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Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference **1CP2/01**

Computer Science

Paper 1: Principles of Computer Science

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- You are not allowed to use a calculator.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 Networks

(a) Different protocols are used in the 4-layer TCP/IP model.

Complete the table by providing **one** item in each empty space.

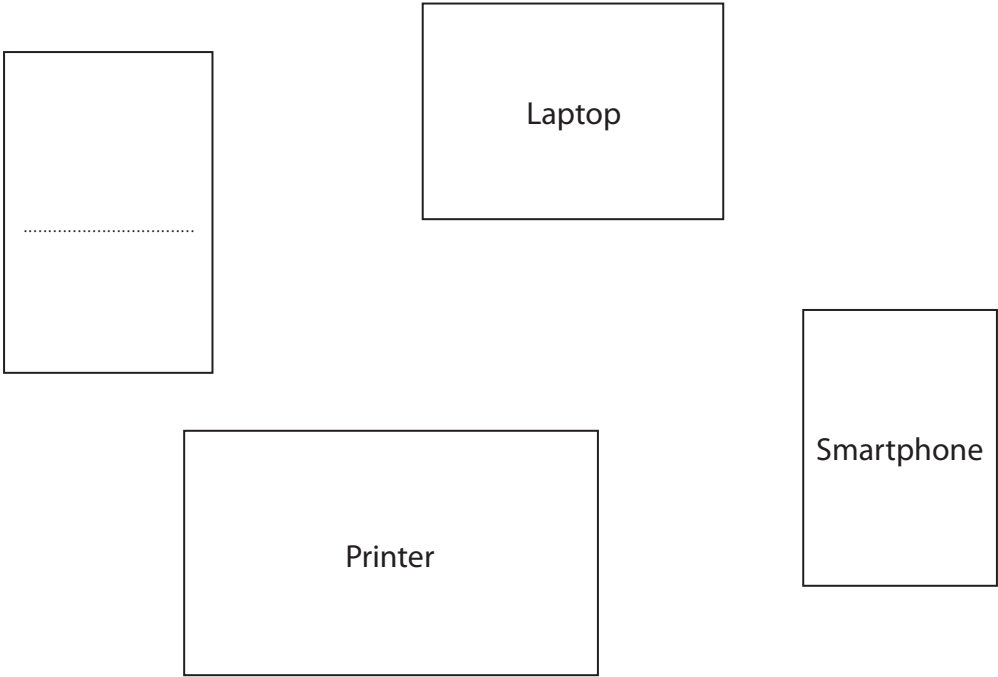
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Layer	Protocol
Application	
	TCP
Internet	
	Ethernet

(b) Computers can be connected using a bus, mesh or star topology.

(i) Draw lines between the devices and label the unnamed device to show a star network topology diagram.

(2)



(ii) Give **two** reasons for using a star topology rather than a bus topology.

(2)

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(c) State **one** reason for splitting data into packets.

(1)

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(d) Data is split up into packets for transmission over a network.

Identify the item included in a packet header.

(1)

☐ **A** Data being sent

☐ **B** Decryption key

☐ **C** Media restriction indicator

☐ **D** Packet number

(e) A company needs to secure its network from attacks by its employees.

Explain the best choice of penetration testing the company should use.

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(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)



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2 Computational thinking

- (a) Programmers use abstraction to model the real world.

Define the term 'abstraction'.

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- (b) Programmers use different types of operators in their programs.

Name the **type** of operator for each example.

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<, !=

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AND, NOT

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(c) Here is an algorithm.

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1   myNumber = 0
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3   myNumber = int (input ("Enter a whole number between 1 and 100:"))
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5   if (myNumber < 1):
6       print ("Too low")
7   elif (myNumber > 100):
8       print ("Too high")
9   elif (myNumber % 10 == 0):
10      print ("Nice round number")
11  elif (myNumber == 100):
12      print ("That's the biggest number")
13  else:
14      print ("Good choice")
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Complete the table to show the output for the given input.

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Input	Output
200	
33	
100	
0	

(d) Describe **one** difference between a syntax error and a logic error.

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(e) A merge sort is carried out on this list.

9 4 3 5 5 1 7

(i) State the number of splits required to complete the sort.

(1)

(ii) Here is the list after being split.

Complete the diagram to show the merging steps.

(2)

9	4	3	5	5	1	7
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1	3	4	5	5	7	9
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(iii) Explain the effect on efficiency of using a merge sort algorithm instead of a bubble sort algorithm on the original list.

9 4 3 5 5 1 7

(2)

(Total for Question 2 = 16 marks)



3 Data

(a) Complete the table.

(2)

Base	Number of values per digit
Binary	
	16

(b) Identify the reason why data capacity should be expressed in gibibytes rather than gigabytes.

(1)

- ☐ A Gibibytes are consistent with the units used for data transmission
- ☐ B Gibibytes represent binary multiples
- ☐ C More data can be represented in gibibytes
- ☐ D Processors have to carry out fewer operations when using gibibytes

(c) Convert the denary number 82 to 8-bit binary.

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(d) A sound is recorded with these settings:

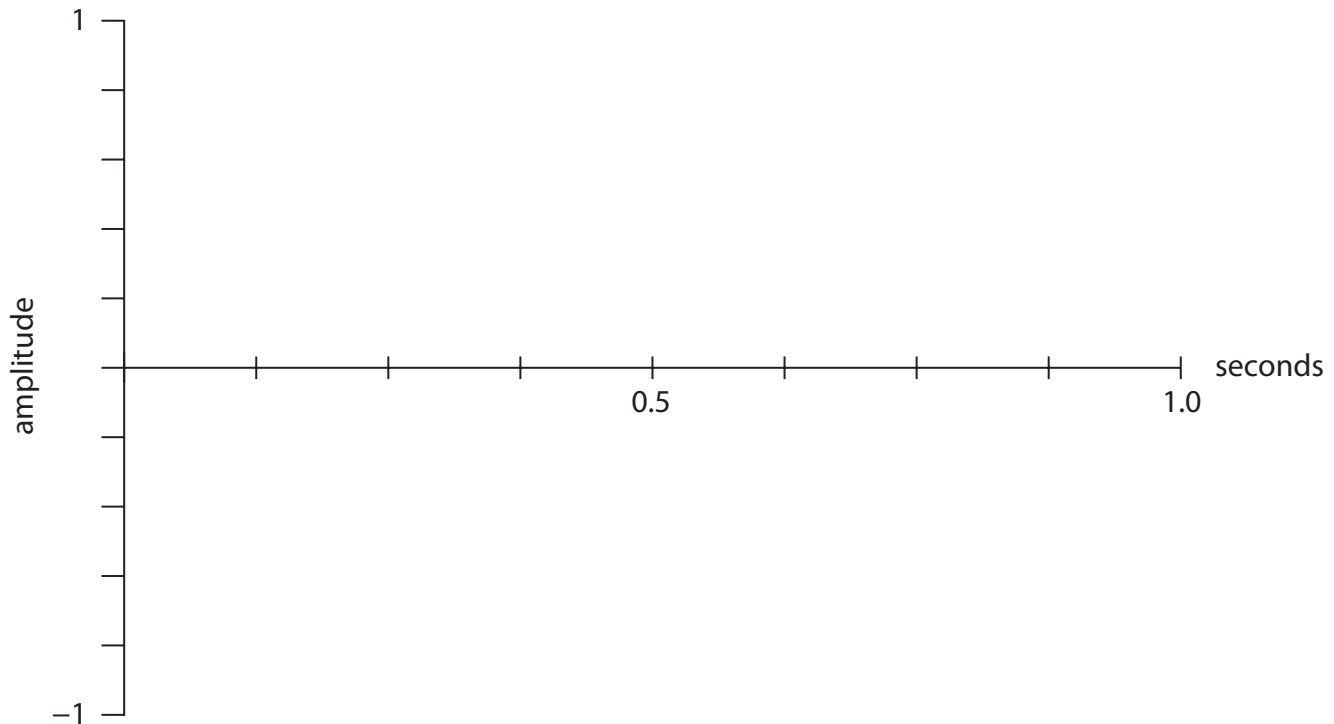
- sample rate: 24 kHz
- bit depth: 4-bit.

Two's complement is used to represent sample values.

The 3000th sample of the sound is represented in binary as 1111

(i) Draw an X on the graph to plot the value of the 3000th sample.

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(ii) State the reason why decreasing the sample interval improves the digital representation of a sound wave.

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(e) Convert the binary number 0100 1010 to hexadecimal.

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0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
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(h) Here is a sequence of text.

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog 素早い茶色
の狐が怠惰な犬を飛び越えます

Explain why 7-bit ASCII could not be used to represent this text.

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(Total for Question 3 = 18 marks)

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4 Issues and impact

(a) Identify the **two** types of malware that replicate their code.

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- ☐ **A** Key logger
- ☐ **B** Ransomware
- ☐ **C** Trojan
- ☐ **D** Virus
- ☐ **E** Worm

(b) Explain **one** reason why software should be patched regularly.

(2)



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(c) A travel company supports international travellers.

Discuss the legal and ethical issues associated with the company's collection and use of data.

Your answer should consider:

- the rights of data subjects
- the responsibilities of the travel company.

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(Total for Question 4 = 10 marks)



5 Computers

- (a) A slow magnetic hard disk may be affected by file fragmentation.

Describe fragmentation and the process of defragmentation.

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- (b) A team of developers is using an audit trail when working on a program.

State **two** advantages of keeping an audit trail.

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- (c) One function of an operating system is user management.

Describe **one** purpose of user management.

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(d) The Internet of Things has allowed devices with embedded systems to function independently and to collect and exchange data without the need for humans.

One such device is a battery-powered mower for the garden.

(i) Give **one** way each category could be used by the mower.

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Connectivity.....

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Input.....

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Process.....

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Output.....

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(ii) Explain the best choice of secondary storage for the battery-operated mower.

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(e) Here is a representation of the contents of main memory.

Memory

Memory location	Value
0000	1100
0011	1000
0100	1111
0101	0111

Draw a flowchart to show the process required to read the contents of memory location 0100 into the CPU.

You must include in your response:

- the buses used
- the contents of each bus.

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(Total for Question 5 = 19 marks)

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