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MARK SCHEME
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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

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.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

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 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

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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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	1 mark for each correct line (to a maximum of 3) File format File type	3
	.jpeg Text file	
	.mp3 Image file	
	.mp4 Audio file	
	.txt Video file	
1(b)	2 marks for working, 1 mark for correct answer • 150*100 = 15 000 • 15 000/1024 • 14.65kB	3
1(c)	 Three from: a compression algorithm is used no data is lost in the process repeated words/patterns can be indexed // repeated sections of words/patterns can be indexed // given by example The indexed words/patterns can be replaced with numerical values // given by example 	3

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Question	Answer			
1(d)	1 mark for each correct tick (✓)			
		File format	Lossy (✓)	Lossless (✓)
		.jpeg	✓	
		.mp3	✓	
		.mp4	✓	
		.zip		√

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Question		Answer	Marks
2(a)	1 mark for each correct line (to a maximum o	f 5)	5
	Binary or hexadecimal	Denary	
	01001011	75	
	4E	78	
	11011010	157	
	10011101	167	
	A7	25	
	19	218	
2(b)	Two from: It makes the values easier to read/w It is a shorter way to represent the values		2

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Question					Answer		Marks
3(a)	 4 marks for 8 c 3 marks for 6 c 2 marks for 4 c 1 mark for 2 or 	or 7 cc or 5 cc	orrect o	outputs outputs			4
		Α	В	С	Working space	Х	
		0	0	0		1	
		0	0	1		1	
		0	1	0		1	
		0	1	1		1	
		1	0	0		0	
		1	0	1		1	
		1	1	0		1	
		1	1	1		1	
3(b)	Three from:	is 0 if 3 1 if e 3 0 if b	either either i oth in	or both inpu nput is 1 puts are 0	ts are 0		3
	correct examplecorrect example						

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	Four from: Phishing: A legitimate looking email is sent to a user The email will encourage the user to click a link/open an attachment The link will redirect a user to a legitimate looking webpage (to steal personal data) Pharming: A malicious code is installed on a user's hard drive/server The code will cause a redirection to a legitimate looking webpage (to steal personal data)	4
4(b)	Two from: Hacking Cracking Virus Denial of service Malware Spyware	2
4(c)	Two from: Firewall Proxy server Anti-virus Anti-malware Anti-spyware Username and password	2

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Question		Answer			Marks
5(a)	1 mark for the correct tick for each storage				
	Storage device or media	Primary (✓)	Secondary (√)	Off-line (✓)	
	External HDD			✓	
	RAM	✓			
	Internal SSD		✓		
	ROM	✓			
	DVD			✓	
5(b)	Four from:	S	and lands		
5(c)(i)	Solid state				
5(c)(ii)	Two from: It has no moving parts so will be durable It is small/compact so it can be easily fit onto It is light so it will not be difficult to lift for the o It can hold the large amount of data needed for	drone or the video/film foota	age		

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Question	Answer					
6(a)	1 mark for the correct ticks (✓) for each statement			4		
	Statement	3D printer (✓)	3D cutter (✓)			
	Outputs a physical 3D product	✓	✓			
	Uses a high powered laser to create the output		✓			
	Creates 3D prototypes	✓	✓			
	Uses layers of material to create the output	✓				
6(b)	Computer Aided Design/CAD			1		
6(c)	 Three from: Uses a large number of tiny mirrors Mirrors are laid out in a grid/matrix Each mirror creates a pixel in the image Mirrors can tilt toward or away from light source The mirrors reflect light toward a (projection) lens Colour is produced using a colour wheel // Light passes through colour be used to display an image on a wall/screen 	lour wheel // filters	light into red/green/blue	3		

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	mark for each correct answer: uses several/multiple wires transmits multiple bits at a time	2
7(b)	Benefit 1 mark for: • quicker/faster data transfer Drawback One from: • More chance of data being skewed due to bits being sent simultaneously/out of order // less safe transmission as bits are sent simultaneously/out of order • More expensive as requires more/several/multiple wires • More chance of interference as more/several/multiple wires are used (than can create crosstalk)	2
7(c)	One from: Used in integrated circuits Used in RAM Used in connections to peripheral devices (e.g. printer)	1

Question	Answer	Marks
8	 1 mark for each correct answer, in the given order: browser webpages Internet Service Provider (ISP) Internet protocol IP address 	6

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Question	Answer	Marks
9	 Five from: The data is sent to the microprocessor The analogue data is converted to digital (using ADC) The microprocessor compares the data to a stored value of 5 kg If the value is greater than 5 kg 	5
	 a counter is added to/incremented • The process is continuous 	

Question	Answer	Marks
10	 Four from: It performs a number of basic tasks, including controlling hardware/file handling (any other suitable examples) It allows the user to communicate with the computer using hardware // without it the user would not be able to communicate with the computer using hardware It provides the user with a user interface // without it the user would not have a user interface to use PC's are often used to perform many complex tasks at a time the OS is needed to handle this multitasking therefore, it provides the ability to handle interrupts 	4

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