

## Q1 (2 Marks)

**Protocols** are a set of rules that control how data is sent, received, and understood between devices in a data communication system. They ensure correct formatting, timing, error checking, and delivery of data.

If two devices tried to communicate **without protocols**, the data would become confusing (wrong format), messages could be lost, errors would not be detected, and both devices would fail to understand each other properly.

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## Q2 (2 Marks)

**Simplex** mode allows communication in **only one direction** (sender → receiver).

☒ Example: **TV broadcast** (TV station sends, viewer only receives)

**Half-duplex** mode allows communication in **both directions but not at the same time**.

☒ Example: **Walkie-talkie** (one person talks at a time)

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## Q3 (2 Marks)

The **five basic components** of data communication are:

1.  
**Message** (the data)
2.  
**Sender** (source device)
3.  
**Receiver** (destination device)
4.  
**Transmission Medium** (path like Wi-Fi/mobile data)
5.  
**Protocol** (rules of communication)

☒ When you send a photo on a mobile app:

- The **photo is the message**
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Your phone is the **sender**

- Your friend's phone is the **receiver**
  - The internet (Wi-Fi/4G/5G) is the **transmission medium**
  - The app and network rules (TCP/IP, etc.) are the **protocols** ensuring the photo is delivered correctly.
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## Q4 (2 Marks)

A mobile phone call is **Full-duplex** because both people can **speak and hear at the same time**.

☒ Advantage over Half-duplex: It allows **real-time two-way conversation**, making communication faster, smoother, and more natural compared to half-duplex where only one person can talk at a time.

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## Q5 (2 Marks)

In online banking, **security** is essential because sensitive information like passwords, account numbers, and money transfers must be protected from hackers and fraud.

**Accuracy** is equally important because even a small error in data (like wrong amount or wrong account number) can cause financial loss and serious problems.

So modern banking systems must be both **secure and accurate** to ensure safe and correct transactions.