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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**4021/2**

**PAPER 2 Structured**

**NOVEMBER 2023 SESSION**

**2 hours 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the question paper

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Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper using **black** or **blue** pens.

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Answer all questions.

- 1 (a) Explain any two characteristics of USB flash memory.

1.

2.

[2]

- (b) Compare impact and non impact.

Impact	Non impact
1.	
2.	

[2]

- (c) State any one output device.

[1]

- 2 (a) Describe the term *tailor-made software* and give one example.

[2]

- (b) Explain any three benefits of using tailor-made software.

1.

2.

3.

[3]

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- 3 (a) Most businesses have introduced electronic ways of doing business during the lockdown period.

Define the term *e-banking*

[2]

- (b) Give any **two** benefits of e-banking to the customer.

1.

2.

[2]

- (c) Outline any **two** disadvantages of e-business to the employee.

1.

2.

[2]



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4 Below are four components of an expert system.

Using arrows, link the four components to their correct definitions.

Provides reasoning mechanisms in a typical expert system

User Interface

A user is allowed to input a response from information presented to them

Rule Base

Made up of a series of selection statement (if the) called inference rules

inference engine

collection of fact used to solve problems in a expert term

knowledge base

[4]

5 (a) Convert the following decimal numbers to binary. Show all working.

(i)  $84_{10}$

Answer

[2]



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(ii)  $109_{10}$

Answer

[2]

(b) Convert the following decimal numbers to denary. Show working

(i)  $D4_{16}$

Answer

[2]

(ii)  $16F_{16}$

Answer

[2]



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- (c) With the aid of a diagram, illustrate a NOT gate and the truth table.

[2]

- 6 (a) State and explain any two data validation techniques.

1.

2.

[4]

- (b) List any three ways of protecting data from hackers.

1.

2.

3.

[3]



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(c) Outline any **three** measures an organisation can use to recover lost data.

1.

2.

3.

[3]

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(a) Differentiate half duplex transmission mode from full duplex transmission mode. Give examples of where each transmission mode is used.

	half duplex	full duplex
difference		
example		

[2]

(b) Explain any **two** characteristics of each of the following data transmission media.

(i) coaxial cable

[2]



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(ii) fibre optic cable

[2]

(c) Outline any **three** services that can be provided by the transport layer of the OSI model.

1.

2.

3.

[3]

(d) Explain any **two** advantages of using wireless fidelity (WIFI).

1.

2.

[2]

(e) Describe the following devices required to set up a computer network.

Router

Network Interface Card

[2]



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(f) Explain any two services offered by Internet Service Providers (ISP).

1

2

[2]

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(a) Explain the purpose of the following feasibility study techniques.

*economic*

*operational*

[2]

(b) Identify any two types of testing carried out at development stage.

1.

2.

[2]



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- (c) Write any two differences between technical and user documentation.

technical documentation	user documentation

[2]

- (d) State any two disadvantages of classroom training.

1.

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2.

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[2]

- (e) Determine two factors to be considered when training users.

1.

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2.

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[2]



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- 9 (a) Draw and label any **two** symbols used when drawing a program flowchart.

[4]

- (b) Give **two** purposes of algorithms

1.

2.

[2]

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- (c) (i) Describe the selection construct.

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[2]

- (ii) Draw a diagram that shows a sequence construct.

[2]



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10 (a) Differentiate the terms

(i) variable and constant,

variable	constant

[2]

(ii) local variable and global variable.

local variable	global variable

[2]

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- (b) Explain the meaning of the statement *"initializing a variable"*.

[1]

- 11 (a) Define the term *a foreign key*.

[2]

- (b) Describe any two database objects.

1

2

[4]

- (c) The following table shows part of data stored in the Players Table of a certain football team.

PlayerID	Player Name	Position	Date Joined Team
DFC001	James	defender	20-01-19
DFC002	Peter	striker	13-08-20
DFC003	Andrew	goalkeeper	01-04-20
DFC004	Trevor	defender	16-06-19
DFC007	Steve	midfielder	18-12-20



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- (i) The striker has cancelled his contract and needs to be removed from the database.  
Produce SQL statement to delete the striker from the above table.  
Hint: On criteria, use the position field.

[3]

- (ii) State the number of attributes shown in the Players table.

[1]

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12 (a) The following are elements of a web page

- English
- Computer Science

Write the pair of HTML tags between <body> and </body> which would display the web elements as given above

<!DOCTYPE html>

<head>

<title> Our Curriculum</title>

</head>

<body>

</body>

</html>

[3]

(b) State any two HTML formatting tags

1

2

[2]

13 (a) Explain the given intellectual property rights.

(i) Patents

[2]





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**(ii) Trademarks**

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[2]

**(b) Suggest any one ideal condition that influence business location.**

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