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1 (a) (i) Two from:

Batch process control

Raw materials are mixed for a certain length of time Amount of each ingredient is controlled by computer Length of time for each stage controlled by computer

Temperature controlled by computer

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(ii) Two from:

Discrete process control

Like an on/off or stop/start process

The computer control involved in putting mixture into cartons is discrete

In between cartons the robot pauses/stops

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(b) Six from:

Temperature sensor monitors temperature inside the refrigerator

Contact switch/pressure sensor fitted to the door

(Number pad) to input the required temperature

Data from the sensors converted to digital using an ADC

(Microprocessor) compares temperature data from the sensor with the pre-set value If the temperature is higher/lower than preset value a signal is sent...

.... to the actuator

(If higher) actuator switches the compressor on

(If lower) actuator switches the compressor off

Digital to analogue conversion required

Microprocessor sends data to LEDs indicating the current refrigerator temperature

Microprocessor compares data from pressure sensor to zero

If it is zero microprocessor sends a signal....

..... to the actuator....

.....to switch the buzzer on

Description of PID

Description of PLC

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2 Eight from (only mark candidate's first two methods):

Website - use of the internet

Produced using web authoring software

A cheap form of advertising nationally and internationally

More expensive initially to have own website - web designer has to be employed

Can produce a website to own specification

Website has more features than most other forms

Has range of multimedia - sound, video/ animation,(text, images)

Can have hyperlinks to other sites/pages

Can advertise on other people's websites

Cheaper than using own site

Banners and pop ups can be used

Pop-up grabs user's attention

Can upset users who then do not shop there in future

Users have pop-up blocking software which doesn't allow blockups to appear

Can use pop-unders which are not removed by pop-up blocking

Can advertise their name by getting it included in an online directory

(Multimedia) presentations/slide show - used on purpose-built display monitors...

...placed in strategic locations

The presentation/slide show is produced using presentation software

Has range of multimedia - sound, video/ animation,(text, images)

Other features e.g. slide transition effects, special text effects, image transition

Always on while mall or store is open

The user cannot switch it off

Quicker to update than an Internet site or television commercial

Flyers usually a single-page leaflet

Used by individuals or small businesses

Used to advertise in the local community therefore have limited impact

Can be produced using own PCs and printers and DTP software

For larger print runs have to take to the printers - increased costs

Quick to produce

DTP allows character shapes, variety of patterns, colours

Posters - large printed pieces of paper used to advertise products

Due to size have to be printed by professional printers - expensive

Posters can be produced using word-processing, desktop-publishing or presentation software

More usually, Presentation because of ability to use very large paper sizes

E-mail to customers

Use of attachments may dissuade customers from reading the advertisement

Customers may treat it as junk mail and so not read it

Specific customers can be targeted

Attachment can be created easily using DTP

DTP allows character shapes, variety of patterns, colours

Can be sent to world wide audience

Easy to create an email and mailmerge

A mark is available for a reasoned conclusion

Must have both advantages and disadvantages to gain full marks

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3 (a) Six from:

Computer/software organises meeting times

The calendar function enables users to keep a record of their appointments and meeting times

Designers have access to public calendar over a network

Public calendar allows designers to see when there would be a suitable time for a meeting Software provides alerts regarding imminent start of meetings

Calendar advises them of any clashes - meetings scheduled for the same time and date.

(By allocating times for tasks realistically) it is possible to ensure members of a team have equitable workloads

(Software used to) produce Gantt charts for graphically representing progress on website Gantt charts help to plan out the tasks that are involved in developing the website

Gantt charts are used to plan the whole process including parallel and sequential activities (Software) provides a critical path method of scheduling

(Software) contributes to the management of such projects by identifying website progress Providing daily and weekly planning

Some software packages act as a stopwatch device

When a specific task is clicked on, the computer reminds the user how long they have been working on that task

Enables manager to see what emphasis is being placed on each task

Tasks can be arranged so that parallel tasks finish at the same time

Manager can use software to change timings to ensure pages are ready when needed [6]

(b) Four from:

Mention at least two of: use of passwords, user ids and memorable words (+1 for expansion) Description of encryption

Using public keys and private keys

Decryption keys to decrypt data

Use SSL or TLS

Use of drop down menus (to prevent access by keyloggers)

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4 (a) Four from:

Type in or select shop website from favourites

Browse product categories

Browse individual products

Place selected products in shopping basket

Go to the checkout

Enter username and password

Enter billing address

Enter shipping address

Customers who are not previously registered must type in personal details

Choose method of payment

Choose method/speed of delivery

Confirm order

Log off [4]

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(b) Six from:

Items are usually cheaper as staff costs are lower

Customers can spend time comparing products and prices without being rushed

Can shop at time of their own choice

Can use favourite shop even at a distance

Shops can remember customer's shopping list - don't have to reorder

Don't have to spend time going around different shops/travelling to shop

Disabled people don't have to leave house

Can look at wide range of shops all around the world

Greater choice of manufacturers

No travelling expenses

Security concerns about data transmitted over internet

Description of phishing

Description of pharming

Can order goods and they don't get delivered/are not to the same standard as those ordered

May be hidden costs such as delivery charges

Description of viruses

+1 for reasoned conclusion

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5 (a) Four from:

Computer telephony integration (CTI) software

Is used to integrate all aspects of the system together

Queues calls

Displays caller's number

Directs phone call to operator

Sends commands from the operator's computer to the telephony server

Any computer in the network has the potential to control any phone in the telephone system

Phone calls are processed using interactive voice response (IVR) software

IVR provides automated services

As well being able to queue calls, the system needs to be able to transfer calls to a person with the appropriate expertise [4]

(b) Six from:

Increased unemployment for some existing checkout operators

Increased employment for technical staff

Increased employment for programmers

Some checkout operators will have a more menial role

Increased employment for van drivers

Some workers may have to/will have the opportunity to go part time

There will be the opportunity to job share

There will be flexible working hours

Technical staff may be able to work from home

Increased employment for delivery people/despatch staff

Some staff would need retraining

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6 (a) Four from:

Data flow diagrams

Using (two from:) terminators, processes, flow arrows and stores

Represents inputs, outputs and processing

System flowcharts

Using particular input, output, storage and processing symbols

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(b) Five from:

Helps identify problems with the current system

Detail of the diagrams will reveal any weaknesses in the current system

Easier to see where there is job duplication

Helps identify suitable hardware and software for a new system

Required outputs, storage and processing requirements identified using DFDs

Helps identify volume of input data

Helps identify the user and information requirements

Can see exactly what job each worker is doing

Can use DFDS to help with user requirements

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(c) Two from:

Interview users to find out the requirements

Will produce a requirements specification containing information requirements Information requirements of the system will be identified from the data collected when observing existing system

Will collate interview transcripts, questionnaires and existing documents

[2]

7 (a) Six from:

Depend on the user requirements

Needs to be easy to use

Needs to be attractive to look at

Needs to limit the potential for inaccurate input

Must have user instructions

Need to consider who will see outputs

Must match customer requirements as well as company

Screen output must be kept simple

Output screens must be consistent so that users are not confused

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(b) Six from:

(Parallel running)

involves running the old system alongside the new system

Is more expensive because two sets of workers have to be paid

If there is a problem with the new system still have the old system as a backup

(Phased running)

Involves running part of new system whilst old system still operates with other parts Cheaper as you don't employ two sets of workers

If there is a problem with the new system still have bulk of old system to fall back on

(Pilot running)

Involves running new system in one office whilst old system still operates in other offices If there is a problem with the new system still have old system in other offices Problems are limited to one office

(Direct changeover)

Involves replacing the old system with the new system all in one go Cheaper as you don't have to employ two sets of workers Quicker as there is no delay waiting for bugs to be fixed If there is a problem you don't have the old system to fall back on

1 mark for reasoned conclusion

[6]

(c) Four from:

Indexed sequential method Each record will have an index

Index will relate to letter of the alphabet

Letter is found

Further index will relate to rough position of record

Records are searched sequentially from that point

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(d) Five from:

Using test results

Comparisons will have been be made of the actual results with the expected results If the results are not as expected refinements are made

Obtaining feedback from the user

Could observe users performing set tasks

Interview the users to gather their responses about what they thought of the system and how easy it was to use

Questionnaires to all the workers to ask them how easy they found it to use. The results could be analysed statistically

Identifying limitations of the system

Any extensions to the system users have said they would like

Making improvements to the system

Evaluate results of testing against the requirement specification

Evaluate the results of user testing

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