

# Data Representation

**1.2** Text, sound and images  
**Marking Scheme**

| 1 | Question | Answer  | Marks |
|---|----------|---|-------|
|   | (a)      | <b>One mark for each correct definition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sample rate is the number of samples taken in a second/per time unit</li> <li>• The sample resolution is the number of bits per sample</li> </ul> | 2     |
|   | (b)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lossy compression</li> </ul>   | 1     |

| 2 | Question | Answer   | Marks |
|---|----------|--|-------|
|   | (a)      | Any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A character set is used</li> <li>• ... such as Unicode/ASCII</li> <li>• Each character has a <b>unique binary value</b></li> </ul> | 3     |

| 3 | Question | Answer  | Marks |
|---|----------|---|-------|
|   | (a)      | Any <b>five</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (The analogue sound is) recorded using a microphone</li> <li>- The sound wave is sampled</li> <li>- ... measuring the height/amplitude</li> <li>- Each amplitude has a unique binary value</li> <li>- The sample rate is set</li> <li>- ... that is the number of samples taken per second</li> <li>- The sample resolution is set</li> <li>- ... that is the number of bits used for each sample</li> <li>- Each sample taken is converted to binary</li> </ul>   | 5     |
|   | (b)      | <b>Two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase the sample rate</li> <li>- Increase the sample resolution</li> </ul>   | 2     |
|   | (c)      | Any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They want to be able to edit the original sound file</li> <li>- They want the highest sound quality for the file // They want the sound to be closest to the original recording</li> <li>- ... using lossy would reduce the sound quality</li> <li>- ... using lossy will permanently remove some of the data // no data will be permanently removed with lossless</li> </ul>   | 3     |
|   | (d)      | Any <b>four</b> from ( <b>MAX 3</b> for ASCII/Unicode alone): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASCII has limited/fewer characters // Unicode has a more characters</li> <li>- ASCII covers a limited set of languages/fewer languages</li> <li>- Unicode includes many/more languages/emojis</li> <li>- ASCII requires 7/8 bits per character</li> <li>- Unicode requires up to 16/32 bits per character</li> <li>- ASCII has 128/256 characters</li> <li>- Unicode has 65 536/4 294 967 296 characters // approx. 60/70 thousand/4 billion characters</li> </ul> | 4     |

| 4 | Question | Answer   | Marks |
|---|----------|--|-------|
|   | (a)      | Any <b>one</b> from:<br>– The recording of the song is more accurate/closer to original  | 1     |
|   | (b)      | Any <b>one</b> from:<br>– The file size will be increased<br>– The file will require more <b>storage</b> space   | 1     |
|   | (c)      | Any <b>two</b> from:<br>– The number of <u>bits</u> that are used <b>per sample</b><br>– ... that provides the variation in amplitude that can be stored for each sample // defines the number of different amplitudes that can be recorded<br>– ... that determines how quiet/loud the sounds are that can be recorded<br>– Example e.g. 16-bit | 2     |
|   | (d)      | – Lossless   | 1     |

| 5 | Question | Answer  | Marks |
|---|----------|---|-------|
|   | (a)      | – The dimensions of an image // Number of pixels wide by number of pixels high  | 1     |
|   | (b)      | – The number of bits used to represent each/a colour  | 1     |
|   | (c)      | Any <b>one</b> from:<br>– A greater range of colours can be seen/used<br>– Image will be closer to the actual content of the image/real life<br>– The image will have more detail | 1     |
|   | (d)      | – Lossy   | 1     |
|   | (e)      | Any <b>two</b> from:<br>– Quicker to transmit/upload/download<br>– Not as much bandwidth needed to transmit file<br>– To fit in limitation of file size on e.g. email             | 2     |

| 6 | Question | Answer  | Marks |
|---|----------|---|-------|
|   | (a)      | 16 bits used to represent <b>each</b> colour in the image | 1     |
|   | (b)      | The file size will decrease                               | 1     |