech recognition
chess
forensic science **[2]**

14 **(a)** Award **one** mark each

large volume of data
off-line preparation
no immediate urgency for batch of data to be processed
instant processing/immediate results not required
computer used for other jobs **[2]**

(b) Award **one** mark each

    _____   validate   errors
      validated transaction file

                                 _____

      sorted transaction file

                                     update
                                                                              [6]
      master file   _____

(c) Award **one** mark per point

use of grandfather/father/son (or backup)
re-run old master file with transaction file
follow disaster recovery plan **[2]**

15 **(a)** Any **four** from

    3D views
    rotation
    modifying stored drawings
    automatic calculations
    cross sections
    surface area
    volume
    simulation   **[4]**

  (b) Any **one** from

    flexible manufacturing
    product changes can be made quickly
    product changes can be made inexpensively
    manufacturer can respond quickly to current demands
    can make modifications to products without the delay of change in setup   **[1]**

16 **(a)** 20   **[1]**

  (b) Award **one** mark for each correct step in the algorithm

Initialise	**one** mark	
Loop (30)	**one** mark	
Input ID, weight, height	**one** mark	
IF………THEN………ELSE	**three** marks	
(or CASE OF……….OTHERWISE)		
Calculate BMI	**one** mark	
Output ID, BMI and comment	**one** mark	**[6]**