

GCSE MARKING SCHEME

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

SUMMER 2012

INTRODUCTION

The marking schemes which follow were those used by WJEC for the Summer 2012 examination in GCSE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY. 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.

UNIT 1

Qu	Answer				Mark
	A bracketed respo	nse in the m	ark scheme () indicates preferred but not essential wording	
1(a) Auto	One mark for ea	ach correct tie	cked box		1
	3			all boxes no marks even boxes then max one mark	
	4 √ 5 √			ix boxes then max two marks	1
	6 7 🗸				1
	8 🗸				1
1(b)	·	t, word checke f more than or	ne response, e	.g. 'spellchecker (and) thesaurus'	1
2 Auto	One mark for ea	ch correct tie	cked box		1
Auto	V			If tick all boxes no marks If tick two or three boxes in a row, i.e.	
	4	5	6	1, 2 and 3	1
	7	8	9 🗸	4, 5 and 6 7, 8 and 9	1
	10 🗸	11	12	10, 11, and 12	1
	13	14 🗸	15	13, 14 and 15 then no mark for that row	1
3(a)	One mark for ea	ach correct tie	cked box		
Auto	1 \(\sqrt{2} \) 3 \(\sqrt{4} \) 5 \(\sqrt{6} \)			If tick all boxes no marks If tick two boxes in a row, i.e. 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10 then no	1 1 1
	7 8 🗸			mark for that row	1
	9 🗸 10				1
3(b)	To send a copy (Blind Carbon			ecipients seeing it	1
3(c)	 Spam Phishing Hacking Cyber bu Attachmed Must be use of election or connection or connection 	er viruses ullying ents too large mail not gene mputer breaks	ral hardware p s down.	roblems using a computer e.g. loss of internet ping the wrong email address.	3

4(a)	One mark for each correct ticked box	
Auto	1 √ 2 3 4 √ 5 √ 6 If tick all boxes no marks If tick two boxes in a row, i.e. 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, then no mark for that row	1 1 1
4(b)	One mark for an advantage from: They reduce fuel consumption so are 'greener' Can be warned in advance of any holdups/traffic jams/tolls/speed cameras Can select/plan the shortest route Can see birds eye view	1
	Keep to planned route Allows complex mapping, e.g. in archaeology, land surveying and agriculture Can be found by others if lost/in an emergency Can track / be tracked / locates where you are Can find places of interest / petrol stations, etc. Can predict weather more accurately	1
	One mark for a disadvantage from: GIGO / quality of data / data could be out of date Satellite navigation systems can send you down roads which are too narrow Can get lost if relying on GPS Using satellite navigation systems can distract drivers and cause accidents Problems with loss of signal Computers need a lot of processing power / can drain battery	
4(c)	One mark for an advantage from: Speed of download Can select which tracks to download so cheaper than downloading whole album Can access / get files 24/7 Can read online reviews before purchasing Use price comparison websites to save money Saves time/money as do not have to go to shops to buy Increased access to a wider range e.g. the number of websites or variety of music styles NOT can be used on multiple devices	1
	One mark for a disadvantage from: Viruses can be introduced Illegal downloads harm the music and film industries More powerful computers needed due to large file sizes Many video hire shops have closed Security issues online e.g. hacking, phishing	1
	No marks for hardware problems	
5(a) Auto	8	1
5(b)(i)	Club number	1
5(b)(ii)	To make each record unique Uniquely identifies the record/member Unique (number)	1

5(c)	One mark for statement Consistency of data (1) NOT less errors Easier to search (1) Faster to enter data (1) NOT faster on it's own Saves memory / storage space (1) NOT space by itself NOT save space Security issue if qualified (1) a further mark for expansion e.g. typing in one letter rather than the whole word. (1) NOT quicker to write on standardised data (1) Typing one letter rather than the whole word there is less likelihood of making a mistake. (2)	2
5(d)	One mark for each correct field and search criteria x 2 One mark if both fields are correct but search criteria incorrect One mark if both search criteria are correct but fields are incorrect Search criteria must be spelt correctly but ignore quotation marks Event = Backstroke Gender = F	2
5(e) Auto	1233	1
5(f)	One mark each for identifying two process advantages from: • Faster/easier to update • Faster/easier to search • Paper based data / handwriting can be harder to read • Saves on storage space • Can use mail merge • Easier to generate backups • Variety of output reports / easy to produce reports • Validation to reduce data entry errors • Can only access with correct (user name and) password NOT more secure	2
6(a)	Verification	1
6(b)	Do NOT accept anything which could be done by phone One mark each for three of: No double-booking of seats Can check availability before booking Easier for disabled who don't have to leave home to book Can choose a seat Can save on travel costs (must be qualified) e.g. of going to Travel Agent to book Can save on travel time (must be qualified) e.g. of going to Travel Agent to book Can use comparison websites / check/compare prices Can do it 24/7 / can book when the shops are shut Cheaper to book flights online Special offers / It may be cheaper to book flights and accommodation separately Links to other peoples comments about accommodation and flights Less errors due to entering data yourself	3
6(c)	One mark for reason why from:	1
	Typed in wrong dateNo month has 34 days	
	One mark for prevention method from: Range check Drop list for day	1

7(a)	One mark for describing a <i>distinctly different</i> example. Must describe how the sensor is used, e.g.				
	(i) Temperature sensor	To switch boiler/heater in the heating system on or off at particular temperature,			
		To measure boiling point of a liquid in a science experiment			
	(ii) Pressure sensor	Measuring depth of liquid in a science lesson, Pressure pads can be placed under mats to activate a burglar alarm	1		
	(iii) Movement sensor	Passive infra red sensors used to turn lights on when someone approaches	1		
	(iv) Light sensor	Turns security light on when it gets dark, To see how light levels affect the growth of plants	1		
	Do NOT credit same example Accept any valid detailed response				
7(b)	One mark each for any three • Graphs	of:	1		
	TextNumbers		1		
	 Animation / video Tables / spreadsheet / Lights NB must be displayed so NOT 				
8(a)	May		1		
Auto 8(b) Auto	A		1		
8(c)	B4-F4 B4-C4-D4-E4		1		
	B4-(C4+D4+E4) Condone SUM(B4-F4) or SUI Accept any alternative which w Do NOT accept F4-B4				
8(d)	NOT Income, Heating, Phone, One mark for each of any tw	Food as these are already in the table.	2		
	Community chargeMortgage	o canada champioch oig.			
	SavingsGas				
	ElectricityWaterAccept any suitable answer				
8(e)	One mark for each of two dif	-	2		
	 Accurate calculations Doesn't make mistake Save formula and data 	s			
	Can do 'what if'Automatic recalculatio				
	Can display graphsCan replicate cells / stNOT quicker	andard monthly bills			
	NOT general advantages of us	sing a computer			

9(a)(i)	One mark for each of any two features from:	2
0(4)(1)	Simulations	
	Tests/quizzes	
	• Games	
	Animation	
	Built in help files	
	Video	
	·	
	Selection of language	
	Examples of interactivity	
9(a)(ii)	One mark for each of any two descriptions from:	2
	 To help students understand complex situations 	
	 Let students know how well they have learnt the topic / instant feedback but NOT 	
	teacher to monitor progress	
	 Introduce fun into the learning process 	
	To hold people's attention	
	Available 24/7	
	No teacher required	
	Can work at own pace	
	Can access from home / flexibility of location	
	On screen demonstrations can be given	
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	Customisation for pupils with learning difficulties	
	Cost effective if qualified	
9(b)	One mark for each of:	3
	Braille keyboard	
	Virtual reality helmets / thought headset	
	Virtual reality glove	
	Microphone	
	Sip and puff pipes	
	Touch Sensitive devices	
	Foot mouse	
	Tracker ball / roller ball / specialist mouse balls	
	Joystick	
	Pointing device	
	Movement detection device	
	Do NOT accept Webcam	
	201101 accept 11 access	
10(a)	One mark each for any two of:	2
	Smart cards / Swipe cards	
	Mobile devices / Bromcom	
	Radio	
	Online systems	
	Fingerprint	
	Retinal scanning	
	Facial recognition	
	PC based	
	NOT databases, spreadsheets, OMR, SIMS, VLE	

10(b) One mark each for any two of: 2 Yr 9/Yr12 option choices Timetable software **Examination entries** SEN / Special Educational Needs Finance / Budget Inventory Library administration Behaviour Pupil progress Pupil contact details Locate a pupil Spotting truancy / attendance patterns Sending letters/newsletters to parents Medical needs Cafeteria administration Any reasonable answer **NOT** anything to do with taking registers

9-12 marks	benefi	dates give a clear, coherent answer full its and problems. They use appropriate uation and grammar.	y and accurately describing different uses, terminology and accurate spelling,
5-8 marks	Candi	dates describe some different uses, ber . There are a few errors in spelling, pun	nefits and problems but responses lack
1-4 marks	Candio proble	dates simply give a brief description of a	a few different uses, benefits and
0 marks		uation and grammar. lid response.	
disadvantage Answers mu Max 9 marks	e. st cover fou s if only three s if only two	r different uses and one each for a mate r different uses to get full marks e different uses covered different uses covered use covered	and an area
benefits or		ges not listed below can be credited.	
Use		Benefits	Disadvantages
DVDs/watc movies	ning	Can watch when you want / flexibility Can watch in own room	Couch potato syndrome Solitary activity can prevent social
Illovics			interaction Need storage space
CDs/mp3 payers/liste music		Can listen to favourite music Navigate to favourite tracks	Need storage space Need storage space Intrusive nuisance in certain situations
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	Huge number of songs to select from Almost any kind of music can be found	Music could be copied illegally Record companies close down
Social networking	Sites are usually free Long lost family/friends can be traced New friends can be made	Showing photos or revealing information which may be regretted later Online bullying Grooming People may use false identities Could be addictive (only award once)
Web cam	Can see who you are talking to Relatives abroad can see pictures of you Remote sites can be monitored	Could be tempted to do something foolish which you may later regret Privacy could be compromised
Gaming	Can learn as you play with educational games Collaborative games involve teamwork and interaction with others Games are fun	Solitary activity can prevent social interaction Spending too much time at computer can lead to health problems, e.g. RSI Could be addictive (only award once)
Interactive TV, 3D TV, betting, voting, dating	Active rather than passive user of the system Improves viewing experience Number of different activities available Can use online learning	Expensive to buy or set up Need to wear special glasses Arguments over who to vote for
Digital photography	Editing photos Enhancing photos Transmit photos over internet / display on social network site	Cost of camera and software
Researching family history	Ease of access to data Saves time on travelling	Cost of access with no guarantee of success
HIGIOIV	Wide range of products	Can't see/feel quality

UNIT 3

Qu	Answer		Mark
1a	One mark for each correct ticked box		
Auto	1 2 3 4	If tick all boxes no marks If tick two boxes in a row, i.e. 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6,	1 1 1
	5 6 ✓	7 and 8 then no mark for that	1
	7 / 8	row	
1b	Using many media such as image/pictur and video Must give at least two media Do NOT accept reference to devices		1
1c Auto	One mark for each correct ticked box		1
71010	- V	If tick all boxes no marks	'
	3 🗸 4	If tick two boxes in a row, i.e.	1
	5 🗸 6	1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6 then no mark for that row	1
		then no mark for that row	'
1d	An answer which mentions or implies co An answer which also mentions or implies Both connection and communication rec	es communication – 1 mark quired for 2 marks	2
	Examples of connection	Examples of communication	
	Connected Linked	Communicate	
	Plugged	Input Output	
	Attached	Editing	
	Transfer to computer	Play back	
	Analogue to digital	Compose	
		NOT Save	
2a	Star		1
Auto 2b	One mark each for any two of:		1
20	• Ring		1
	Bus		-
	Mesh		
	• Tree		
	NOT STAR		
	NOT LAN		
	NOT Bus Server/Ring server NOT "Bus/Line" or Line		
	1101 Dustellie of Lille		
2c	One mark for each correct ticked box	(
Auto	1 / 2		1
	1 🗸 2	If tick all boxes no marks	1
	3 4 🗸	If tick two boxes in a row, i.e.	1
	5 6 🗸	1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6,	1
	7 8 1	7 and 8	
3a	Graphical User Interface or GUI		1
	NOT WIMP		

	1	2 🗸	If tick all boxes no marks If tick two or three boxes in a row, i.e.	1
	4	5	1, 2 and 3	1
	•		4, 5 and 6	1
	7 🗸	8	7, 8 and 9 then no mark for that row	
A	ny two of:			2
•		•	n faster than keyboard input NOT writing in	
•		to learn to ty	уре	
•		nger of RSI	akes such as spelling / hitting wrong key	
			oom on the desk	
	•	•	nands (e.g. open word processor)	
•			ity that prevents typing can use speech input / helps with dyslexia	
•			ning else with their hands	
•			etting a voice password) but NOT just recognise the user	
		ning required		
		, faster witho	out qualifying cost or hardware	
l N	io i answei	s related to c	cost or naroware	
Α	ny two of:			2
•	-	a long time to	train the computer to understand how someone speaks	
•			terferes with speech recognition – cannot use computer with music	
	in backg			
•			at or use telephone and perform input at same time	
	Comput		know all the proper nouns, for example Nantyffyllon	
•	•		icar whan thay have a cheach imhediment, care throat ar caid i ii i	
•	Will not		user when they have a speech impediment, sore throat or cold DO	
•	Will not NOT acc	cept ill or refe	erence to illness which does not affect voice.	
•	Will not NOT acc Will not	cept ill or refe understand u	erence to illness which does not affect voice. user when they have a strong accent	
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4a	Any two of: • File size is smaller / saves memory / storage space NOT 'space' • Saves time typing it in / faster to type in / editing is easier/faster • More data can be displayed on screen • Accuracy if qualified, e.g. less mistakes / fewer mistakes / less chance of error	2
	 Faster to search if qualified WHY? e.g. to find size / colour / match in table NOT easier to search NOT just 'hacking' NOT so you know if they are small, medium or large 	
	NOT easy to read S or M NOT just 'quick and easy' NOT 'don't have to write whole word' NOT 'faster' NOT 'saves time' NOT 'easier' NOT 'simple to write'	
	NOT 'shorter for small, medium and large' NOT security related encoding	
4b	Problem: One letter colour codes could be confusing, e.g. B = Black or Blue or Brown,	1
	Solution: Use codes with more than one letter, e.g. BLA = Black, BLU = Blue, BRO = Brown etc.	1
	Accept examples with different codes as long as they are sensible, e.g. K=Black and B=Blue, or BA=Black and BU=Blue	
	NOT different coloured text e.g. blue in blue and brown in brown.	
4c	Any two advantages from: Data is easily shared Data is easier to back-up / copy	2
	Data is easily transferred using networks	
	 Data can be accessed/processed more quickly – searches, sorts Data can be encoded when stored 	
	Less physical storage space needed NOT less space	
	Data can be edited more easily(Different) reports can be produced	2
	DO NOT accept environmental issues	
	Any two disadvantages from:	
	 Loss of data / corrupted data due to power cuts / hardware failure Copying data - copyright issues 	
	Data can be copied quickly - personal data can be stolen	
	Reliance on networks - network failures	
	 Training needed to enable staff to access data Security issues - viruses 	
	Hacking	
	DO NOT accept cost	
5ai	Tweening Motion/Shape Tween	1
5aii	Onion skinning	1
5aiii	 Any two of: A frame rate that is too slow will have a stop and start / jittery / jumpy / flickering effect. A higher frame rate means that your animation plays smoothly. If the frame rate is too fast it will blur the details of the animation. 	2
	NOT (a higher/different/lower rate will affect the size/duration of your file/movie) NOT if you increase/decrease frame rate it will run faster or slower	

5b	(The human eye / retina / brain continues to) see an image for a short period after the image has disappeared or The process by which the eye is fooled into thinking that still pictures are moving Look for the idea of retention of image when it is no longer there.	1
5c	 One mark for each of: Tracing/drawing around/over an image Gives a cartoon like appearance / creating a life like motion 	1
5d	Must have idea of a small change between each frame/picture, e.g. Moving an object a small amount each time between taking photographs or Making a slight change to each picture	1
	Plus When you play the pictures/frames back it appears as if the image is moving. Cannot gain second mark without the first.	1
6a Auto	One mark for each correct ticked box 1	1
	If tick all boxes no marks If tick three boxes then max one mark 4	1
6b	Any three of: Cash Change PIN Number Check/print balance Transfer money between accounts Printed mini statement Order cheque books and statements Select language Order theatre tickets Mobile phone top ups	3
6c	Any two of: Provide 24-hour services Access ATM's in many locations Cuts down on queues in banks / faster service for customers (Not shorter queues at the ATM) NOT Services listed in 6b	2
6d	Any two of: Save on staff costs Allows staff to concentrate on other work e.g. selling mortgages or other Save on building costs/services/utilities Increased revenue from withdrawal fees NOT Less queues	2
7a	 i) HTML is a language used to create a webpage. ii) The unique address for every website on the internet is called a URL. iii) In order to allow people to view a website over the internet it must be hosted (1) on a web server (1). 	1 1 2

7b	One mark for each	of:				
	Term	N	Meaning			
	Hotspot	An image/area of an image	used as a link on a webpage	1		
	Home Page	The main/first webpage that	the user will see on a website	1		
		A link that takes/leads/directs the user from one part of a website to another, or one webpage to another webpage				
	Leader Board	A banner (used for advertising) or scrolling/animated marquee				
	Accept different word	ling if answer shows clear un	derstanding			
7ci	Golden triangle			1		
7cii	So that more people Because it is the bes It is the place people	t place to be noticed look first		1		
8a	One mark for each	ding if answer shows clear un	derstanding			
Auto	1 \(\sqrt{2} \) \(\sqrt{3} \) \(4 \sqrt{4} \)	If tick five bo	xes no marks oxes then max one mark oxes then max two marks	1 1		
	5			1		
8b	Crime	Consequence	Prevention	3		
	Hacking Fraud/Blackmail/ Phishing Introducing viruses Use an organisations computer to carry out unauthorised work	Identity theft Financial loss Prison sentence Fine Data tampering Financial gain Companies going out of business Human distress Hardware loss Job loss	Encryption Anti-spyware software Anti-phishing software Use of id's & passwords Antivirus software Firewalls Physical security, e.g. locked doors, CCTV, etc			
	If crime is incorrect, award 0 marks					
	NOT illegal download					
	NOTE Looking at P	ornography & Grooming ar	e not crimes in themselves			

9 **7-9 marks** Candidates give a clear, coherent answer fully discussing recent developments

impacting on working practices, listing advantages and disadvantages for workers and employers. They use appropriate terminology and accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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4-6 marks Candidates describe some aspects of recent developments impacting on

working practices and list some advantages and disadvantages for workers and employers but responses lack clarity. There are a few errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar

1-3 marks Candidates simply give a brief description or list of recent developments but may not mention advantages and disadvantages. The response lacks clarity and

there are significant errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar.

0 marks No valid response.

Indicative content

Recent developments

To gain full marks candidates must mention a maximum of three recent developments. These could include: faster broadband, wifi, video conferencing, webinars, mobile devices (tablets, smartphones, etc), hot desking, teleworking, cloud computing, solid state storage (usb devices, etc), robotics, e-commerce, online banking, expert systems.

Candidates can gain a maximum of 6 marks for advantages / disadvantages (at least one of each) – these could include examples where general advantages / disadvantages of recent developments are discussed but a specific recent development is not named.

Candidates must clearly refer to working practices NOT leisure activities.

The following examples are not exclusive – accept any relevant, sensible response.

Examples of advantages to employees

- · Easier / faster access to large amounts of data
- Savings in journey to work time
- Can share expertise more easily
- Less stressful without delays at airports / road works / accidents
- Savings in travel and hotel expenses going to meetings to discuss topics or see products
- Less time away from home / Improved family life
- Greener less pollution
- Ideal for disabled/housebound people
- More flexible working hours, especially for worker with young children No need to take time off when workmen calling
- Can work in a different location to where you live
- Limits the amount of travelling people need to do so has environmental benefits reducing carbon footprint
- Can see people talking and read their body language

Examples of disadvantages to employees

- Weak signals or blind spots can make mobile working difficult/impossible
- Unemployment due to competition from online shopping / e-commerce / automated production
- Never get to 'leave the working environment' and can end up working longer hours than being paid for
- Less face to face contact with customers
- Need to be digitally literate
- Social isolation from colleagues. Some people feel they go unnoticed and get passed over for promotion. / Delays in finding out what is going on in the organisation
- · Home heating / lighting costs higher
- Some teleworkers paid less than office workers
- · Loss of status no fancy office
- Increased need for security against theft / mugging for expensive equipment
- Greater risk of work related health problems such as rsi
- People could feel Impersonal and isolated / People still like to have face to face discussions when making important decisions / People can be self-conscious and not perform well

Examples of advantages to employers

- Savings on office space
- Savings on costs of retail outlets, etc, as orders can be sent directly wherever in the world that warehouse or producer is
- Can take advantage of a global market
- Retain skilled staff due to maternity or who have children at home flexible working hours
- Meetings can be held at short notice and can be anywhere in the world
- Can lead to easier international collaboration for example with designers in far away countries being able to show designs to fashion designers in UK
- Cut down on absences due to babysitting problems
- Hiring on short term basis of productivity or hire only when needed e.g. processing orders in a batch processing system
- Greater productivity per individual who are not distracted by office colleagues
- Factories can work 24/7 / robots don't need holidays

Examples of disadvantages to employers

- Loss of personal contact with colleagues
- Initial cost of providing the hardware and software at home
- Security issues in transferring data electronically across the Internet/extranet
- Difficulties in monitoring productivity
- Expensive to buy peripherals
- Digital documents can be passed around but objects cannot
- Increase in online shopping might lead to shops closing
- Robots are expensive to buy / maintain

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