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# London Examinations IGCSE

## Information and Communication Technology

Paper 1F

# Foundation Tier

Friday 7 November 2008 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Materials required for examination**
Nil

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### Instructions to Candidates

In the boxes above, write your centre number, candidate number, your surname, initial(s) and signature.
Check that you have the correct question paper.
Answer **ALL** the questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.
Do not use pencil. Use blue or black ink.

### Information for Candidates

The marks for individual questions and the parts of questions are shown in round brackets: e.g. **(2)**.
There are 12 questions in this question paper. The total mark for this paper is 100.
There are 20 pages in this question paper. Any blank pages are indicated.

### Advice to Candidates

You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.
Include diagrams in your answers where these are helpful.



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**Answer ALL questions**

**1.** Three types of user interface are:

**A** graphical user interface

**B** command line interface

**C** menu driven interface.

(a) The table contains statements about user interfaces. Complete the table to match each statement to a user interface. The first one has been done for you.

| Description | Interface |
|---|---|
| Uses icons. | A |
| Gives a list of possible actions for the user to select from. | |
| Uses a pointer controlled by a mouse. | |
| The user must type instructions. | |
| Uses a separate window for each application. | |

**(4)**

(b) A graphical user interface uses icons. Explain what is meant by an icon.

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**(3)** **Q1**

**(Total 7 marks)**

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**2.** A car hire company keeps details of its cars in a database. Part of the database is shown in the table.

| Registration | Make | Model | Engine size | Fuel type | Doors | Mileage | Colour |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KF07WSR | ford | fiesta | 1388 | petrol | 3 | 12232 | red |
| GT57YTG | ford | mondeo | 2495 | petrol | 5 | 8665 | grn |
| GY56THJ | honda | civic | 1339 | hybrid | 5 | 23745 | blk |
| BR56JDF | vauxhall | vectra | 1910 | diesel | 5 | 25569 | blu |

(a) (i) Give an example of a record from the table.

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**(1)**

(ii) Give an example of a field from the table.

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**(1)**

(iii) State a suitable key field for the table.

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**(1)**

(b) Database records can be added, deleted, or amended. Give an example of how each action could be used in this database.

(i) Addition .....

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**(1)**

(ii) Deletion .....

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**(1)**

(iii) Amendment .....

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**(1)**

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(c) When data is entered into the database, it is validated. The validation checks are:

- range check
- format check
- length check
- presence check.

Complete the table using a different validation check for each row.
The first one has been done for you.

| **Database column** | **Validation check** | **Example** |
|---|---|---|
| Mileage | range | Between 0 and 99999 |
| Registration | | |
| Colour | | |
| Doors | | |

**(6)**

**Q2**

**(Total 12 marks)**

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**3.** Mr. Brown is organising a family holiday in a foreign country. He uses the following Internet services to help him:

**A** e-mail

**B** search engine

**C** e-commerce site

**D** customer support site

**E** forum.

(a) Mr. Brown carries out several tasks while organising the holiday. Complete the table to match each task to **one** of the services. The first one has been done for you.

| Task | Service |
|---|---|
| Finding other people's recommendations of what to see in the foreign country. | E |
| Booking and paying for flights. | |
| Finding suitable hotels. | |
| Asking a hotel about facilities. | |
| Contacting the airline to arrange for vegetarian meals. | |

**(4)**

(b) Mr. Brown finds some web sites posted by people who have travelled in the country he will be visiting. These sites include information about places to visit, public transport, restaurants, and local customs.

Give, with an example in each case, **two** reasons why Mr. Brown should be careful about this information.

Reason 1 .....

Example 1 .....

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Reason 2 .....

Example 2 .....

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**(4)**

**Q3**

**(Total 8 marks)**

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**4.** A school has a local area network (LAN). The parts of the LAN are connected by copper cable.
When a new classroom block was built in the school grounds, the Computing Department was asked to arrange for the new block to be connected to the LAN.

Some possible connection methods are:

- copper cable
- fibre optic cable
- radio.

(a) The Computing Department chose copper cable. Give **two** reasons why copper cable might be preferred over the other methods.

Reason 1 .....

Reason 2 .....

**(2)**

(b) For each of the other methods, give **one** reason why it might be preferred over copper cable.

Fibre optic cable might be preferred over copper cable because .....

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Radio might be preferred over copper cable because .....

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**(2)**

(c) If a copper cable were used to connect to the new classroom block, a piece of equipment would be required to join the cable to the school LAN.

State the name and purpose of the required piece of equipment.

Equipment name .....

Purpose .....

**(2)**

**Q4**

**(Total 6 marks)**

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**5.** John has developed a web site for his IGCSE ICT project. The web site uses a script to make it interactive. The script is called 'Birthdays' and displays an input box where a user may enter a date of birth. The screen then shows what day of the week that date was.

(a) John knows that he should test the 'Birthdays' script using typical, extreme, and invalid data. Give an example of each for the 'Birthdays' script.

Typical .....

Extreme .....

Invalid .....

**(3)**

(b) State **two** other tests that John should perform on the 'Birthdays' script. Give a reason for each test.

Test 1 .....

Reason 1 .....

Test 2 .....

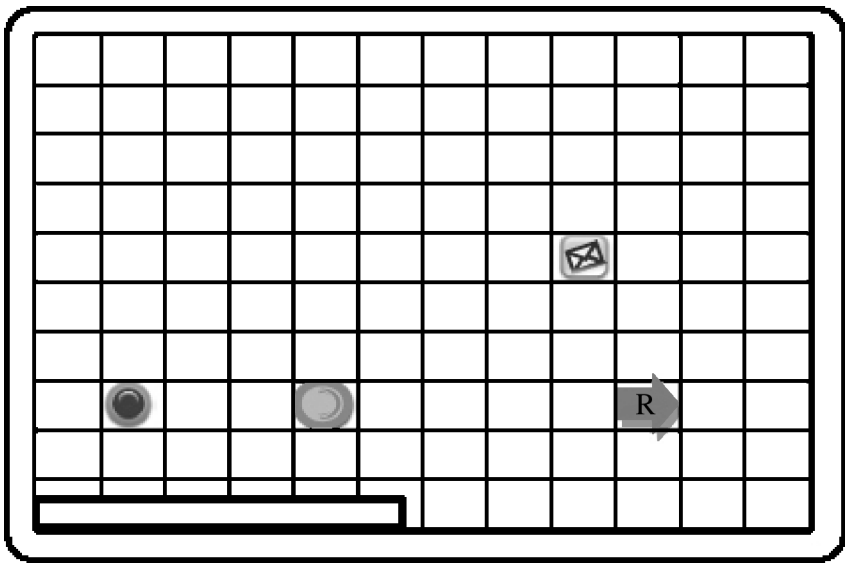
Reason 2 .....

**(4)**

**Q5**

**(Total 7 marks)**

**6.** Sarah has a program which controls an on-screen robot. When she runs the program it displays a grid, a text input box, and a robot icon in addition to her original program icons. Sarah's screen display is shown in the diagram.




**Symbols used**

R On-screen robot

Icon for program 1

Icon for program 2

Icon for program 3

Text input box

The robot may be moved by typing letters into the text input box and then pressing Enter. The robot moves forward in the direction of the arrow.

The possible commands are:

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| F | forward 1 square | R | turn right 90 degrees |
| L | turn left 90 degrees | C | perform a double mouse click |

For example. LFFFLFC will move the robot over the icon for program 2 and then double click to run program 2.

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(a) The robot is at the position shown. Sarah wishes to run program 3. Write the letters she should put into the text input box.

**(3)**

(b) The robot is at the position shown. Sarah wishes to run program 1 but does not want the robot to move over the icon for program 3. Write the letters she should put into the text input box.

**(7)**

**Q6**

**(Total 10 marks)**

**7.** A mouse is an input device. It can be used to control a cursor on a computer screen.

(a) State **two** other input devices that might be used to control a cursor on a computer screen.

Device 1 .....

Device 2 .....

**(2)**

(b) A standard keyboard has keys which allow the letter and number keys to perform more than one function. For example, the **Shift** key allows the number keys to produce symbols, so that 5 gives %.

State **two** other keys which allow the letter and number keys to perform more than one function. State what the extra function is and give an example in each case.

Key 1 .....

Extra function .....

Example 1 .....

Key 2 .....

Extra function .....

Example 2 .....

**(6)**

**Q7**

**(Total 8 marks)**

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**8.** A school Examinations Officer is collecting information about IGCSE examination entries. Each subject teacher who wishes to enter pupils for IGCSE examinations must fill in a paper data collection form which includes spaces to enter information about the teacher, pupils, and subject.

(a) Draw a data collection form which would be suitable for this purpose.

**(6)**

(b) The Examinations Officer enters the collected data into a database. Some of the data is encoded. State **one** data item from your data collection form which would be suitable for encoding.

Give an example of a suitable code for this data item and explain how it works.

Data Item .....

Example .....

Explanation .....

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**(3)**

**Q8**

**(Total 9 marks)**

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**9.** The Smith family has set up a wireless computer network inside their house. The network uses a combined router and wireless access point to connect to the Internet.

(a) Mr. and Mrs. Smith are worried that their children might gain access to unsuitable material over the Internet.

Explain **one** method which they could use to help to prevent such access.

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(b) Julia Smith is fifteen years old and keeps her secret diary on her computer. She is worried that her younger brother might try to read it.

Explain **two** computer-based methods which she could use to try to prevent him from reading it.

Method 1

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**(2)**

Method 2

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**(2)**

(c) Mr. and Mrs. Smith notice that when all the family's computers are switched off, the router is still showing Internet traffic. State a possible reason for this and explain what they should do to prevent it.

Reason .....

Prevention .....

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**(3)** **Q9**

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**10.** A zoo has a children's area. Only 50 visitors are allowed inside the children's area at one time. There are turnstiles at the entrance and exit. A turnstile is a kind of gate which only allows one person at a time to pass through.

(a) The movement of a visitor through a turnstile is detected by a sensor.

Describe how this could be achieved.

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**(2)**

(b) Digital signals are sent from the turnstiles to a microprocessor. State the processing which takes place when:

(i) The entrance turnstile sends a signal.

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(ii) The exit turnstile sends a signal.

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**(2)**

(c) There is an electronic display above the entrance turnstile which shows how many visitors are inside. State how the microprocessor decides which number to output to the electronic display.

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(d) The manager of the zoo wishes to know how popular the children's area is.

(i) State **two** data items which should be logged for this purpose.

Item 1 .....

Item 2 .....

**(2)**

(ii) State a suitable type of software for logging the data and give a reason for your choice.

Software type .....

Reason .....

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**(2)**

**Q10**

**(Total 10 marks)**

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**11.** Lucy wishes to make a web site for her IGCSE ICT project. She has a choice of a commercial package for writing web sites, or a basic HTML package where she types in the code herself.

(a) In the context of an IGCSE ICT project, explain **three** advantages of a commercial package over a basic HTML package.

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(b) Lucy wishes to make a picture gallery in the web site. She uses a digital camera to take some 800 × 600 pixel pictures. She inserts them as jpg files and then drags the corners of each picture to fit it into a thumbnail-sized space.

When she has a gallery of 16 pictures, she loads the page into a browser and finds that it is very slow. Her teacher tells her that the problem is caused by the pictures.

Explain how Lucy could make the page load more quickly without altering its appearance.

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**(3)** **Q11**

**(Total 6 marks)**

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**12.** Computers hold data as bits and bytes.

(a) (i) Explain what is meant by a bit.

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(ii) State what is meant by a byte.

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**(1)**

(iii) State what is meant by a kilobyte.

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**(1)**

(b) Data other than keyboard characters, e.g. sound, is also held as bits.

State **two** other data types that are held as bits.

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**(2)**

(c) A character entered from a keyboard may be held as ASCII code. In ASCII code, each character is represented by a pattern of 8 bits. An alternative way of holding characters is to use Unicode.

(i) State how Unicode holds a single character.

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(ii) State the main advantage of Unicode over ASCII code.

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**(1)** **Q12**

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