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# INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name and signature in the spaces above.

This paper consists of three Sections A, B, and C

Section A contains 20 compulsory objective-type questions.

The correct alternative A, B, C or D against each question **must** be written in the box provided on the right-hand side of each question.

Section B consists of six structured questions. **Attempt all.**

Answers to section B **must be written** in the spaces provided in the question paper.

Any additional question(s) answered will **not** be marked.

*For examiner's only*

| MCQ | Q21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | A27 | Q28 | Q29 | TOTAL |
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**SECTION A: (60 marks)**  
*Attempt all questions in this section*

1. The use of large scale integrated circuits was evidenced in ..... generation of computers

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

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2. To make text thicker in a sentence in word processing, you .....

- A. Bold
- B. Press B
- C. Underline
- D. Colour text

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3. The purpose of a blower in a computer laboratory is to.....

- A. Upgrading computer software
- B. Regulating power consumption
- C. Remove dust from ICT tools
- D. Upgrading computer hardware

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4. A search engine is a .....

- A. Program that enables you to locate content via key words
- B. Page that starts each time you start your web
- C. Collection of programs maintained by a web master
- D. Page that has links to other web pages

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5. One of the following is an advantage of fibre optic cables.

- A. It is relatively inexpensive by cost and easy to install
- B. All computers on the LAN can be connected to the cable at the same time
- C. Each computer can access the same cable from other computers on the LAN
- D. All computers on the cable can share peripherals over the internet.

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6. A technique used to identify and correct errors in programs is called?

- A. BIOS
- B. Down loading
- C. Debugging
- D. Trouble shooting

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7. The computer specification that would determine the amount of data held while the computer is running is.....

- A. Screen size
- B. Screen resolution
- C. Hard disk capacity
- D. RAM size

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8. Which of the following is not part of computer storage?

- A. Field
- B. Bit
- C. Byte
- D. Kilobyte

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9. The basic function of a query in database management software is to .....

- A. Enhance the database
- B. Download primary keys
- C. Filter for specific records
- D. Update macros

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10. The following are classifications of computers by purpose:

- A. Mainframe and microcomputers
- B. Special and general purpose computers
- C. Digital and analog
- D. Minicomputers and microcomputers

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11. The importance of a slide sorter view in presentation software is to .....

- A. Insert items that appear on every slide
- B. Display all slides on a screen at once
- C. Relate data in slides
- D. Filter data in slide

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12. The following are examples of service programs except;

- A. System monitors
- B. Expert systems
- C. Screen saver
- D. Anti-virus



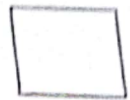
13. The science of designing machines that can do dangerous jobs is .....

- A. Interactive mode
- B. Virtual reality
- C. Advanced robotics
- D. Real mode



14. One software measure of preventing computer systems from security risks is .....

- A. Employing guards
- B. Setting up CCTV cameras
- C. Data encryption
- D. Burglar proofing



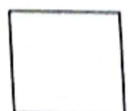
15. This internet component provides the text version of a given address on the web.

- A. ISP
- B. DNS
- C. WEB
- D. URL



16. Which of the following HTML tags creates a horizontal rule?

- A. <horu>.....</horu>
- B. <hxr>.....</hxr>
- C. <hr>.....</hr>
- D. <hr>



17. Which computer component permanently holds data?

- A. ALU
- B. Control unit
- C. ROM
- D. Logic unit





18. The GUI feature that provides a list of options from which to choose is .....

- A. Menu
- B. Icon
- C. List
- D. Recycle bin

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19. Which of the following is not an example of a language translator?

- A. Assembler
- B. Interpreter
- C. Defragmenter
- D. Compiler

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20. In spreadsheet software, a single page in which data is entered is called a .....

- A. Document
- B. Worksheet
- C. Workbook
- D. Spreadsheet

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### SECTION B: (60 marks)

*Attempt all questions in this section*

21. a) Define the term computer system.

(02 Marks)

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b) Which keyboard shortcut is commonly used to perform each of the following tasks? (03 Marks)

i) To cancel a print command.

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ii) To refresh a web page

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iii) To activate save as dialogue box.

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c) Mention two ways through which use of computers negatively affect businesses and trade. (02 Marks)

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d) Identify the computer professional who undertakes each of the following tasks. (03 Marks)

- i) Repairing damaged computers  
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- ii) Recovery of data from electronic media  
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- iii) Writing software codes  
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22. a) Explain the function of a communication device. (02 Marks)

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b) Mention two examples of communication devices. (02 Marks)

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c) Why are device drivers important to computer systems? (01 Mark)

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d) Write down any three advantages of using a flash disk over a DVD-RW. (03 Marks)

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e) Write the following abbreviations in full. (02 Marks)

i) USB.....  
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ii) VGA.....  
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23. a) What is the function of a cell name box in spreadsheets? (02 Marks)

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b) Mention any three logical functions used in spreadsheets. (03 Marks)

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c) Explain the use of the following database components.

i) Field. (02 Marks)

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ii) Record. (02 Marks)

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iii) Primary key. (01 Mark)

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24. a) Apart from Protocols, identify four other elements of data communication. (04 Marks)

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b) State any three advantages of wired networks. (03 Marks)

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c) Mention any three qualities of a good web page. (03 Marks)

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25. a) Identify two tasks that can be performed under page set up in word processing. (02 Marks)

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b) Explain the following features as used in word processing.

i) Scrolling. (01 Mark)

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ii) Word wrap. (01 Mark)

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iii) Drop cap. (01 Mark)

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c) Define the following terms as used under electronic presentations.

i) Slide.

(01 Mark)

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ii) Presentation.

(01 Mark)

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iii) Animations.

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d) Apart from Google slides, identify any two electronic presentation programs.  
(02 Marks)

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26. a) Define the term computer software.

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b) Give three categories of system software.

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c) Define the following terms in relation to computer software.

(02 Marks)

i) User interface

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(02 Marks)

ii) Screen Saver

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iii) Free ware

(01 Mark)

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### SECTION C: (20 Marks)

*Attempt only one number from this section*

27. As a student of computer studies, explain ten general measures undertaken to safeguard computer systems. (20 Marks)
28. a) Explain five circumstances under which you may need to use a flash disk for data storage. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain how you would make a flash disk ready for data storage. (10 Marks)
29. a) Clearly explain the computer power up procedures. (05 Marks)
- b) Explain five circumstances that may require you to restart your laptop. (15 Marks)

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