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Paper 1 Theory Fundamentals

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1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

No calculators allowed.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of this page. Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

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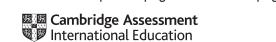
Answer **all** questions.

No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

The maximum number of marks is 75.



- 1 A computer has an operating system (OS) and utility software.
 - (a) The following table lists key management tasks performed by an operating system and their descriptions.

Complete the table by writing the missing management task names and descriptions.

Management task	Description
Memory management	
	Provides user accounts and passwords
	Handles the signals sent when the attention of the processor is required elsewhere
Provision of a software platform	

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(i)	Describe the actions performed by a hard disk formatter and a hard disk defragmenter.
	Hard disk formatter
	Hard disk defragmenter

(ii)	Identify three other examples of utility software that can be installed on the computer.
	1
	2
	3
	[3]

Frankie is a software developer. He is developing a program to manage customer records for a client with an online retail business. He must ensure that data stored about each customer are

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botr	n secure and private.	
(a)	State the difference between security and privacy.	
		[2]
(b)	Computer systems can be protected by physical methods such as locks.	
	Describe two non-physical methods used to improve the security of computer systems.	
	1	
	2	
		 [6]
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(c) A computer uses parity blocks to check the data that has been received is the same as the data that has been transmitted.

The following is an example of a parity block.

	Parity bit				Data			
	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Parity byte	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1

(i)	Describe how a patransmission.	arity block check ca	n identify a bit that	has been corrupted of	during
					[4]
(ii)	Give a situation wh	ere a parity block ch	eck cannot identify	corrupted bits.	
					[1]

(4)	One principle of the ACM/IEEE Software Engineering Code of Ethics is to always act in the best interest of the client.
	Explain how Frankie can ensure that he is acting in the best interest of his client.
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(e)	When the program is complete, Frankie uses a compiler to prepare the program for the client.
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3			any uses a relational database, EMPLOYEES, to store data about its employees ents.	and
	(a)	The	company uses a Database Management System (DBMS).	
		(i)	The DBMS has a data dictionary.	
			Describe what the data dictionary stores.	
				. [2]
		(ii)	The DBMS has a query processor.	
			Describe the purpose of a query processor.	
				. [2]
	(b)	Rela	ationships are created between tables using primary and foreign keys.	
		Des	scribe the role of a primary and a foreign key in database relationships.	
				. [2]

- (c) In the company:
 - An employee can be a manager.
 - A department can have several managers and several employees.
 - An employee can only belong to one department.

The EMPLOYEES database has three tables:

Complete the entity-relationship (E-R) diagram for the EMPLOYEES database.

EMPLOYEE DATA

DEPARTMENT_MANAGER

DEPARTMENT

[3]

(d)	Give three reasons why the EMPLOYEES database is fully normalised.
	1
	2
	3
	[3]

(e) Part of the EMPLOYEE_DATA table is shown.

EmployeeID	FirstName	LastName	DateOfBirth	Gender	DepartmentNumber
156FJEK	Harvey	Kim	12/05/1984	Male	S1
558RRKL	Catriona	Moore	03/03/1978	Female	F2
388LMDV	Oscar	Ciao	01/01/1987	Male	F2

(i)	Write a Data Definition Language (DDL) statement to create the EMPLOYEES database.
(ii)	Write a DDL statement to define the table EMPLOYEE_DATA, and declare EmployeeID as the primary key.
	[5]

(iii)	Write a Data Manipulation Language (DML) statement to return the first name and las name of all female employees in the department named Finance.

4	A program	is w	ritten in	assembly	language
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(a)	The op codes LDM and LDI	are used to load	a register. The op	code LDM uses	immediate
	addressing, and the op code	ELDD uses direct a	ddressing.		

Describe what	happens	when t	he follo	wina ii	nstructions	are run

LDM #300	
LDD 300	
	[2]

(b) Assembly language instructions can be grouped by their purpose.

The following table shows four assembly language instructions.

Tick (\checkmark) one box in each row to indicate the group each instruction belongs to.

Instruction	Description	Jump instruction	Arithmetic operation	Data movement
LDR #3	Load the number 3 to the Index Register			
ADD #2	Add 2 to the Accumulator			
JPN 22	Move to the instruction at address 22			
DEC ACC	Subtract 1 from the Accumulator			

[3]

(c)	The	processor handles interrupts within the fetch-execute cycle.
	(i)	Give one example of a hardware interrupt and one example of a software interrupt.
		Hardware
		Software
		[2]
	(ii)	Explain how the processor handles an interrupt.
		[5]

- 5 Xander creates a presentation that includes images, video and sound.
 - (a) The images are bitmap images. A bitmap image can be made up of any number of colours. Each colour is represented by a unique binary number.

Draw **one** line from **each** box on the left, to the correct box on the right to identify the minimum number of bits needed to store each maximum number of colours.

Maximum number of colours Minimum number of bits 68 1 2 2 3 3 127 7 2 8 249 9

[3]

(b)	One	e of the videos has a frame rate of 40 fps (frames per second).	
	(i)	State what is meant by 40 fps.	
	(ii)	One video uses interlaced encoding, and a second video uses progressive encoding.	
		Describe two differences between interlaced and progressive encoding.	
		1	
		2	
			[4]
(c)	The	sound track has a sampling rate of 88.2 kHz and a sampling resolution of 32 bits.	
	Sta	te what is meant by a sampling rate of 88.2 kHz and a sampling resolution of 32 bit	s.
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	San	npling resolution of 32 bits	
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