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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

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.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

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
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- 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.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

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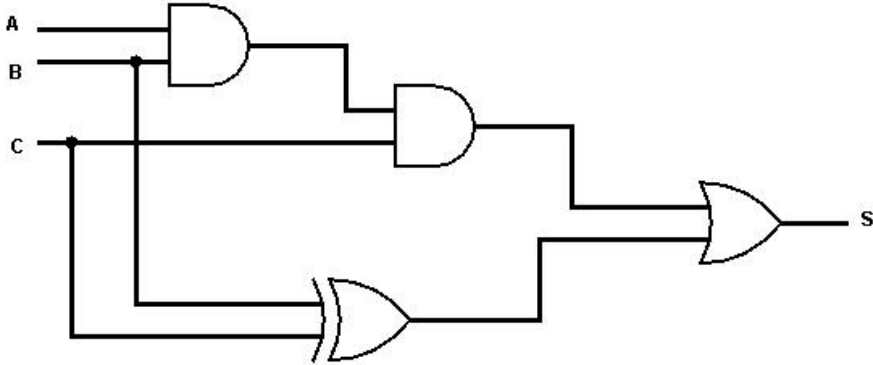
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1(c)(i)	<p>1 mark for each correctly completed line</p> <pre>CREATE TABLE RENTAL(RentalID INTEGER NOT NULL, CustomerID INTEGER NOT NULL, HouseID VARCHAR (5) NOT NULL, MonthlyCost REAL/CURRENCY NOT NULL, DepositPaid BOOLEAN NOT NULL, PRIMARY KEY (RentalID));</pre>	4								
1(c)(ii)	<p>1 mark per bullet point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select FirstName and LastName • From both tables • Where DepositPaid = No • Joining tables (either AND, or INNER JOIN) <p>Example script:</p> <pre>SELECT FirstName, LastName FROM CUSTOMER, RENTAL WHERE DepositPaid = No AND RENTAL.CustomerID = CUSTOMER.CustomerID;</pre>	4								



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2(b)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rules / past moves / decision making algorithms of the game will be stored • The AI program is trained, by playing many times • AI will look (ahead) at possible moves • ... and/or analyse the pattern of past choices • ... and choose the move most likely to be successful • Computer could learn how to improve // learn from previous mistakes • ... by storing the positive/negative result of choices • ... and changing its future choices 	3																									
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4(b)(iii)	1 mark for AND, 1 mark for #15 AND #15	2

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5(a)	1 mark for each term correctly inserted The control unit/bus transmits the signals to coordinate events based on the pulses of the (system) clock . The data bus carries data to components, while the address bus carries the address where data is being written to or read from. The arithmetic logic unit/ALU performs mathematical operations and logical comparisons.	5
5(b)	1 mark per bullet point to max 3 per factor. max 4 overall. Number of cores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each core processes one <u>instruction</u> per clock pulse • More/multiple cores mean that sequences of instructions can be split between them • ... and so more than one <u>instruction</u> is executed per clock pulse // more sequences of instructions can be run at the same time • More cores decreases the time taken to complete task Clock speed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each <u>instruction</u> is executed on a clock pulse // one F-E cycle is run on each clock pulse • ... so the clock speed dictates the number of <u>instructions</u> that can be run per second • The faster the clock speed the more <u>instructions</u> can be run per second 	4
5(c)(i)	1 mark per bullet point to max 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud storage can be free (for small quantities) • No need for separate (high capacity) storage devices // saves storage on existing devices • Can access data from any computer with internet access • Most cloud data services will have in-built backup/disaster recovery • Security could be better • Can easily increase capacity • Data can be easily shared 	2

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5(c)(ii)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can only access (the cloud) with internet access • Security may not be strong // no control over security • There may not be any backups // no control over backups • It can take a long time to upload/download the data • It can be more expensive in the long term • There could be a limit to the amount of storage unless paid for • There could be compatibility/access issues • There could be issues with the company offering cloud services 	2														
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6(a)	<p>1 mark for each correct answer</p> <p>ASCII = 128 // 2^7</p> <p>Extended ASCII = 256 // 2^8</p>	2
6(b)	<p>1 mark per bullet point to max 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each character has its own unique code • Each character in the word is replaced by its code • The codes are stored in the order in the word 	2

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6(c)(i)	31	1
6(c)(ii)	53	1

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7(a)	1 mark per bullet point to max 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program libraries store pre-written functions and routines • The program library can be referenced/imported • the functions/routines can be called in her own program 	2
7(b)(i)	1 mark per bullet point to max 4; max 3 from each section Interpreter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use an interpreter while writing the program • ... to test/debug the partially completed program • ... because errors can be corrected and processing continue from where the execution stopped // errors can be corrected in real time // errors are identified one at a time Compiler: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the compiler after the program is complete • ... to create an executable file • Use the compiler to repeatedly test the same (completed) section • ... without having to re-interpret every time // compiler not needed at run-time 	4
7(b)(ii)	1 mark per correct tool to max 2 e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakpoints • Single stepping • Report windows 	2

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8(a)	1 mark per bullet point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security protects data against loss • Privacy protects data against unauthorised access 	2
8(b)	1 mark for a correct answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two factor authentication • Biometric passwords • Key Card Access • Firewall 	1

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8(c)	1 mark per correct answer to max 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malware // viruses // spyware // by example• Hacking• Phishing• Pharming	2