

GCSE (9-1)

Computer Science

J276/01: Computer systems

General Certificate of Secondary Education

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
BP	Blank Page – this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response.
^	Omission mark
BOD	Benefit of doubt
Subordinate clause/Consequential error	
×	Cross
E	Expansion of a point
FT	Follow through
NAQ	Not answered question
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
Р	Point being made
REP	Repeat
1	Slash
✓	Tick

Subject Specific Marking Instructions

LEVELS OF RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

For answers marked by **levels of response**:

- to determine the level start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer
- to determine the mark within the level, consider the following

The indicative content indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.

Using 'best-fit', decide first which set of BAND DESCRIPTORS best describes the overall quality of the answer. Once the band is located, adjust the mark concentrating on features of the answer which make it stronger or weaker following the guidelines for refinement*.

Highest mark: If clear evidence of all the qualities in the band descriptors is shown, the HIGHEST Mark should be awarded.

Lowest mark: If the answer shows the candidate to be borderline (i.e. they have achieved all the qualities of the bands below and show limited evidence of meeting the criteria of the band in question) the LOWEST mark should be awarded.

Middle mark: This mark should be used for candidates who are secure in the band. They are not 'borderline' but they have only achieved some of the qualities in the band descriptors.

Be prepared to use the full range of marks. Do not reserve (e.g.) high Band 3 marks 'in case' something turns up of a quality you have not yet seen. If an answer gives clear evidence of the qualities described in the band descriptors, reward appropriately.

*When only two marks are available (low mark band) only use Highest and Lowest mark guidance for 'best-fit'.

	AO2.1a	AO2.1b
High (thorough) (6 – 8 marks)	Precision in the use of terminology. Knowledge shown is consistent and well-developed. Clear appreciation of the question from a range of different perspectives making extensive use of acquired knowledge and principles of computer science.	Understanding of concepts is consistently applied to context enabling a logical and sustained argument to develop. Examples used enhance rather than detract from response.
Middle (reasonable) (3 – 5 marks)	Awareness of the meaning of the terms in the question. Knowledge is sound and effectively demonstrated. Demands of question understood although at times opportunities to make use of acquired knowledge and concepts are not always taken	Understanding of concepts is shown and is applied to context. There is clear evidence that an argument builds and develops through the response but there are times when opportunities are missed to use an example or relate an aspect of understanding to the context provided.
Low (basic) (1 – 2 marks)	Confusion and inability to deconstruct terminology as used in the question. Knowledge partial and superficial. Focus on question narrow and often one-dimensional.	Inability to apply understanding of key concepts in any sustained way to context resulting in tenuous and unsupported statements being made. Examples if used are for the most part irrelevant and unsubstantiated.
0 marks	No response or no response worthy of credit.	No response or no response worthy of credit.

C	Questio	n	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	a	i	1 mark for each completed word CPU stands for <u>Central Processing Unit</u> . It is the part of the computer that fetches and executes the <u>instructions</u> that are stored in (main) <u>memory</u> . The CPU contains the Arithmetic <u>Logic</u> Unit (ALU) and the <u>Control</u> Unit (CU).	5 AO1 1a (5)	 Accept: RAM/registers in place of "memory" bod cache/MDR/CIR in place of memory 'and Logic' in place of Logic ignore 'data' if they put 'data and instructions' but no mark for data on its own Do not award command for instructions Bod central processor unit Bod logical
1	а	ii	 1 mark per bullet to max 2 Dual core is 2 processors/cores // double the number of processors/cores Parallel processing can take place which means each processor can execute a separate instruction at the same time // each processor can run a different part of the program at the same time // each core can process instructions independently of each other which enables multitasking Some processes/software cannot be split between two processors so it does not increase the performance 	2 AO1 1b (1) AO2 1b (1)	 Needs the notion of the processors acting at the same time i.e. not just 'it can run twice as many instructions' without 'at the same time'. Do not award more instructions per second - this could be achieved by having a faster clock speed. Allow FDE for 'executing instructions'. Do not allow 'cores can split the tasks' – need to be how i.e. one task for each core to run at the same time. BOD run more than one program at once

that can be accessed faster than accessing them from RAM	1b (2)		CPU.
which means more cache improves the performance of the CPU // less cache decreases the performance of the CPU Too much cache can be detrimental as it will take longer to find the instructions in cache		•	No mark for cache is faster than RAM - faster at what?
do it will take longer to find the metadations in eache		•	Bod - More cache makes the processing faster Bod - More cache makes the
	less cache decreases the performance of the CPU	less cache decreases the performance of the CPU Too much cache can be detrimental	less cache decreases the performance of the CPU Too much cache can be detrimental

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1	b	i	1 mark for each row			5 AO1 1a (5)	
				RAM	ROM		
			Stores data	✓	✓		
			The memory is volatile	✓			
			Data will not be lost when the computer is turned off		✓		
			Data is read-only, cannot be changed.		✓		
			Stores currently running data and instructions	✓			
1	b	ii	memory is slower to	ess/store access/st running	data than ore data t programs/	Flash memory // Flash	Accept description of volatile/non-volatile Bod - RAM is primary // Flash is secondary
						Flash data has to go to	
1	С	i	1 mark for any suitable exame.g. Solid state drive // SSD // fla USB memory stick // USB dr Memory card // SD card	sh drive		1 AO1 1b (1)	 USB on its own is incorrect. Accept USB stick // memory stick
							 Do not accept Hard drive, bod solid state hard drive

1	С	ii	Secondary	1 AO1 1b (1)	 FT from (i) e.g. if RAM is given for 1ci then this answer must be primary. FT USB (NE 1ci) as secondary. If 1ci is NR or not an example of primary or secondary storage, then 0 for whatever is here.
1	C	iii	(6-8 marks) The candidate demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of a wide range of considerations in relation to the question; the material is generally accurate and detailed. The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly and consistently to the context provided. Evidence/examples will be explicitly relevant to the explanation. The candidate is able to weigh up both sides of the discussion and includes reference to the impact on all areas showing thorough recognition of influencing factors. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Mark Band 2-Mid Level (3-5 marks) The candidate demonstrates reasonable knowledge and understanding of a range of considerations in relation to the question; the material is generally accurate but at times underdeveloped. The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly to the context provided although one or two opportunities are missed. Evidence/examples are for the most part implicitly relevant to the explanation. The candidate makes a reasonable attempt to discuss the impact on most areas, showing reasonable recognition of influencing factors.	8 AO2 1a (4) AO2 1b (4)	The following is indicative of possible factors/evidence that candidates may refer to but is not prescriptive or exhaustive: Indicative Content: Portability Both are Small in size / portable and can easily be moved between Kerry's home and work Solid state can be smaller Solid state less likely to break Robustness Optical are not robust i.e. easily scratched/damaged while being moved Solid state has no moving parts so unlikely to break if dropped Capacity CDs have small capacity Depends on Kerry's files if they are small files e.g. text documents then a CD

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-			There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence. Mark Band 1-Low Level (1-2 marks) The candidate demonstrates a basic knowledge of considerations with limited understanding shown; the material is basic and contains some inaccuracies. The candidate makes a limited attempt to apply acquired knowledge and understanding to the context provided.		might be large enough bit if there are lots large files e.g. videos/software then solid state may be more appropriate Cost Optical cost is small per GB Solid state can be reused
			The candidate provides nothing more than an unsupported assertion. The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear. O marks No external to answer the question or response is not worthy of credit		more times because it's more durable so may be cost effective in the long term
1	С	iv	No attempt to answer the question or response is not worthy of credit 1 mark for correct working e.g. 5*1024 // 5*1000 1 mark for 5120 MB // 5000 MB	2 AO2 1b (2)	
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2 a	 1 mark per bullet to max 3 e.g. He can place his files into folders/directories He can (re)name files/folders He can move his files/folders He can copy/transfer/export files/folders He can delete his files/folders He can set permissions/access rights He can search for files He can view file details/extensions/file size/type He can create files/folders He can sort files/folders // he can put files into a specific order // by example He can open files/folders 	3 AO2 1a (3)	 Answers must be clear as to what the answer is applied to i.e. 'you can open it' - what is it? Mark first answer on each section. Do not award: defragment view files download compression preview edit/read/write files Organise files' without
			what into - is not enough.

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2	b	i	 1 mark per bullet to max 4 e.g. Use an algorithm to remove repeated/unnecessary data Could use lossy/lossless lossless will not remove data permanently // lossless means original file will be restored lossy is permanent deletion // lossy means original file will not be restored Reduce number of pixels // reduce resolution Record the changes in the colour for each pixel instead of the colour Run length encoding record the colour and number of consecutive pixels of that colour instead of the colour of every pixel Decrease colour depth//decrease number of colours 	4 AO2 1a (2) AO2 1b (2)	 'lossy removes unnecessary data permanently' gets 3 marks, 1 for lossy, 1 for 'removes unnecessary data' if not already awarded and 1 for lossy = permanent Do not award 'not noticeable to the human eye', or 'keeps same/reduces quality' - this does not explain how the file is compressed. Do not accept information for data.
2	b	ii	1 mark per bullet to max 2 E.g. Defragmentation software Encryption software Backup software Anti-virus Firewall Anti-spyware Disk checker/cleaner Auto-update Disk formatting	2 AO1 1a (2)	Do not accept compression Accept anti-malware
2	С	i	Smart watch	1 AO2 1a (1)	CAO

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2 c	 ii 1 mark per bullet for justification to max 2 A smart watch is not a <u>general-purpose computer</u> which means the smart watch has one/limited/specific/dedicated function(s) 	2 AO2 1b (2)	Answers must be applied to scenario. Do not award generic definitions.
	 Smart watch has a microprocessor on a single circuit board It is a computer system that is built within the watch Runs firmware Smart watch has built-in OS // difficult to change/manipulate the OS/function Smart watch has few components all essential to its purpose Smart watch has specific hardware required to function i.e. speaker/headphones 		Allow opposite reasons for why a laptop is not an embedded system but do not allow repeated points.

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3 a	i	 1 mark per bullet to max 3 e.g. Malware could be put on the computer Data protection legislation states personal data must be protected / breaks Data protection legislation breach of privacy he could lose his job Delete files // change data so the important work is lost/changed Steal files/data/information // copy data/files/information // keylogger transmits data/files/information to third party use for illegal activities e.g. profit from the data // gain private information // leak information to the public Data could be locked 	3 AO2 1b (3)	
3 a	ii	 1 mark for naming, 1 for description to max 2 per method e.g. Password No access without the password // description of strong password // limit attempts to guess // changing it regularly Limited attempts to get into laptop before laptop is locked Firewall Monitor incoming and outgoing transmissions // Stop unauthorised/unwanted incoming/outgoing transmissions/packets. Biometrics Need fingerprint/retina scan Do not leave laptop logged on/unattended So that other people cannot physical access it Physical security // keep in locked room So that people cannot physically access the laptop 	4 AO1 1a (2) AO2 1a (2)	 Do not accept encryption/anti-malware, this will not prevent unauthorised access. Do not accept penetration testing - it's a laptop, not a network. Login is NE for password Do not accept access rights - it's access to the laptop

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	 Do not connect laptop to network // standalone computer So that there are no network threats Two-step verification // two-factor authentication For example sending code to mobile phone 		
3 b	 i 1 mark per bullet to max 2 Uses an algorithm to jumble/scramble/mix up the data // turns it into cypher text // by example If it is accessed it cannot be understood // it is unintelligible Use of keys to encrypt/decrypt data 	2 AO1 1a (1) AO2 1b (1)	 'Need the key to understand the data' can get both MP2 and 3 Cannot read the data // data is unreadable is NBOD
3 b	<pre>ii 1 mark for each completed piece of code message = input("Please enter your string") newMessage = "" messageLength = message.length for count = 0 to messageLength - 1// message.length - 1 ASCIIValue = ASC(message.subString(count,1) ASCIIValue = ASCIIValue + 1 if ASCIIValue > 90 then ASCIIValue = ASCIIValue - 26 endif newMessage = newMessage & CHR(ASCIIValue) next count</pre>	5 AO3 2b (5)	For messageLength - 1 in loop accept messageLength or message.length Spelling must be exact, do not penalise case.

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3	b	iii	1 mark for suitable output	1	 Must logically work. Do
			e.g.	AO3 2b (1)	not accept "" around
					newMessage.
			output(newMessage) // print(newMessage)		
					 Parentheses not required.
					Do not accept:
					• newMessage =
					output(newMessage)
					or similar
					Accept any output
					method
					Bod - if the candidate
					outputs something extra it
					must be valid i.e. a
					variable from the program,
					or additional text in a
					string with suitable
					concatenation e.g.
					print(newMessage +
					asciiValue) is ok but
					print(newMessage is
					the new message) is
					not.

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4	а	i	 1 mark per bullet Four laptops/computers, a server and printer present and clearly identifiable (positions do not matter) Switch as a device clearly identifiable all devices directly connected to the switch and only the switch (FT from MP2) e.g. 	3 AO2 1a (3)	•	Printer may be connected to the server or to the switch. Accept PC for laptop If the candidates has
			Printer Switch Laptop Laptop			given server/switch or switch/server in the centre, mark the first one in their list. If they give server/switch, they do not get MP2, but allow access to MP3.
4	а	ii	 1 mark per bullet to max To connect the devices together Receives data/packets/traffic Direct/send data/packets/traffic only to its destination Creates/generates a list of devices connected to it as it receives 	2 AO1 1a (1) AO2 1a (1)	•	Do not award information, penalise once. Do not award packet switching out of context.
			 signals Uses MAC addresses of devices connected to it 		•	Accept MP3 by example

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4 b	i	 1 mark per bullet to max 2 Wireless transmission is slower than cabled More devices/users could be connected e.g. mobile phones // increase in traffic reducing bandwidth available for each user // insufficient bandwidth for users/demand Wireless can be limited by interference such as walls that disrupt the signal // from other wireless networks/users 	2 AO1 1b (1) AO2 1b (1)	•	Bod - wireless has less bandwidth
4 b	ii	 1 mark per factor e.g. Bandwidth available Number of users (using the network at the same time) (Number of) data collisions Interference // by example e.g. walls Distance data has to travel // signal strength Amount of data being transferred Applications being used Server/CPU performance Using a hub instead of a switch 	2 AO1 1a (2)	•	Do not accept wireless/wired connections Bod answers such as cable length

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4	C		 1 mark per bullet to max 2 Non-physical network A private network that runs on a public/existing network Combining 1+ physical networks into 1 logical network // 1+ logical networks on 1 physical network // partitioning part of physical network It uses software to separate the Virtual Network from the wider network Users in the Virtual Network can only access data in the Virtual Network Employees can log in / join the private network from any location Employees can access the server/documents from any location // only gives users of the Virtual Network access to the data The connection is secured 	2 AO2 1a (1) AO2 1b (1)	
5	a		 1 mark per bullet to max 5 The website is hosted on a webserver The website/webserver has an IP address (Browser) sends URL to DNS URL has a linked IP DNS finds IP If DNS cannot find the IP it passes request to higher DNS if not found return error IP address sent back to the browser/computer (Browser) sends request to IP/webserver Webserver processes request for the website/webpage webserver sends the webpage/file/data to the user 	5 AO1 1b (3) AO2 1b (2)	 Do not award 'the IP goes to the webserver' Allow domain name in place of URL 'DNS finds the IP of the URL it is given' gets 2 marks, 1 for URL has linked IP and 1 for DNS finds the IP MP 11 do not accept webserver loads the webpage on the user's computer
5	b	i	 1 mark per bullet to max 2 A layer can be removed/changed etc. without affecting any other layers Each layer has its own purpose // separates the purposes // self-contained so it does not need to consider what the other layers do so it can be programming individually Individual protocols are each smaller/simpler to manage Different layers can interface with different hardware 	2 AO1 1a (1) AO1 1b (1)	 Do not award descriptions of what the layers do - the question asks why layers are used. Do not award vague answers e.g. layers make it easier to work with

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5 b		ii	1 mark for each protocol.		4	•	Mark first answer in each
			Task Sending an email from one mail server to another Transmitting a file from a client to a server Viewing a website using a web browser Downloading an email to your computer	Protocol SMTP // Simple Mail Transfer Protocol FTP // File Transfer Protocol HTTP // Hypertext Transfer Protocol HTTPS // Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure IMAP // Internet Message Access Protocol	AO2 1a (4)		box
6	a		for packaging // less wa Less electrical power n No petrol used to distrismaller carbon footp Fewer disks need to be Fewer factory emission Old versions will be thr	aw materials used in manufacture // no need aste seeded to manufacture bute/collect rint e manufactured as // less pollution own away a physical copy (sold online) e.g. in manufacture	2 AO2 1b (2)	•	Could be read as still physically creating but not putting in shops. Do not accept more use of computers/electricity to download.

6	b	1 mark per bullet to max 2 for justificationShe can sell it for a fee	2 AO2 1b(2)	Accept in reverse for why open source is not
		 Protects/copyrights her source code so it can't be copied/modified/redistributed 	(-)	appropriate, but do not award same MP twice

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