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Paper 1 Computer Systems

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do not write on any bar codes.
- Calculators must not be used in this paper.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

1	Cor	Computers can be infected with malware. Spyware is one example of malware.							
(a) Tick (✓) one box to show a correct definition of spyware.									
	A Software that activates a webcam and transmits the video to a third party that outputs it live on a website. B Software that detects when a password is being entered and then emails the password to a third party.								
	C Software that records all data entered into a computer, analyses this data to find email addresses and passwords, then posts these to a website.								
		D	Software that reco	ords all key presses and transmits these to a third party.					
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	(b)	Cor	· ·	identifying and describing two other examples of malwar	[1] e.				
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(c)	Proxy-servers and firewalls have some similar functions.	
	Identify two similarities and one difference between proxy-servers and firewalls.	
	Similarity 1	
	Similarity 2	
	Difference	
	[3	}]

2 A programmer has designed a three-dimensional (3D) interactive computer game. They are going to develop a program for the game. The program needs to run efficiently, but it must also be developed as soon as possible. (a) Tick (✓) one box to identify whether the programmer should use a high-level language or a low-level language to develop the program. Explain the reasons for your choice. High-level language Low-level language Reasons for your choice[4] (b) If the programmer chooses a high-level language, they can use a compiler or an interpreter to translate the high-level language into a low-level language. Describe the operation of a compiler and of an interpreter.

Interpreter

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	ew computer comes with primary and secondary storage.	
(a)	Data storage is measured using binary denominations.	
	Complete each conversion.	
	8 bytes = nibbles	
	512 kibibytes (KiB) = mebibytes (MiB)	
	4 gibibytes (GiB) = mebibytes (MiB)	
	1 exbibyte (EiB) = pebibytes (PiB)	F 4 1
	Working space	[4]
(b)	Random access memory (RAM) is an example of primary storage.	
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- 4 A wildlife photographer stores their digital images on a computer.
 - (a) Complete the table by defining each term about images.

Image term	Definition
pixel	
resolution	

(c)	The photographer decides to purchase a solid-state storage device to back up their images.							
	Complete the description of solid-state storage.							
	Use the terms from the list.							
	Some of the terms in the list will not be used. You should only use a term once.							
	binary denary electrons grid neutrons non-volatile RAM star transistors virtual volatile							
	Solid-state storage is							
	lost when the power is turned off.							
	Solid-state storage is made of that are laid out in a							
	Gates are used to control the flow of the through the							
	transistors. This changes the data in the transistors from 1 to 0, or from 0 to 1.							
(d)	The photographer compresses an image file before it is emailed.							
	Give one reason why a file is compressed.							
	[1]							

5	A website	allows	users	to	purchase	items.	
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Computer A sends a request for the homepage to the website's server.

(a) The request is sent using packet switching.

The structure of a packet of data has three elements. One element is the packet header.

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(i)	Identify two items of data contained in a packet header.	
	1	
	2	
		[2]
(ii)	Identify the two other elements of a packet.	
	1	
	2	
		[2]

(b)	Cor	mputer A needs to be directly connected to a router that is located in a different room.				
	(i)	Tick (\checkmark) one box to identify whether serial data transmission or parallel data transmiss is more suitable for this connection.	sion			
		Explain the reasons for your choice.				
		Serial data transmission				
		Parallel data transmission				
		Reasons for your choice				
			[3]			
	(ii)	The connection will also use full-duplex data transmission.				
	,	Define full-duplex data transmission.				
			[2]			

(c) The data transmission will use parity che

(i) The bytes need to be sent using an even parity byte check.

Complete the parity bit for each byte.

	Parity bit							
Byte A		1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Byte B		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[2]

(11)	A parity bi	OCK CHECK	can be us	eu msteau t	or a parity	Dyte Check	•

Explain how a parity block check might detect an error in transmission that would not be detected by a parity byte check.
[2]

(iii) The data was sent using an even parity block check. One of the bits has been transmitted incorrectly.

	Parity bit	Bit 1	Bit 2	Bit 3	Bit 4	Bit 5	Bit 6	Bit 7
Byte 0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Byte 1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Byte 2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Byte 3	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Byte 4	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Byte 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Byte 6	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Parity byte	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0

Identify the bit number and the byte number of the incorrect bit.
Bit number

Byte number

[2]

(d)		website allows the user to set up an account to log on and purchase items. The website ccessed and displayed using a web browser.
	(i)	Two functions of the web browser are to render hypertext markup language (HTML) to display web pages and to store cookies.
		Identify two other functions of a web browser.
		1
		2[2]
	(ii)	Identify two ways that cookies can be used to enhance the user's experience of this website.
		1
		2
		[2]

6 A company is involved in robotics.

One of its robots is designed to make a specific movement depending on a binary value.

(a) The table gives some of the movements for the robot.

Complete the table by writing the missing binary, denary or hexadecimal value for each movement.

Movement	Binary	Denary	Hexadecimal
forward 1 step	00011111	31	
back 1 step		140	8C
turn right	01011010		5A
turn left		120	78

[4]

4	(0)	Tho	robot	hoo	oonoor	and a	microprocessor	,
((C)	rne	TODOL	1185 6	i sensor	and a	microprocessor	ſ.

The robot will move forward continuously until it detects an object that is less than or equal to 10 cm in front of it.

If an object is less than or equal to 10 cm in front of it, the robot turns 90 degrees right. It then tries to move forward again.

Explain how the sensor and the microprocessor are used to automate this robot.
[7]

dead ends and obstacles, so the robot needs to decide which way to go.

(d) The robot needs to find its way through different puzzles. Each puzzle has a series of paths that the robot needs to follow to find its way to the end of the puzzle. The puzzle contains

The	robot's program will use artificial intelligence (AI).
(i)	Describe the characteristics of AI.
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(ii)	Explain how the program will use AI.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

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Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit
 is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme,
 referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these
 features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The
 meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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Mark scheme abbreviations

/ separates alternative words / phrases within a marking point separates alternative answers within a marking point actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted) max indicates the maximum number of marks that can be awarded the word / phrase in brackets is not required, but sets the context

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	D	1
1(b)	One mark for identification. E.g. One mark per bullet for description to max two each.	6
	 Virus Software/code that replicates when the user runs it // with an active host Deletes/damages/corrupts data/files // takes up storage/memory space Worm Software/code that replicates itself on a network without user input // without active host Takes-up bandwidth Deletes/damages/corrupts data/files // takes up storage/memory space Opens back doors to computers over the network Used to deposit other malware on networked computers Trojan horse Software/code that is hidden within other software // Software that is disguised as authentic software when downloaded/installed the other malware/by example it contains is installed Adware Software/code that generates/displays (unwanted) adverts on a user's computer Some may contain spyware/other malware 	
	 Some when clicked may link to viruses Reduces device performance // reduces internet speed Redirects internet searches/user to fake websites 	
	 Ransomware Software/code that stops a user accessing/using their computer/data by encrypting the data/files/computer A fee has to be paid to decrypt the data // A fee has to be paid to 'release' the computer/device/data 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)	One mark for each similarity to max two. One mark for difference (both sides needed unless clearly and accurately implied).	3
	Similarities e.g.	
	Check incoming and outgoing signals // filter traffic	
	Store whitelist/blacklist	
	 Block incoming/outgoing signals Both block unauthorised access 	
	Keep a log of traffic	
	Both can be hardware or software (or both)	
	Differences e.g.	
	Proxy can hide user's IP address, firewall does not hide the user's IP address	
	Proxy intention is to divert attack from server, firewall is to stop unauthorised access	
	Proxy protects a server, firewall protects individual computer	
	 Proxy examines/processes requests for a website but a firewall does not (checks type of signal) // Proxy processes client-side requests whereas firewall filters packets 	
	Proxy transmits website data to the user, but a firewall does not (it allows valid signals)	
	Proxy allows faster access to a web page using cache, but a firewall does not (allow faster access or have cache)	
	Proxy can hide internal network from internet, but a firewall cannot	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	No mark for choice. Any four from matching choice. High-level Easier for programmer to read/write/understand/edit In therefore, the programmer is less likely to make mistakes // can write in shorter timeframe Easier to debug // Easier to find/correct errors In so, the programmer can find and correct errors in less time Game will be machine independent // Game will be portable (between hardware) In the game can be used on any computer without a need for understanding of the hardware / compilation for that hardware Programmer can focus on the problem instead of the manipulation of memory/hardware Low-level More memory/RAM efficient More memory/RAM efficient Allows direct manipulation of memory Allows direct manipulation of memory More memory efficient control/response time	4
0(1)	Allows for use of specialised hardware	
2(b)	 Two from for each compiler and interpreter. Compiler Checks all code before executing any code Produces error report with all errors found for the whole code (before translating/running any of the code) Produces executable file 	4
	 Interpreter Checks/translates one line of code and then executes it before moving on to the next line Stops when an error is found when corrected the program can be run from the same position // allows error correction in real time 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	One mark each: 8 bytes = 16 nibbles 512 KiB = 0.5 MiB 4 GiB = 4096 MiB 1 EiB = 1024 PiB	4
3(b)	Any three from: Currently running data Currently running (application) software Currently running instructions Currently running parts of OS Currently running utility software	3
3(c)	Any two from: • For non-volatile/permanent/long-term storage of files/data • To store data that is not currently required by the CPU • To store data to transfer it to another computer	2

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	One mark each:	2
	Pixel: • One square/circle of one colour // the smallest component of the image	
	Resolution: The number of pixels per set area/cm/inch // the number of pixels wide by the number of pixels high // number of pixels in an image	
4(b)	One mark for answer: • 2 000 000 bytes One mark for working from:	2
	 1000 × 1000 (= 1 000 000) 1 000 000 * 2 (= 2 000 000) 	
4(c)	One mark for each term: Solid-state storage is non-volatile. This means that the data is not lost when the power is turned off. Solid-state storage is made of transistors that are laid out in a grid. Gates are used to control the flow of the electrons through the transistors. This changes the data in the transistors from 1 to 0, or from 0 to 1.	4
4(d)	Any one from: Reduce the file size Increase transmission speed // Reduce transmission time Reduce storage space required Less bandwidth required for transmission	1

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Question			Ans	swer				Marks
5(a)(i)	Any two from: e.g. • Destination IP/address • Packet number • Originators IP/address • Error detection method					2		
5(a)(ii)	One mark each: Payload Trailer				2			
5(b)(i)	No mark for choice. Three from for justification that matches choice. Serial Data arrives in order sent // does not need reordering Less likely to experience interference Iless likely to have errors Can transmit over a longer distance (i.e. another room) Still fast transmission sufficient for this purpose Parallel Faster transmission speed than serial faster response to requests Very long connection not needed next room is (likely) within distance for parallel unlikely to error/arrive out of sequence/skew					3		
5(b)(ii)	One mark each: Data goes in both directions at the same time				2			
5(c)(i)	One mark each:							2
	0 1	1	0	0	0	1	1	
	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5(c)(ii)	 One mark each: In parity check, interchange of bits will not be detected // Parity check cannot detect even number of changes // Parity check cannot detect error if parity stays correct the (possible) position of all changes will be highlighted // will identify the horizontal and vertical position of all differences/changes 				2			
5(c)(iii)	One mark each: Bit 6 Byte 4							2

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(d)(i)	 Any two from: e.g. Storing bookmarks/favourites Storing history Allow multiple tabs/web pages to be open Allow movement back and forth between web pages // provides navigation tools Allows the user to enter a URL/IP into the address bar Manages HTTP/HTTPS protocol Search cache for IP // Request IP from DNS // Send URL to DNS Sends a request to the IP address/web server (to obtain the contents of a web page) Runs active script/JavaScript/client-side script Allows files to be downloaded from website/internet 	2
5(d)(ii)	 Any two from: e.g. Storing preferences // so the user does not have to select their preferences each time they visit the site Storing account details // so the user does not have to remember/enter their username and password each time they visit the site Storing recent purchases // to allow the user to quickly re-order more items Storing the pages visited/items selected // to display relevant adverts Storing shopping basket // so when the user leaves the site the items are still in their basket 	2

Question	Answer				Marks	
6(a)	One mark each					
	Movement	Binary	Denary	Hexadecimal		
	forward 1 step	00011111	31	1F		
	back 1 step	10001100	140	8C		
	turn right	01011010	90	5A		
	turn left	(0)1111000	120	78		
6(b)	Any two from: The design of robots (to perform tasks/operations/functions) The construction of robots (to perform tasks/operations/functions) The operation of robots (to perform tasks/operations/functions)				2	

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	 Seven from: Uses an infra-red/proximity sensor Sensor continuously sends the digitised value/reading/distance to the microprocessor Microprocessor compares the data/signal to the stored value of 10(cm) If the data/signal is greater than the stored value/10 a signal is sent to make the robot move forward If the data/signal is less than or equal to the stored value/10 a signal is sent to make robot turn An actuator is used to make the robot turn/move forward The whole process repeats continuously until turned off/stopped 	7
6(d)(i)	Any three from: e.g. Collects data Stores rules for using the data The ability to reason The ability to learn // uses machine learning … by adapting what it does … for example, from mistakes to not make them again // result from previous decisions impacts future … by changing its own rules … by changing its own data … by being trained Makes one or more predictions (to make a decision) Find/analyse patterns	3
6(d)(ii)	Four from: e.g. Use machine learning algorithms Collects data about where it has been Collect data about obstacles/problems Store successful actions Stores unsuccessful actions Identify/store patterns to make sure it does not repeat the same incorrect route so, it knows how to react to obstacles next timeso, it knows what is most likely to work next time	4

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