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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Paper 1 Theory

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
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- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 70.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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- 1 Different symbols are used in program flowcharts.

Draw, in the spaces provided, **four** different program flowchart symbols and for each one, state its purpose.

Symbol 1

Purpose

Symbol 2

Purpose

Symbol 3

Purpose





Symbol 4

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- 2 Describe the features of a management information system (MIS).

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3 Normalisation is used in a relational database.

- (a) State what is meant by the term second normal form (2NF).

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- (b)** Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of normalising data.

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4 Validation and verification can be used to check the accuracy of data.

- (a)** Describe the differences between validation and verification. Your answer must explain the purpose of each.

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(b) Describe each of the following:

- (i)** range check

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- (ii)** double data entry

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- 5** Describe the use of a public key and a private key in asymmetric encryption.

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- 6** In a spreadsheet, a user has entered the following formula into a cell:

=IF(NOT(OR(B6<5,B6>8)),"4th Quarter","")

Describe how the spreadsheet will calculate the result to be displayed.

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7 Describe the term goal driven as used in expert systems.

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8 Describe how access to information technology has created the digital divide.

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9 Describe the following types of malware:

(a) spyware

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(b) worm

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10 Justify the use of online processing in stock control.

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11 It is important that sensors are calibrated to ensure their readings are accurate.

Describe one point calibration.

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