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**S850/1**

**Subsidiary Information and  
Communication Technology**

**PAPER 1**

**July/August**

**2½ hours**



**WAKISSHA JOINT MOCK EXAMINATIONS**

**Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education**

**SUBSIDIARY ICT**

**Paper 1**

**2 hours 30 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- *The paper is made up of 20 equally weighted questions.*
- *Answer all questions in this paper.*
- *All answers should be written in dark blue or black ink in the spaces provided on the question paper.*
- *No additional answer sheets should be inserted.*

For examiner's use only																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total

1. (a) Explain the term **Computer**. (01 mark)
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- (b) Outline **four** characteristics of computers (04 marks)
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2. The use of computers has had an effect on the health of students in schools.
- (a) Describe **two** health issues caused by the prolonged use of computers. (02 marks)
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- (b) For every issue named above explain the method that can be used to prevent it. (02 marks)
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- (c) Explain the meaning of the term **ergonomics**. (01 mark)
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3. (a) Explain the term **file extension**. (01 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Write true or false on the following;
- (i) Data and information is stored in form of files in the computer. (01 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) **.txt** is a file extension of a file saved in a notepad. (01 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) **Kakoko.docx** is a file extension for word pad. (01 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) The file type for **wakissha.bmp** is Ms paint file. (01 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_
4. Ssegujja was typesetting the document using his laptop which he saved on his desktop in a folder.
- (a) Define the term **folder**. (01 mark)
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- (b) Outline the procedures he would go through to transfer his work onto a flash disk. (04 marks)

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5. What is the importance of each of the following items in a computer laboratory?

- (i) Air blower. (01 mark)

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- (ii) Air conditioner. (01 mark)

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- (iii) Uninterruptible power supply. (01 mark)

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- (iv) Anti-virus software. (01 mark)

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- (v) Anti-glare screen. (01 mark)

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6. (a) What is word processing? (01 mark)

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- (b) A student used a word processing application software to draw the table below. Identify the following formatting features used in the table. (04 marks)

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7. (a) Define the term **computer hardware**. (01 mark)

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- (b) Briefly explain how each of the following system devices contributes to the general operation of the computer system. (04 marks)

- (i) Hard disk drive.

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- (ii) Power supply Unit.

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- (iii) RAM chip.

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- (iv) Processor.

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8. (a) State **three** advantages of hard disk in data storage. (03 marks)

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- (b) Explain the following terms in relation to data storage. (02 marks)

- (i) Access time

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- (ii) Storage capacity

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9. (a) Write CPU in full. (01 mark)

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- (b) Explain the following machine cycle processes. (04 marks)

- i) Fetching

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- ii) Decoding

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iii) Execution

iv) Storing

10. (a) Name **two** types of system software used in a computer. (02 marks)

(b) Differentiate between **shareware** and **freeware** application software. (02 marks)

(c) Name **one** application software suite that is commonly used in government offices. (01 mark)

11. Tick true or false next to each of the statements. (05 marks)

	TRUE	FASLE
a) Database software is used to design presentations of slides		
b) Microsoft office publisher is an example of a DTP		
c) E-mail software is used in creating and formatting text in documents.		
d) Adobe Photoshop is an image and photo editing software.		
e) A Head teacher preparing a school report to be presented at a parents' meeting must use spreadsheet software.		

12. (a) (i) Differentiate between **Command line interface (CLI)** and **Graphical User Interface (GUI)** (02 marks)

(ii) Give **one** example of a Command line interface. (01 mark)

(b) Explain the advantages of Graphical User Interface over Command line interface. (02 marks)

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13. (a) Study the function structure below and answer the questions that follow:  
= IF (D2<60, "NO CASH", 6000)
- (i) What is the importance of beginning with an equal sign while using the function? (1 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) The formula = Countif(D2:D7, ">80") was used in spreadsheet application. Explain the above statement. (2 marks)
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- (b) State **two** data types used in spreadsheet application. (2 marks)
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14. (a) Differentiate between a **webpage** and **website**. (2 marks)
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- (b) Given the following email address: njabex@gmail.com. (3 marks)  
Explain the parts of the above email.
- \_\_\_\_\_
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15. A company has decided to introduce an intranet and remove internet for its staff.
- a) Give **two** reasons why the company would not allow its staff internet access. (2 marks)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- b) List down **three** advantages the company will enjoy for using intranet. (3 marks)
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16. (a) Given the following URL:  
<http://www.BBC.com/magazine/society.Pdf>  
Write the following in full (4 marks)
- (i) URL \_\_\_\_\_



(ii) http

(iii) WWW

(iv) Pdf

(b) Identify the top level domain in this URL. (01 mark)

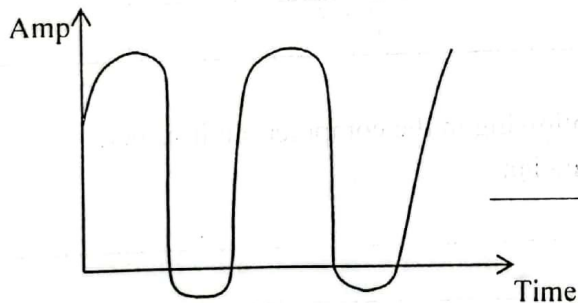
17. (a) Define the term **computer communication**. (01 mark)

(b) Mention any **two** components of a good data communication system. (2marks)

(c) Distinguish between **simplex** and **duplex** transmission modes. (2 marks)

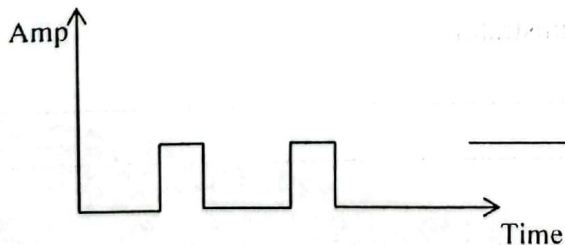
18. (a) Identify the communication signals.

(i)



(1 mark)

(ii)



(1 mark)

(b) Explain the importance of the following in data transmission. (3 marks)

(i) Start bit

(ii) Parity bit

(iii) Stop bit \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. (a) Explain the following terms as applied in data security (1 mark)

(i) Confidentiality  
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(ii) Access control (1 mark)  
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(b) Distinguish between **unauthorized access** and **unauthorized use**. (2 marks)

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(c) Give **one** way of preventing computer crimes. (01 mark)

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20. (a) What are **emerging technologies**? (2 marks)

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(b) State the role of the following in the computer environment. (3 marks)

(i) Computer technician  
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(ii) Database Administrator  
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(iii) Web developer  
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