GCE MARKING SCHEME

ICT
AS/Advanced

Summer 2012
INTRODUCTION

The marking schemes which follow were those used by WJEC for the Summer 2012 examination in GCE ICT. They were finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conferences were held shortly after the papers were taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conferences was to ensure that the marking schemes were interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conferences, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

WJEC regrets that it cannot enter into any discussion or correspondence about these marking schemes.

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1. Data consists of raw facts and figures. Information is data which has been processed by the computer (given context or meaning). Knowledge is derived from information by applying rules to it.

Any appropriate example, such as 9:00, 135/75, 10:00, 135/75, 11:00, 120/60.

To render the data as information, it first must be given a context, e.g. medical – a patient’s blood pressure reading or to make it more understandable it is put into a table.

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The doctor can now apply her knowledge to this information. The patient’s blood pressure is dropping (information) and their condition is deteriorating (knowledge).

(Do not give mark if the figures are totally unrealistic)

2.(a) Any four from. (A description or an example is required. The candidate must name the characteristic).

- **Accurate** - Data without any mistakes
- **Correctly targeted** - The question should be targeted at the people who are going to use it OR e.g. if asking for information about motorbikes there is no point asking car drivers. No good asking vegetarians about meat eating.
- **Understandable** - The meaning of any information should be clear to the user OR if the information is in a very complicated format then it will waste time and people could draw the wrong conclusions from it.
- **Complete** - Has to include all the information. OR e.g. letters not having postcodes take longer to deliver
- **Relevant** - Data has to be related to the task you are trying to investigate. OR there is no point using information about babies from people whose children are in their late teens. No good collecting information on ice-cream sales in Alaska in the winter if you want to open your kiosk in California
- **Up-to-date** - Information changes with time and without a date stamp could be too old to be useful OR means that the data is not too old i.e. a travel company would not have much profit from using 10 year old data on holiday patterns to decide which resorts to offer this year. (Time has to be either stated or implied). (Condone timely as an alternative word to up-to-date).

**Accept Reliable** if refers to source of information.

A plain list of three or four gets 1 mark.
2 (b) Two other costs: time (1), human resources / people / staff / employees (1) both must have different stages and real example (1 mark for naming the cost x 2)
Appropriate example, such as: the time consuming nature and the specialist staff requirements
Accept also, time to re-train (could come under time or HR issues) time to analyse the data
e.g. Designing/Creating Data Collection sheets
e.g. employ someone to create the forms.
Takes time to trial the sheets before using for real.

Data Collection
e.g. New staff have to be employed to go and ask people questions.
Training needed to show the team how to collect the data.

Maintenance/Updating
Staff have to be employed to keep the hardware running and to modify the software when legislation changes or bugs are found.

Data Entry
New staff have to be employed to type in the results of the data collection.
OMR devices have to be purchased.
It takes time for someone to type in the data which takes them away from another job.

3. Any two from:
1 mark naming check AND description 1 mark for the error it is designed to stop (this may be obtained by the candidate giving an example)

**Just naming gets no marks**
**No marks for producing a list**

**Presence** – requires that a value must be entered, the details of an order are being input, the order cannot be processed unless an order number is entered and the routine will return an error if the box is left empty.

**Format** – the data must conform to a prescribed layout, a NI number consists of 2 letters 6 digits and then a letter. If the operator tries to enter a different combination an error is returned. (Input mask)

**Range** – the data must be a value that falls between 2 prescribed values, the date of birth of a pupil must lie between 01/09/83 and 31/08/95, any date that falls out of the range is rejected.

**Data type** – data must be of a specified type i.e. numerical, text, Boolean, image, data entered for the number in stock must be numerical, if a text item is entered it must be rejected.

**Fixed value** (Lookup)(File check) – data must conform to one of the values in a predefined list i.e. for gender only m or f is allowed, entering anything else will result in an error message,

**Check digit** – numerical calculation on a code number and comparing it with the final digit, if the same value is not found then an error message is displayed.

Also accept **Length check, Input mask, Integrity check** with examples
4. (a) A Hyperlink is:
An area of a web page usually a section of text or an image, that contains a link to another location on the Web. OR A connection to another related page, when activated sends a request for another web page (Or object) to be downloaded. (1)

Any suitable example (1)

A Frame is a section of a web page in which semi-independent activities can take place. (1)
Suitable example e.g. an area with a menu or group of links. (1)

4 (b) Any two of:
Can place graphics more accurately
Can have more control over the layout / allows better customisation
Likely to take up less memory / less demanding on the system
Loads faster than using a template
Compatibility - enables to be displayed on a number of different platforms

5. **Must name the Act**
   **Max 3 marks for each Act** i.e. name (1) purpose (1) consequence (1).
   **Cannot use the same consequence twice.**
   **To get the three marks must give at least one consequence.**
   **Can get marks for other Acts**
   **No more than two marks for naming Acts**

   *Data Protection Act, Copyright Act, Computer Misuse Act, Malicious Communication Act* (Could mention *Freedom of Information Act* and *Intellectual Property Rights*).

   **Misuse Act** - Crimes against the *Misuse Act* are backed up with fines and prison (differing scales).
   **The Computer Misuse Act** (1) was introduced to make it illegal for people hacking into your computer (1) by giving the hackers a fine (of £2000). (1) / the Act also made it illegal to use the information you see for blackmail purposes (1) and you could get a further (£2000) fine and go to prison. (1)
   Identity theft
   Spreading viruses, etc
   Phishing
   **DPA** - The DPA (1) makes companies who keep personal data keep the data secure (1) or they could be heavily fined (1)

   Onus on companies in *DPA* to register.
   Currency of data.
   Obtain data lawfully.
   Used for given purpose.

   **Copyright Act** - copying software / images / music

   **NOT** Pornography, Cyberbullying, Paedophilia
6. (a) This question asks for benefits the network gives the network manager

**Any three from:**
- The hospital's IT manager can monitor what work staff are doing from a central point.
- IT manager can install software from a central point without going around each machine. (not just install software)
- Backups can be done centrally
- User security policies can be centrally administered
- Can send Pop up messages with important information about down time
- He can ensure that all anti-virus software is kept up-to-date
- Remote management of stations (a good answer could gain three marks for three distinct points)
- Sharing data is wrong as the question is about the network manager

6 (b) A private internet OR a closed / private network only accessible within the organisation

**Any 1 from**
- Allows consultants to access privileged information from home.
- Allows users access to information which non medical staff cannot have
- Allows additional security to information as stays inside the hospital / health trust.
- Allows doctors to see X-rays / patient information at the bedside

**NOT** GP accessing it (extranet)

7. (a) **Electronic Funds Transfer (1)**

is moving money (electronically) from one account to another e.g. from a customer account to pay for goods purchased (1)

7. (b) **Electronic Point Of Sale (1)**

is the hardware and software needed to automate the checkout process (1)

Any three from:

**Advantages**
- Need for less staff as no need to put price on each item
- Money taken straight out of customer account so the company is guaranteed it
- Less need for physical security as not have to carry as much cash
- Allows 'just in time', better stock control, (less waste)
- Less time in queues so happier customers and greater throughput
- Better management statistics / monitoring staff e.g. checkout performance
- Allows better targeting
- Automatic re-ordering
- Attract / retain customers by allowing additional services e.g. cashback, topping up your phone, allows a variety of payment methods, allows special offers – loyalty cards, BOGOF, vouchers
8. (a) Three marks for description of any 3 of the following methods. No mark for just naming the method. No list mark awarded. Can award marks for general answers within a method but only award once.

3 marks for the method, 3 for the disadvantages and 4 for the advantages

**OMR** Teachers are given an OMR form with class lists each week and they put a black mark whether present or absent. The form is read by computer and an absent list produced. The teacher marks the reason for the absence in the correct space on the OMR form.

**Radio tags** As pupils enter a classroom the PC detects their presence from the tag and adds the information to the central register.

**Admin software on PC / laptop / tablet / phone** Teachers take the register on their machines and the information is transferred electronically to the central server.

**Bromcom** In some schools the teachers have a specialised device with a wireless link to the admin server. Teachers fill in an attendance form at the beginning of every lesson and this is wirelessly up to the office

**Smart cards** Each pupil has their own smart/swipe card which they swipe through a computer at the beginning of registration and every lesson. This data is sent to the office either by wireless or by file transfer.

**Biometrics (Once)** Each pupil as they enter the classroom they place their thumb on the finger print reader. This data is sent electronically to the office. (same for retina scanning).

### Advantages
- Saves teachers/teaching time
- Improved attendance
- Easier to spot absence patterns
- Improved tracking of attendance cuts down internal truancy
- Automatic SMS messages to parents
- Automatic creation of statistics, automatic archiving
- Know which pupils are in and are late
- Know where pupils are all times if year tutor wants to see them
- Printout report summary to check pupils % attendance
- Multiple access points to the data

### Condone - marks for method specific advantages

### Disadvantages
- Wireless - Wireless coverage for all rooms / grounds may not be available.
- Any (but only once) - Initial cost of purchasing electronic equipment
- Biometric - Cost of maintenance and repair / dirt causes problems – need technical support
- Swipe cards - Pupils might swipe their friends cards into a lesson - teacher has not checked - relied upon the machine to do it
- Any – In a Fire cannot use the system and might not know who is there
- OMR – Cannot be done sensibly every lesson, too much labour involved, paper can easily be damaged, tends be done daily/weekly and thus can be out of date. Only 1 access point
- Any – communications failure can mean that no lists are available

| 7-10 marks | Candidates give a clear, coherent answer fully and accurately describing three methods, discussing advantages and a specific disadvantage for each. They use appropriate terminology and accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar. |
| 4-6 marks | Candidates give brief descriptions of three methods, and give advantages and a specific disadvantage for each but responses lack clarity. There are a few errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. |
| 1-3 marks | Candidates simply list methods but may not give advantages or a disadvantage, or give a brief description of one. The response lacks clarity and there are significant errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. |
| 0 marks | No appropriate response. |
8 (b) For full marks, candidates need to discuss three of the following with appropriate advantages and disadvantages (at least two of each for full marks). No mark for naming the use. No marks for a list. Maximum 5 marks for advantages / disadvantages (i.e. 2 + 3 or 3+ 2) and 3 marks for methods

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**Advantages**

- Greater interactivity holds a pupil's attention
- Quicker feedback in online tests
- Offers a variety of different ways to learn and a variety of information sources. More dynamic learning
- Allows user to learn at own pace and can learn at times suitable for themselves
- Allows user to ‘go over’ earlier work again in case they did not understand i.e. repeat sections they found difficult earlier
- Computer based training significantly reduces costs for the employers and can be safer if it is a danger
- Cuts down on travelling for staff or pupils
- Disabled can carry on with learning

**Accept any other reasonable answer**

**Disadvantages**

- Lack of collaborative learning
- Need to be self motivated
- Lack of social interaction
- Cost of installation and maintenance (must be well qualified)
- Work / life balance of teacher
- Communication failure
- Inequality of learning experience (them and us)

**No marks for repeated items.**

**Accept any other reasonable answer.**
9. (a) Use of a program to predict the behaviour of a real life system. 
   *Answer should have software and at least one of real life / investigative (what if)* 
   Computer uses a mathematical formula implies use of software

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<td>- Cheaper as do not have to physically destroy cars</td>
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<td>- Safer as nobody is really hurt</td>
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<td>- Much more flexible</td>
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<td>- Can explore different scenarios more easily</td>
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<td>- Model could oversimplify the situation and not be accurate enough</td>
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<td>- Bad data errors in formulas will spoil accuracy</td>
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<td>- No model is ever 100% accurate</td>
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Before starting to mark question 10 look through the spreadsheet printouts to determine how the candidate has identified pages and screenshots. In reading each answer to questions 10 (a), 10 (b), 10 (c) and 10 (d) look for the page or printout indicated. If you cannot see the item, look at the page (printout) before and after the one indicated. If you cannot see the item then no mark can be awarded.

10. (a) Two marks for each formula (1 from A and 2 from B) 
   *No mark for naming formula up to 2 marks for description of what it Does. Purpose plus extension or purpose plus detailed description of data used gains both marks. (What and why)* 
   A: SUM, COUNT, MAX, MIN, AVERAGE, RAND 
   B: Single IF, Multiple IF, DATE, ROUND 
   e.g. 
   My Count formula on page 5, cell D24, counts the number of numbers in cell range A23 to D23 (1) It can help you work out the mean of a set of numbers by giving you the number to divide the total by (1). COUNTIF, etc, are also acceptable 
   RAND generates a random number between 0 and 1 (1) in my range, on page 10, it is used to generate the number of sales of hot cross buns in cell E25 (1). 
   **NOTE The use of RAND to generate a unique number is incorrect** 
   I used the SUM function (SUM C2:C24) in column C of page 3 to add up all the costs of the different items sold every week (What) to work out my total income (Why). 
   I used SINGLE IF in cell E14 on page 5 to work out if the account holders were overdrawn =IF (D2 <0, “ACCOUNT OVERDRAWN”, “Account in credit”) the message “ACCOUNT OVERDRAWN” appears and if the amount is not negative then the message “Account in credit” appears. 
   I used the DATE function in cell F3 on page 2 to work out the difference in days between when the payment should have been made and when it was actually made so that interest could be charged on the outstanding balance. 
   **NB - NOW or TODAY are acceptable but must refer to a printed invoice otherwise the candidate could use DATE which is also acceptable. DATE function can reduce data entry errors** 
   **Must be specific and related to work in their sheet.**
10 (b) **Example**
Can be seen on page 13 cell D6 and F9 in the table on page 14.
I enter the name of an item and the price is then found from the information I have already put in the prices sheet. (1)

**Advantage (1)**
- reducing data entry errors
- increasing efficiency supported by a suitable example
- If a price changes you only have to change it in the reference table
- Speed of data entry

**Disadvantage (1)**
- If the item changes value then I will have to go and change the price sheet as well
- Complexity (explained)
- If you rename or move the table it will not work.
- Data has to be sorted into order (generally true)
- If there are errors in the look up table there will be errors in the result.

**HAVE TO SHOW WHERE THE FUNCTION IS USED TO GAIN MARKS**

10 (c) **One mark for naming a validation technique. Up to two marks for detailed description. Do not have to name the technique if adequately described**

- e.g. I put a range check on my customer order number (1) of between 1 and 9999 (1) to ensure numbers were within the correct range (1), (any of these other points are worth a mark).

- I used conditional formatting (1) by putting a preset formula (1) e.g. to work out the date (1) for data in another cell (1).

- I set the text length on customer Postcode (to 8 characters to put a limit (1) to prevent extra data being entered. (1) (Max 2 for this answer as length check not named.)

Can accept a customised error message. Must be described

**HAVE TO SHOW WHERE THE FUNCTION IS USED TO GAIN ANY MARKS**

10 (d)(i) **What and why**
I sorted the names of my customers on page 13 as it made it a lot easier to look for people when their surnames **were** in alphabetic **order.** / to make a list ready for Vlookup

10(d)(ii) **What and why**
I used a breakeven graph on page 12, in my profit loss graph, this allowed me to find the number of items I had to sell before I was going to start making a profit.

**NOTE** ‘A visual representation of the data’ is insufficient for the mark
### Needs of the user (up to 2 marks if mention both)
- The novice user’s priority will be ease of learning.
- The expert user will want to get the job done in the shortest possible time.

**How these could be met (Max 3 marks)**
- Could provide tutorials for novice users / Novices will need easy access to help.
- Step by step approach / novice users should never be left wondering what to do next.
- Novice users tend to stick to the mouse/touch screen / Graphical user interface (gui)
- Provide shortcuts for experts / command line interface.
- Experts often type at high speed and can memorise key combinations and this is faster than using the mouse and clicking on icons.
- Increased numbers of ways of performing the same operation – interfaces have a number of routes and allow the user the choice. i.e. a novice user would prefer to use a drop down menu or click on an icon to print whilst an expert will want to use CTRL/P.

**Must be clear that answer refers to novice or expert and not general points about HCI.**

### Description involving:

| Physical configuration of network / shape of network / map of network / layout of network (1) |
| How Linked / connected together (1) |

**Accept alternative wording**

No marks for naming shapes e.g. bus, ring
### Size of the organisation (NOT Size of the Network)
- Needs can range from a small LAN to a global WAN.
- Some communications media are limited by the distance they have to travel.
- Amount of data processing required must also be considered.
  NOT Need to be able to add more computers to the network.

### How the system will be used
- What type of applications do users require? / Are the users going to require a wide range of applications?
- Will they need large data storage? / Are they going to store a large number of data files?
- From where will they operate the network e.g. at home in office or remote access from different locations. / Where does the processing get done?

### Existing systems to integrate
- More often networks are not developed from scratch but need to fit in with existing systems.
- Sometimes an extension is required e.g. when a new branch office opens.
- Therefore any new network must fit in with the existing operating systems and protocols.
- It must support any peripherals already in use e.g. bar code readers, printers, etc.
- Can the current stock of PC’s and peripherals be used on the new network?

### Performance in terms of: reliability / user friendliness / capacity / speed of processing
- Different parts of the organisation may have different performance requirements.
- Real-time e-commerce system may require greater speeds / capacity / reliability.

If candidates only list factors then maximum mark is 1
Condense security if reference to level of risk NOT hacking / viruses

Answers should compare the following factors of the two networks.
Any 6 comparisons Only give cost factors once and knowledge factors once

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<td>More expensive – servers are expensive to buy</td>
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<td>Lower operating costs – less set up and maintenance costs</td>
<td>Cost of setup and maintenance is higher</td>
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<td>Status – All machines have same status</td>
<td>One machine more important than the rest</td>
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<td>No network manager is needed – all users take responsibility for the network (Knowledge)</td>
<td>Need specialist knowledge – need a person with technical knowledge to manage network</td>
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<td>Knowledge - Users need more IT knowledge</td>
<td>Network manager allocates access to resources on the network</td>
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<td>Easy to set up – they are the simplest of computer networks, can be set up by anyone</td>
<td>Network operating systems require technical knowledge to set up and maintain</td>
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<td>No reliance on a server – no worry about the server breaking down</td>
<td>If server breaks down network is unusable</td>
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<td>Peer responsibility – users decide what resources others can use on their computer</td>
<td>Users need little specialist knowledge as administration is performed centrally</td>
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<td>Security - Poorer security as resources are shared</td>
<td>Security is better as it is centralised and one persons responsibility (not just hierarchy of passwords)</td>
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<td>Back ups cannot be made centrally – this places the responsibility on all the users to back up their own data</td>
<td>Backups and software installation can be done centrally</td>
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<td>Harder to find files which are not stored centrally</td>
<td>Centrally stored files are easier to find</td>
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<td>Network size - Only suitable for very small networks (15 or less)</td>
<td>More efficient / load tolerant for large networks</td>
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**Any three of the following described appropriately**
- Introduction of viruses
- Using an organisation’s hardware/printers for personal work / using the internet and running up telephone bills for own purposes or tying up the bandwidth
- Using company time for personal email / social networking
- Distribution of material that is racially or sexually offensive / cyber bullying
- Misuse of data for their own business
- Blackmail, computer fraud or selling to other organisations
- Violating terms of copyright or software agreements / by downloading illegal software onto the system

Hacking needs to be explained in terms of one of the above

**NOT theft of hardware**

### 7

**Description of any four from: List gets 1 mark**
- Responsibilities
- Respecting rights of others
- Abiding by current legislation
- Protecting hardware and software from malicious damage
- Complying with licensing agreements
- Authorisation – what parts of the system they can use
- Permissions on data access
- Security defining rules about password disclosure, data transfer rules and personal use of emails and the Internet
- Consequences of breaking the code

### 8

**Any four of the following, discussed in suitable detail:**
- Maintaining a company website / need for trained staff
- Catalogue of stock, stock database/table so that one can immediately see if something is available or whether there will be a delay.
- Methods of secure payment / shopping trolley
- Database/table of customer orders/bids so that immediate searches can be made to find and update customer information.
- Order/bid tracking / email confirmation.

*If candidate just states four points then maximum mark is 1*
Evaluation of any valid point one mark (max 7). Very well argued point could be worth two. To get full marks must have at least one advantage and one disadvantage. NB Context must be e-commerce business.

**Advantages to customers**
- It enables people to find out what they do and what they sell.
- There is no travelling – it can be done from home so saving in costs and time / delivered to the door.
- Allows disabled people to do more shopping.
- Can be done 24/7.
- Much quicker to do a price comparison.
- Can find obscure goods not available locally.
- See other customer reviews.
- Order tracking.
- Better deals available online.

**Advantages to businesses**
- People can email them with enquiries, orders, requests.
- Technology has advanced and now made a lot more possible.
- Overheads cut / Large savings on shop, warehouse and office space / Less money tied up in stock / less stock wastage.
- Wider customer base / Can reach an international audience.
- More efficient customer targeting.
- Can target sales because you can see rivals prices on their website and alter your prices.
- Can sell 24/7 (but not if given as an advantage for customers).

**Disadvantages**
- Credit card fraud.
- Fake websites - goods do not exist.
- Copycat websites to extract bank account info.
- Fewer shops on the High Street.
- Lack of social interaction.
- Increase in delivery vans.
- Cost of maintaining a company website.
- Need for trained staff.
- Can’t fully assess the quality of the goods / can’t try it on.
- Competitors can see your prices and target your company.

**Other effects**
- Security issues e.g. hackers stealing bank account details.

Do not give duplicates (see * and # above).
One mark each for discussion of any eight points (Concern and consequence/effect) further marks for discussion of any point with greater detail/example.

- There is little control over the content of the material on the Internet, although some governments have started to control what can be seen. – Censorship / inciting violence / blacklist
- There is also no control over the people who can access the material on the Internet. - Privacy / Plagiarism / Hacking.
- The lack of ‘policing’ of the Internet also means that the information is not checked to make sure that it is accurate, very hard for children to be able to check the accuracy of the information. Not monitored.
- There are laws covering the production and distribution of some material but as much of this material comes from other countries, where the material is perfectly legal, there is not much that can be done to stop it.
- Children can easily gain access to pornographic or violent images and be influenced.

Examples worth two marks

- Increased risk of stalking / grooming / paedophiles. Real worry is that paedophiles use the Internet for distributing pornographic pictures of young children and they also can use it to lure children into meetings with them after they have spoken to them in chat rooms. (2)
- Increased risk of cyberbullying / spreading rumours / trolling / misuse of social media / etc. Can lead to lack of confidence, children skipping school, depression, suicide, etc. ISPs / social networking sites are refusing to give prominence to ‘reporting’ button. (2)

Examples of additional points worthy of credit:

- It is up to the users of the Internet to check the material's accuracy.
- Offensive material such as pictures of hounds ripping a fox to pieces.
- Even with a software filter it is hard to be completely sure material is excluded.
- If a site is banned it could make it more popular.
- Illegal downloading of music / films / action starting to be taken to prosecute.
- There are a lot of pornographic images/videos on the Internet.
- The main worry adults have is that young children could accidentally access this material unless special software (net nanny/ blocking) is used.

CONDONE Addiction to computer games / social networking - many children spend hours playing computer games and their social skills and schoolwork can suffer as a result / could suffer rsi.

Any relevant point but be careful not to credit duplicate points

If candidate just states four points then maximum mark is 1

One mark for each factor and one for each further explanation x 2

Context must relate to Banking or be neutral

Identify potential risks - e.g. viruses / fire / natural damage / hacking / systems failure / fraud, etc
Likelihood of risk occurring - some things such as power cut are inevitable but explosions much less likely - senior managers have to assess the likelihood of each risk occurring and put in the necessary security

Short and long term consequences of threat - resources (staff, equipment, etc) need to be directed towards recovering the data / may have to pay compensation / financial loss due to loss of business through not being able to sell mortgages, etc. / embarrassment/ prosecution / loss of integrity / bankruptcy / cost of replacing equipment

How well equipped is the company to deal with the threat (What procedures are in place) - has to be reviewed periodically because of changing needs - disaster recovery programme - backup strategy - cost (how much they are prepared to spend), use of firewalls - use of anti virus

NB Should not be talking about Health & Safety
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**OR**

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**MUST BE CLEARLY NOT ABOUT EMAIL OR COMPRESSION**

**NOT Instructions instead of rules or Data instead of files**

Use – one of:

- Used for uploading a database of transactions/balances from one branch of the bank to the head office
- To send account information between the bank and their customers
- Used for down/uploading a website from/onto the Internet/server
- (Always need to know what the data are)

**Advantage**

You are not limited to file size unlike with email attachments / allows reliable transfer of files between platforms / greater security in transfer of information / can have greater control of remote computer (if well developed).

**NO SCHOOL EXAMPLES - MUST BE BANKING**

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**Indicative content**

Look for four well developed points with further mark for good example or expansion

**Accuracy and relevancy of the data**

- The data used from the transaction systems that supply data to the management system must be accurate.
- Avoid information overload by not producing any data that is not needed as this can waste time and make the information harder to use.

**Flexibility of the system**

- Managers of different sections have different requirements and the MIS must be able to cope with this.
- Managers of different parts of the business such as marketing and finance have vastly different needs.
- Allows individual project planning.
- Managers can set up their queries own quickly

**Providing data/information in an appropriate form (table/graph) (CONDONE format as long as it is clearly not formatting text)**

- Managers will need the data presented in the easiest form for them to interpret, some will want it in tabular form and some in graphical.

**Accessible to a wide range of users**

- Can be used by managers who have a range of ICT skills and knowledge.

**Give information when required**

- Timing is critical as there is no point in giving good information after the date it is needed for.
### 15 Suitable definition of a relational database, such as:

A (large) collection of data items and links/relationships between them (1) structured in such a way that it allows it to be accessed by a number of different applications programs (1)

OR

A group of tables linked together (1) by primary and foreign keys (1).

### 16 DVD [DVDID, Title, Genre, Classification, ……]

LOAN [LoanID, DVDID*, BorrowerID*, DateOut, ReturnDate]

Where underscore = primary key and *=foreign key

1 mark per table name = 2
1 mark per primary key = 2
1 mark for two foreign keys = 1 (If key duplicated - no mark)
1 mark per table for 2 extra fields = 2

### 17 Suitable definition of data normalisation, such as:

A staged (mathematical) process (1) which removes repeated groups of data and inconsistencies. (1)

Or

Simplifying data structures (1) so that attributes in each table only relate to the entity. (1)

**Marks can be gained by using an example of the process of going from first to third form.**

Do NOT accept advantages of databases

### 18 2 marks for definition and 4 for advantages / disadvantages

A distributed database is a single database that is under the control of a DBMS where the storage devices are not all attached to a common processor (1). Instead the data is stored in storage devices attached to multiple computers usually located across a network (1).

Or

A distributed database has data stored on a number of computers at different locations (1) but appears as one logical database (1).

1 mark each for any four points but must have at least one advantage and one disadvantage

Must be in context of a company

**Advantages**

- If data lost on central site it could be reduplicated from local site
- Allows sharing of the data and the results of processing the data
- New locations can be added to the database without the need for rewriting the entire database
- Faster response to user queries of the database
- Non-dependence on one central huge store of data
- Easy to backup and copy data from one server to another
- If one server fails then the other servers can be used
- Reduces network traffic as local queries can be performed using the data on the local server.

**Disadvantages**

- Software more complex than a centralised database system
- If data is transferred it presents more of a security risk from hackers
- As all the data is not stored in one location if a local site does not have adequate backup then this data might be lost to others
- If data is stored and updated in more than one place there is an increased chance of data inconsistency
- Heavy reliance on networks and communications which may not always be reliable
- Security issues particularly if sensitive personal data is being transferred
- If one of the links to a server failed then the data could not be obtained from that server
- Increased costs owing to the use of expensive communication lines. NOT just costs.
One mark explanation per relevant point, up to nine:
Answers must be sentences and not a list.
Consequences must match threats. List of consequences 1 mark.
List of threats 1 mark.

**Note:** Hacking and viruses are not a threat in themselves. Inserting a virus to deliberately destroy data is sabotage. Hacking to take data is theft.

**Must have three different consequences.**

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<th>Example</th>
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<td>Criminal vandalism/sabotage</td>
<td>Attacks on firewalls by viruses to destroy data</td>
<td>Loss of business and income</td>
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<td>Deliberate destruction of the physical data</td>
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<td>Hacking into data to steal company private details</td>
<td>Legal action</td>
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<td>(White collar crime)</td>
<td>Or copying company records onto disc and selling it to rivals /</td>
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<td>and misuse it for own purpose</td>
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<td>Natural disasters</td>
<td>Floods, earthquakes</td>
<td>Costs of recovering data</td>
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<td>Accidental altering of data</td>
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<td>Theft of data</td>
<td>Stealing storage media containing data</td>
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<td>Fire</td>
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One mark for discussion of each factor and one for each further explanation/example saying how a company carries out each one

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<td>Fit employee to the task</td>
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<td>Routines for distributing updated virus information and virus scanning procedures</td>
<td>Ensuring virus signatures are updated daily and distributed around the network when a station logs in</td>
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<td>Establish firewalls</td>
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<td>Define procedures for downloading from the Internet, use of removable media, personal backup procedures</td>
<td>Staff codes of conduct</td>
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<td>Penalties for misuse</td>
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<td>How often done, have they got to use special machines, etc</td>
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<td>Establish security rights for updating web pages</td>
<td>Who/what /when</td>
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<td>Establish a disaster recovery programme</td>
<td>Who does what and when, including checking the standby equipment</td>
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<td>Backup plans, i.e. how often</td>
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<td>NOT RISKS ANALYSIS</td>
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<td>Set up auditing procedures (Audit trails) to detect misuse</td>
<td>Who/what /when</td>
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<td>Contiguous investigation of regularities</td>
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<td>Query any transaction out of the ordinary</td>
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<td>Logon on procedures / User id’s and passwords</td>
<td>Allocating access rights, etc</td>
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<td>(expansion would be to do with rules for passwords)</td>
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<td>Don’t write it down</td>
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<td>Use upper and lower case mix, etc</td>
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Accept any reasonable example or expansion such as who or what or when or how.

**Note**

This topic is about **establishing procedures**. The question is all about the administrative procedures that organisations **can put in place** to minimise or prevent the threats, which is why we expect answers about updating virus checkers, etc, **NOT** running virus checks. **NOT** making sure backups are made, kept offsite, in fireproof boxes, etc, - It is **about planning a backup strategy** to avoid future problems.