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COMPUTER STUDIES
PAPER 1

MARKING SCHEME

1.
 - i. Vacuum tubes /Thermionic valves
 - ii. Transistors
 - iii. Integrated circuits
 - iv. Large scale integrated and very large scale integrated circuit

½ x 4 mks

2.
 - a) Instructions are executed in sequence from the beginning to the end
 - b) A group of instructions are chosen for execution after a specified condition that returns true or false is satisfied.
 - c) Allows a group of instructions to be executed repetively until a certain condition is satisfied

3mks

3. Cold booting refers to starting a computer from the main switch when it is initially off, while warm booting is restarting a computer when it is initially on without completely shutting it down

2mks

4.
 - a) The act of using a word processor to creste, edit, format and print documents 1mk

 - b)(i) A feature that enables text to automatically flow to the next line when the cursor reaches the end of the current line 1mk
 - (ii) An already set format for quickly creating most frequently used documents 1mk

5.
 - a) Changing data being transmitted to a code only the sender and the recover can understand to prevent it from being tapped, listened to or copied by un authorized persons 1mk
 - b) Tapping into communication channels to get information 1mk

6.

16	842	10 → A	award marks as follows - Division 1mk - Correct answer 1mk
16	52	4	
16	3	3	
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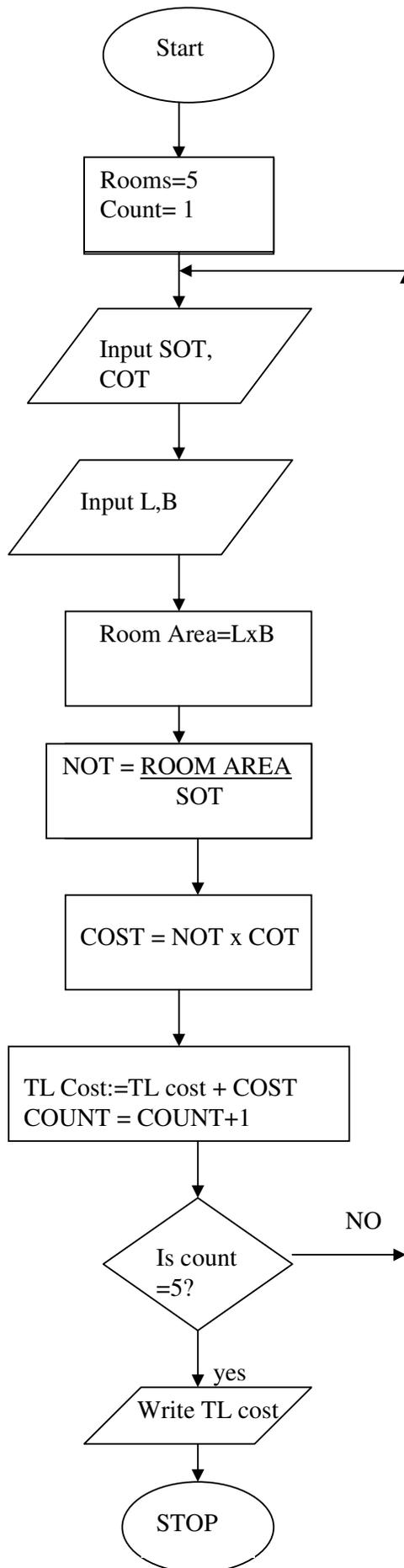
7.
 - (i) Alphabet keys - 1mk
 - (ii) Function keys - 1mk

8.
 - (a) a language in which instructions are represented using binary codes easily recognized and interpreted by a computer 1mk
 - (b) A problem oriented language in which instructions are presented using human understandable languages such as English 1mk

9.
 - (i) This is loss of signal strength that takes place during data transmission
 - (ii) The process of combining several data signals and sending them over the same transmission medium

1mk

10. – If the warranty on offer was return to base
 - The price of a computer with a 1 year warranty could be higher than that of a six months warranty
 - If computer parts were not comprehensively covered
 (any two - 2mks)
- 11.(a) = SUM IF (A1: A5,">60")
 - Correct fuction 1mk
 - Correct values in brackets 1mk
 (b) (i) Aprocess of rearranging scattered files and folders on a disk to speed up their access 1 ½ mks
 (ii) Refer to dividing a large physical disk into two or more logical drive 1 ½ mks
12. (a) Universal serial port (USB port) 1mk
 (b) – Provides high speed and quality data transmission
 - Supports a wide range of devices 2mks
- 13 (a) a process of sending and receiving data between two or more networked computers or communication devices 1mk
 (b) – Not affected by electromagnetic interference
 - Supports high band width
 - Has light weight and occupies less space
 - Transmits data at high speed 3mks
14. $48_{10} \longrightarrow 110000_2$ ½ mk
 $12 \longrightarrow 1100_2$ ½ mk
 $\begin{array}{r} 001100 \\ 110011 \\ \hline +1 \\ \hline 110100 \end{array}$ - Increase no of bits
 - Turn to 1's complement } ½ mk
 - Turn to 2¹⁵ complement }
- $\Rightarrow 110000$
 $\begin{array}{r} 110100 + \\ \hline 1100100_2 \end{array} \longrightarrow 1/2 \text{ mk}$
 Overflow
15. (a) Information gathering 1mk
 (b) (i) – Sincere responses are possible due to the confidentiality of the process
 - Respondents can fill questionnaires at their awn pace
 - Enables extensive equiry to be carried out 1mk
 (ii) – some respondents may not fill or return the questionaires
 - Good questioners are difficult to prepare
 - Erroneous responses are likely if the question is not understoud 1mk
- 16(a) (i) A data structure with contiguous memory locations holding data of the same type referenced by a single name
 (ii) This is the representation of program statements using syntax similar to a programming language called structured English
 (iii) A sequence of steps which outline a procedure of solving a given problem
 1mk

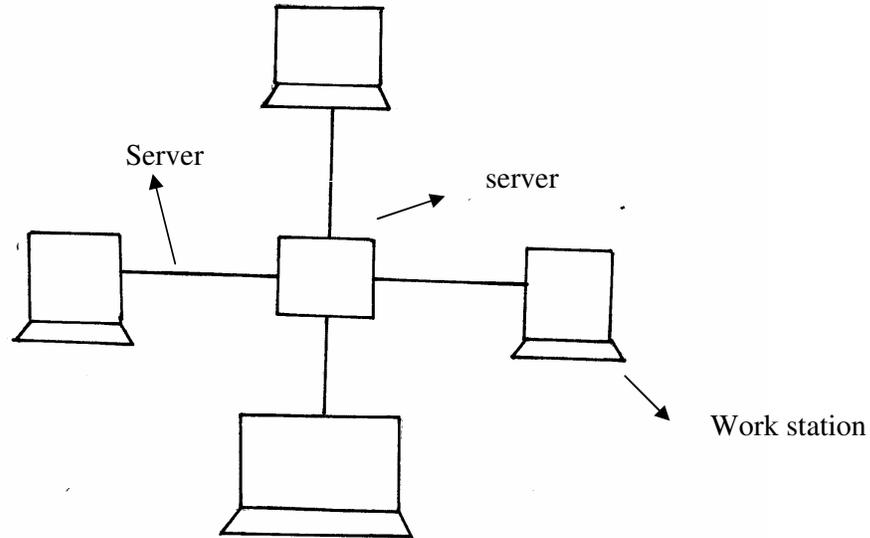


Award marks as follows:

Start / stop	1mk
Initialization	1mk
Processor	4mks
Decision	1mk
Input	1mk
Total	8mks

17(a) This is a standard address used to find web pages bearing information on the internet

(b) (i) star

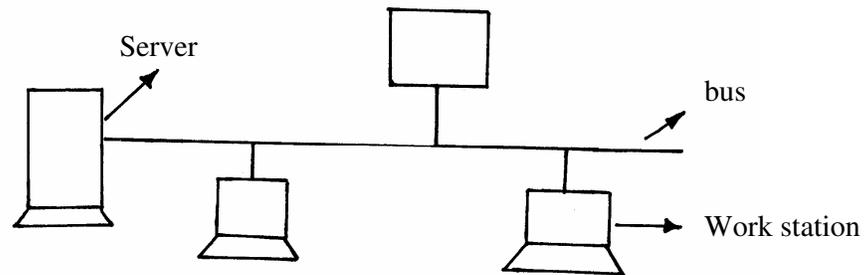


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Description: This is where all computers and devices are connected via point – to – point links to

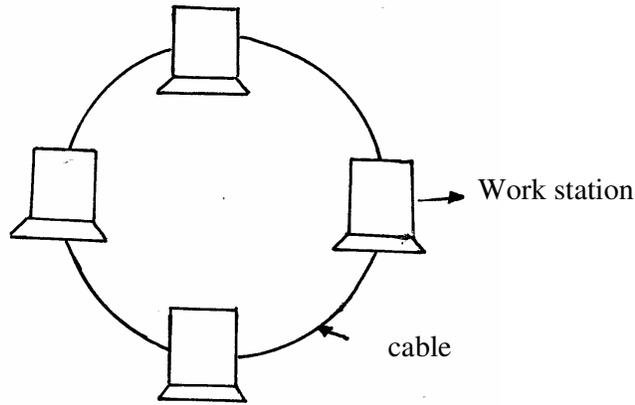
centralized computer called a server

(ii) Bus topology



Description: All computers and devices are connected together by point – to – point links in a closed loop

(iii)



Description: A series of computers and devices are connected together by point – to – point links in a closed loop

Award marks as follows

- Correct diagram 1mk
- Labeling 1mk
- Description 1mk

(c) (i) A logical file is viewed in terms of its contents and processing activities that can be carried out on it while a physical file refers on how a file is arranged on a storage media 2mks

(ii) (a) This is the main file within an organization that stores permanent data against which transaction are processed 1mk

(b) A file that stores temporary incoming and outgoing data used to update the master file 1mk

(c) A duplicate master file stored away from the computer system to reinstate the original file in case of damage 1mk

18.(a) (i) A field that uniquely identifies each record in database 1mk

(ii) A thing of interest about which data is to be stored 1mk

(iii) A collection of related field values representing a single entity 1mk

(b) ASC11 → uses 7 bits to represent a character. 3bits for the zone and 4 bits for data

BCD → uses 4 bits to represent a character

EBCD → uses 6 bits to represent a character. 2 bits for the zone and 4 bits for data

EBCDIC → uses 8 bits to represent a character. 4 bits for data and 4 bits for the zone.

Award marks for any three 1mk for stating and 1mk for explanation

(c) – Hacking where a person breaks codes and passwords to gain access to data and information without permission control: use of biotric features, audit trail

- Tapping: using an intelligent program to avail information from the host computer or a network during transmission control: encrypting data

- Piracy making illegal copies of copyrighted software information or data

Control: Enactment of laws, lowering software prices

-1mk for description

-1mk for control measure

-Award marks for crimes such as fraud, sabotage, trespass

19. (a) This where a person gets psychologically immersed in an artificial environment generated by a computer system 1mk

(b) (i) Channels images and sound from the source to the eyes and ears of the wearer hence producing a 3D effect in the virtual world 2mks

(ii) Made of conductor wires that sense body movement and relay data into the virtual reality System 2mks

(c) (i) making computers perform tasks that would otherwise require intelligence if performance by human beings 1mk

(ii) Knowledge base – stores knowledge in form of rules and facts concerning a certain subject of

Interest

Inference engine – Software which controls how knowledge is searched and accessed from the knowledge base

User interface – A feature that enables the user to interact with the system 3mks

- (d) – Eye pattern }
- Finger prints } 3mks
- Voice }

20 (a) A network of computer based processing procedures integrated with manual processes to produce information that can support decision making 1mk

(b) - When the interviewers are geographically dispersed in different places

- When too much information is required about a small area of interest

(c) (i) A room in which computers and computer equipment are kept and used for learning and other Purposes 1mk

(ii) – Use of buglar proof doors

- A well set up and serviced electrical system

- Avoiding liquids in the lab

- Carefully handling of computing equipment 2mks

(d) (i) – Cost

- Job opportunities

- Duration of study

- Desired level of qualification 3mks

II (a) – write in house application programs

- Customize commercial package to meet the needs of the organization

- Test, debug, install and maintain programs 2mks

(b) – Reviewing current systems with view of identifying faults that can necessitate development of new systems

- Work with programmers to ensure a smooth coding process 1x2mks

- Facilitate training for users of the new system

(c) - Develops and tests websites

- Maintains updates and modifies information on the web sites 1x2mks