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MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

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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
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- 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).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

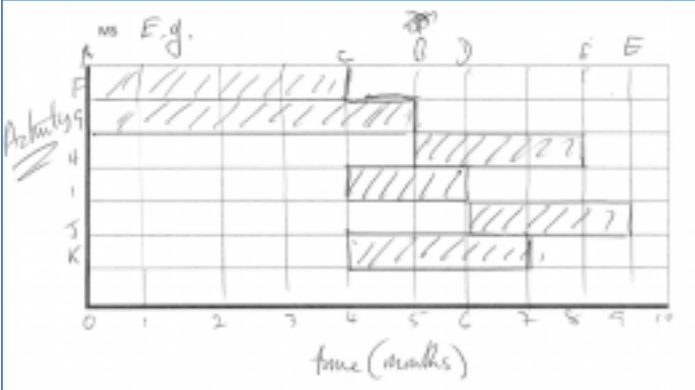
Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Question	Answer	Marks
1	<p>Four from:</p> <p>Can be saved/stored in a variety of formats so that the webpage can be viewed on all computer platforms</p> <p>Can be output from many applications so easy to produce</p> <p>Can be created from the pixel arrays in memory</p> <p>Can display vast range of colours depending on bits per pixel</p> <p>Can display subtle gradations of shades/colour/greyscales as it is made of pixels</p> <p>Best for photo-realism/continuous tones compared to vector images so images of advertised items appear more realistic</p> <p>Individual pixels can be modified to customise/edit the image so images of advertised items are more appealing/attractive</p> <p>Can translate easily to dot-format output for use with CRTs/printers</p> <p>Can be used in simple animations e.g. Animated gifs</p> <p>Can be compressed so that file size is reduced and loads faster.</p>	4

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2	<p>Eight from:</p> <p>Bandwidth requirements are higher to allow more detail in video images</p> <p>Video-conferencing requires higher resolution video because there are often several people on screen at once</p> <p>Need to see facial features/body expressions of participants clearly</p> <p>One person to another (when video-conferencing) does not require high resolutions</p> <p>High bandwidth (of 2–4 Mbps) would deliver an (H720p) high definition image for multiple participants</p> <p>Low bandwidth (of 512 kbps) would be sufficient for one-to-one video-conferencing</p> <p>Low bandwidth does not allow high definition images so would not be able to properly see the faces of multiple participants</p> <p>High bandwidth would allow higher frame rates/30fps for smooth motion</p> <p>Limited/low bandwidth requires trade-off between resolution and frame rate</p> <p>Resolution priority for displaying slideshows/documents in detail</p> <p>Motion priority for displaying video presentations.</p> <p><i>Max 6 for all positives or all negatives.</i></p> <p><i>1 mark available for a reasoned conclusion/opinion.</i></p>	8

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	<p>Two from:</p> <p>Each packet takes a different route through the network Each router 'decides' which router to send it onto depending on other network traffic e.g. router A will send some packets to router C and some to D If next router is busy/unavailable If a packet is mis-sent/corrupt en route then re-transmission is requested from originating router Time taken along different routes is not the same Arriving at different times at network H.</p>	2
3(b)	<p>Five from:</p> <p>Each router has a stored lookup table of IP addresses/routes to the next router/network Routing table is stored at control plane of router Routing table used to choose next router/router to which to send packet Static routes B to C to E to G are pre-programmed to show route to destination Dynamic routing protocols build up a table of preferred routes between connected routers/networks B to C to F to G if router E is inefficient/out of action/in heavy demand If destination is unknown router B will send packet to next known router/C or D If C/D router does not know destination to H then packet is sent onto next router/E or F.</p>	5

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4(a)	<p>One mark for both milestones:</p> <p>A and C</p>	1
4(b)	<p>Two from:</p> <p>Critical path made up of activities F, I and J / A to C C to D and D to E Totalling $4 + 2 + 3 = 9$ months.</p>	2

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<p>4(c)</p>	<p>Five from:</p> <p><i>Max 2 from:</i> <i>Activities on Y axis and labelled</i> <i>Time on X axis and labelled</i> <i>Milestones identified</i></p> <p><i>Max 3 marks from:</i> <i>All activities shown correctly 3 marks</i> <i>5 activities shown correctly 2 marks</i> <i>4 activities shown correctly 1 mark</i> <i>Less than 4 shown 0 marks</i></p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>5(a)</p>	<p>Four from:</p> <p>Filter/select the records in the data source on Invite? field To remove the “No” /”Yes” are selected Create new data source of “Yes” invites Use new source file for the mail merge.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Use SKIPIF function in a merge field To skip “No” in Invite? field so that these are not used in the merge Example code: { SKIPIF "{ MERGEFIELD Invite? }" = "No" } Place the SKIPIF field at beginning of the template So the record is ignored early in process.</p>	<p>4</p>

Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	<p><i>Eight from:</i></p> <p>Replace the second <<City>> field/<<City>> field in body of letter As this does not show correct city for meeting but repeats the address city Insert variable field in place of this field to select meeting city based on Country field Use a nested IF Comparing Country with UK and with Egypt to select “London” as meeting city If neither match then Hong Kong is selected as meeting city</p> <p>Example code: { IF { MERGEFIELD Country } = “UK” “London” {IF { MERGEFIELD Country } = “Egypt” “London” “Hong Kong” } }</p> <p><i>Allow 1 mark for { IF { MERGEFIELD Country } = “UK” “London”</i> <i>Allow 1 mark for {IF { MERGEFIELD Country } = “Egypt” “London” “Hong Kong” } }</i></p>	8

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6	<p>Eight from:</p> <p><i>Suitable code would be:</i></p> <pre>var AgeNow, CanApply; AgeNow = Number(document.getElementById("AgeNow").value); if (isNaN(AgeNow)) { CanApply = "Please enter your age in numbers."; } else { CanApply = (AgeNow < 16)? "You are too young to apply for a licence.": "You are old enough to apply for a licence.";</pre> <p><i>Mark points: 8 from:</i></p> <p>Declare the variables, must be exact variable names as in Question: var AgeNow, CanApply;</p> <p>Capture the input of the age: AgeNow=Number()</p> <p>Use of correct capture code: document.getElementById("AgeNow").value;</p> <p>Use of “isNaN” to check that the input is a number: if (isNaN(AgeNow))</p> <p>Display error message if not a number: CanApply = "Please enter your age in numbers.";</p> <p><i>Use of “if...else” to make decision:</i> } else {</p> <p>Use of comparison check: CanApply = (AgeNow < 16)?</p> <p>Appropriate display messages: e.g. "You are too young to apply for a licence.": "You are old enough to apply for a licence.";</p> <p>Messages match comparison: i.e.: < 16... too young; old enough >16.... old enough; too young</p>	8

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7	<p>Eight from e.g.:</p> <p>Help physicians/doctors monitor and diagnose illness/disease Data transferred directly by head up display/to retina of doctor/ anaesthetist/ surgeon during medical procedures Less time spent on reading/tracking data Wearable systems (e.g. e-skin) on patients including sensors send data direct to doctors Enhance patient-doctor interaction Patients have more access to data Doctors can monitor remotely Assist in medical procedures/surgery Access to digital images during procedures/overlay of images onto procedure Remote guidance during procedures/emergency assistance Assist/allow patients to manage and control pain Implantable systems to control diabetes/blood pressure/food intake/activity Improve employment of personal fitness regimes Fitness bands to track activity/sleep patterns Educate patients in their health Patients can monitor own health and be aware of changes/conditions and make decisions themselves.</p>	8

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8	<p>Four from:</p> <p>User/client may decide that the early version is all that is needed Developers can focus on developing parts of the system that they understand Instead of developing a whole system which might be beyond their comprehension Improvements/alterations/add-ons to the system can be created later First prototype is not discarded so materials/time are not wasted Throw-away prototypes may not work at all/be on paper only Can be used in interim until final system is complete.</p>	4

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	<p>Two from:</p> <p>(PPP is) Point to Point Protocol Used in (most) dial-up connections Has link monitoring capability/can log how many errors occur Can maintain multiple links and enable them to function as single link Provides authentication via password authentication protocol (PAP)/challenge-handshake protocol (CHAP) Requires a username/password to allow dial in to network.</p>	2

Question	Answer	Marks
9(b)	<p><i>Eight from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can use multiple email clients simultaneouslyAllows use of same email system on mobile devices and PCs at same timeChanges on one device are reflected on other devices connected at same timeProvides multiple mail boxesCan create/use folders/mailboxes on serverCan copy messagesEmail clients stay connected to serverEmail messages downloaded as and when they arrive at serverProvides faster response time to emails to recipient compared to POP3Allows access to sections of message/partial messages/partial fetchMessages with attachments can be retrieved without downloading the attachmentCan stream content as it is being retrievedMessage state information availableUses flags stored on server to check whether message has been read/replied to/deletedCan be seen across connected devicesServer-side searches can be carried outEmail client can search server for email messages using user-defined criteria.	8

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10	<p>This question to be marked as a Level of Response.</p> <p>Level 3 (7–8 marks) Candidates will evaluate in detail, giving both advantages and disadvantages of, the use of asymmetric and symmetric cryptography when encrypting data for electronic transmission between two persons. The information will be relevant, clear, organised and presented in a structured and coherent format. There will be a reasoned conclusion/opinion. Subject specific terminology will be used accurately and appropriately.</p> <p>Level 2 (4–6 marks) Candidates will explain the use, giving both an advantage and disadvantage, of asymmetric and symmetric cryptography when encrypting data for electronic transmission between two persons. For the most part, the information will be relevant and presented in a structured and coherent format. There may be a reasoned conclusion/opinion. Subject specific terminology will be used appropriately and for the most part correctly.</p> <p>Level 1 (1–3 marks) Candidates will describe, with a least one advantage/disadvantage of, the use of asymmetric and symmetric cryptography when encrypting data for electronic transmission between two persons. Answers may be in the form of a list. There will be little or no use of specialist terms.</p> <p>Level 0 (0 marks): Response with no valid content.</p> <p>Answers may make reference to e.g.:</p> <p>symmetric-key cryptography:</p> <p><i>Advantages:</i> shares the same/related key with sender and receiver... ...process is relatively fast ...used on solid state drives to encrypt/decrypt data as it is written/read to/from disk.</p> <p><i>Disadvantages:</i> ...keys must be kept secret from others ...sharing keys between sender/ recipient is a security issue ...if key is compromised both sender and recipient are at risk.</p>	8

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10	<p>asymmetric key cryptography (public key)</p> <p><i>Advantages:</i> uses different keys to encrypt and decrypt ...public key is known to all, but private key is known only to recipient ...only private key must be kept secret ...anyone can use public key to encrypt ...only recipient can decrypt ...keys are not shared ...so is very secure ...if private key compromised, only senders data is at risk as any other data sent to others is encrypted with a different public key.</p> <p><i>Disadvantages:</i> ...process is relatively slow... ...so not suitable for e.g. hard disk encryption on-the-fly.</p>	

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11	<p>Five from:</p> <p>Much larger screens possible without perceived loss of picture quality Resolution almost double that of standard high definition screen means greater detail in picture Higher quality connectors/leads/HDMI cables required to carry signals from set-top boxes to TV and these cost more/more difficult to manufacture New methods of delivering HD/UltraHD/4K/8K content are required as current broadcast systems/terrestrial/current satellite TV Investment in infrastructure required Increased use of internet/cable TV connections New/updated (recording) systems required to process the MPEG4/H.265/VP9 data/signals Requires faster processors/greater processing power in devices Broadcasts cannot deliver/do not have the bandwidth required Internet/network infrastructure has to be capable of providing high bandwidth connections to homes/businesses Streaming of high definition TV requires greater bandwidth High-speed/bandwidth internet is not universally available Better home networking products/network configuration required to stream high definition TV QoS settings in routers need to be configured to ensure smooth video.</p>	5

Question	Answer	Marks
12	<p><i>Eight from:</i></p> <p>Banking is available at any time so financial transactions can occur at any time No issues with banks being closed/international time zones Financial transactions are carried out/confirmed more quickly than at branches/ATMs Accounts can be monitored/used at on different/mobile devices Transactions can be tracked Demand for access to technology/internet increased due to moves to online banking Increase in online banking has led to decrease in number of bank branches/personal customer service Online banking has led to reduction/removal of paper audit trails Online banking has led to increased security threats/issues as a result of phishing/scams.</p> <p><i>Max 6 for all positives or all negatives. 1 mark available for a reasoned conclusion/opinion.</i></p>	8