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GCSE (9–1) Computer Science

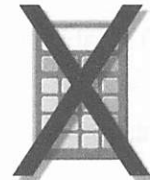
J277/01 Computer Systems

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



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INSTRUCTIONS

The 'How do I get 100% of the marks?' version



Answer all the questions.

1 Computers represent data in binary form.

- (a) Tick (✓) **one** box in each row to identify the binary unit equivalent of each of the given file sizes.

File size	2 megabytes	2 petabytes	2 kilobytes	2 bytes	2 gigabytes
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20		✓			
16				✓	
4				✓	

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128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1

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- (c) Cor

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$$2 \times 16 = 32 + 15 = \underline{\underline{47}}$$

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- 2 Complete the table by writing the missing definition or name of each of the common CPU components and registers.

CPU component or register	Definition
PROGRAM COUNTER	ion to be fetched from i-execute cycle.
	RUNS THE F-E CYCLE
MEMORY ADDRESS REGISTER	atched from or the l.
ARITHMETIC LOGIC UNIT	nd logical operations.

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3 A library has a LAN (Local Area Network).

(a) The LAN allows access by both wired and wireless devices.

Users have reported that the network sometimes runs very slowly.

(i) Explain why the number of devices using the network at the same time can affect the performance of the network.

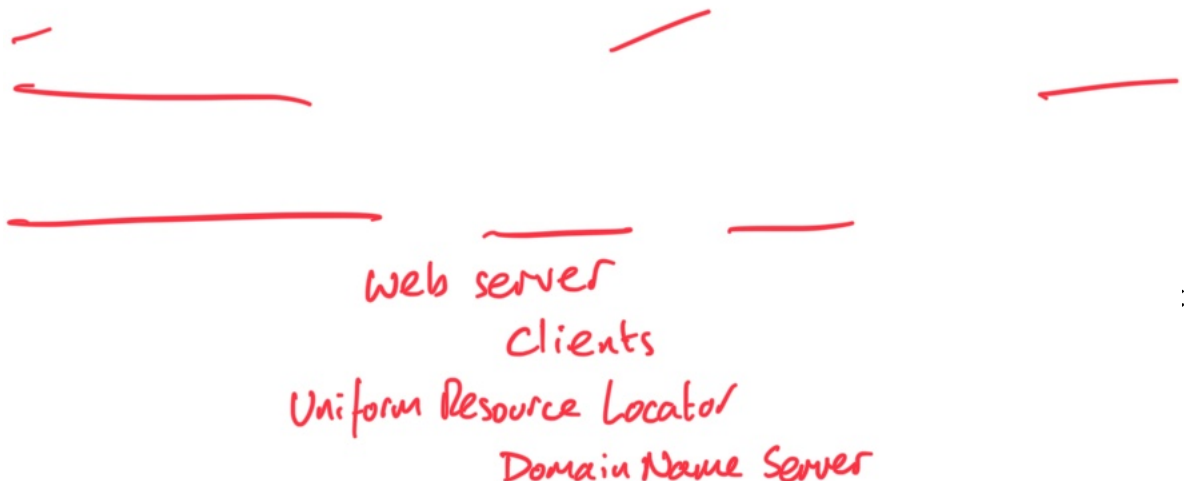
More devices means that bandwidth has to be split between them. As each device uses some of the bandwidth, more devices means each one gets a smaller share.

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Interference from other electronic devices.

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- (c) The wired connection is an Ethernet connection. Ethernet is considered a standard.

Explain why Ethernet is a standard

Ethernet is used by most manufacturers
to allow compatibility with other devices.

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1 Receive packets

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2 Forward packets

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3 Assign IP addresses to devices on the network

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1 To prevent data from being understood if it
is intercepted.

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2 To follow the Data Protection Act.

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- Legal issues
- Ethical issues
- Privacy issues

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5 A software development company wants to protect their computer systems and data from unauthorised access.

(a) Identify **two** methods of physical security that the company could use to protect their computer systems.

CCTV

Locks on the door to prevent physical access

(b)

Passwords ✓

In order to access the data, the password would need to be entered correctly. The password could lock down a device if entered incorrectly 3 times.

Encrypt files.

This would mean that the contents of files would be scrambled. Therefore, if they were accessed, the data could not be understood.

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- (c) Tick (✓) **one** box on each row to identify the legislation that would cover each of the given events.

Event	The Data Protection Act (2018)	Computer Misuse Act (1990)	Copyright Designs and Patents Act (1988)
A company transmits personal data to another company without the individual's permission.	✓		
A school accidentally publishes their students' addresses on the school website.	✓		
The interface for a piece of software is replicated by a rival company.			✓
A user leaves a computer logged on and another person leaves them a message on their desktop.		✓	
A student guesses their teacher's password and accesses their computer account.		✓	

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6 A student is creating a range of documents for a school project.

(a) The student records a podcast about computer science.

(i) Describe how an analogue sound wave is converted into digital form

The sound wave is sampled at regular time intervals. This sample is stored as a binary number.

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File size is reduced

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Uploading the file to the email server would
be quicker as the file size will be smaller.

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Because data would be removed permanently ✓
and so any text files would be very difficult
to understand as they will have missing letters/
words. ✓

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7 A smart television allows the user to search the Internet and watch videos online.

(a) The smart television has both RAM and ROM.

(i) State the difference between RAM and ROM.

RAM is volatile, whilst ROM is non-volatile.

(ii) C

- 1 Application being run at present
- 2 Current programme being watched

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To install software onto the TV which will need to be stored permanently when power is turned off and so they won't be lost.

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Magnetic storage.
The capacity of magnetic storage is high enough to record TV programmes, which will have large file sizes. Also the cost of magnetic storage is relatively low and so the TV would be cheaper to produce.

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