



...day ... Month Year – Morning/Afternoon GCSE (9–1) Computer Science

J277/01 Computer systems

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Sample Question paper

Do not use: • a calculator		



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Answer all the questions.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of written communication will be assessed in this paper in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has 12 pages.

ADVICE

· Read each question carefully before you start to answer.



Answer all the questions.

1 The specification of two CPUs is shown in Fig. 1.

Computer 1	Computer 2
Clock Speed: 1 GHz	Clock Speed: 1.4 GHz
Cache size: 2 MB	Cache size: 2 MB
Number of Cores: 4	Number of Cores: 2

Fig. 1

(a)	When running a 3D flight simulator, Computer 1 is likely to run faster than Computer 2.
	Using the information in Fig. 1, identify one reason for this.
	r41
	[1]
(b)	Identify two other parts of a computer that are not in Fig. 1 , which could improve the performance of the computers.
1	
2	
	[2]
(c)	Explain one reason why the cache size affects the performance of the CPU.
	[2]
(d)	Identify two events that take place during the fetch-execute cycle.
1	
2	

2

Nina wants to transfer photos from a digital camera to an external secondary storage device.
(a) Define what is meant by 'secondary storage'.
[1]
(b) Identify the three common types of storage Nina can choose from.
1
2
3
[3]
(c) State four characteristics of secondary storage devices that Nina should consider when choosing a device.
1
2
3
4
[4]

- 3 A satellite navigation system (Sat Nav) uses RAM and ROM.
 - (a) Tick (✓) one box in each row to show whether each of the statements is **true** for the RAM or ROM in a Sat Nav.

	RAM	ROM
Stores the boot up		
sequence of the		
Sat Nav.		
The contents are		
lost when the Sat		
Nav is turned off.		
Holds copies of		
open maps and		
routes.		

	[3]
` '	The Sat Nav contains an embedded system. Define what is meant by an 'embedded system'.
	[1]
(c)	Identify three devices, other than a Sat Nav, which contain embedded systems.
1	
2	
3	
	[3]

(b) The samp	ole rate is increas	sed on the cor	mputer when red	cording the guitar.	
Give two effe	ects this will have	e on the record	ding.		
1					
2					
(a) Convert th	ne binary numbe	er 11001011 in	to denary.		
(b) Complete	a 2-place shift t	o the right on	the hinary numb	er 11001011	
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/ / -	" , , , ,	. 0 1	1.26		1 1100101
(c) Explain th	e effect of perfo	rming a 2-plac	e shift to the rig	ht on the binary num	ber 1100101

6 The table gives the ASCII code for the characters.

Character	ASCII code
L	76
М	77
N	78
0	79
Р	80

Explain how th	ne word MOP will be	e represented in AS	SCII.	
				 [2]

7	The owners of a large bakery have a Local Area Network (LAN) with a star topology. They order their supplies over the Internet. When data is transmitted from the bakery to the supplier, network protocols are used.	(
	(a) Define what is meant by a 'network protocol'.	
	[1	1]
	(b) TCP/IP is a set of protocols based on layers.	
	(i) With regards to network protocols, define what is meant by a 'layer'.	
	[1]
	(ii) Describe one advantage of using layers to construct network protocols.	
	[2	·. !]
	(c) Give two reasons why the bakery may use a star network topology for their LAN.	
	1	
	2	

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[2]

(-,	Staff already use strong passwords to protect systems. Explain, with reference to system security, three other ways that the hospital could protect the network system.
1	
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(b)	Identify three errors that the hospital staff could make that may endanger the security o
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[6]

said	staurant has a computer-based ordering system which is running slowly. A technician has that the hard disc drive is fragmented. The technician has suggested using utility software to gment the drive.
(a)	Explain how the restaurant's hard disc could have become fragmented.
	[4]
	Explain how defragmentation software could overcome the issue of the slow computer system.
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The	w company currently use a Local Area Network (LAN) linked to a Wide Area Network y want to upgrade their system to utilise cloud storage.	. (
(a)	Define what is meant by a Wide Area Network.	
(b)	Explain two advantages to the law company of storing their data in the Cloud.	
1		
2		
(c)	Explain two disadvantages to the law company of storing their data in the Cloud.	
4		
1		
2		

(d) Fig. 2 lists some actions that may take place in the law company's office. Tick (✓) one box in each row to show which legislation applies to each action.

Action	Data Protection Act 2018	Computer Misuse Act 1990	Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988
Using a picture for the law company's new logo without the original creator's permission.			
A secretary accessing a lawyer's personal email account without permission.			
Making a copy of the latest Hollywood blockbuster movie and sharing it with a client.			
Storing customer data insecurely.			
A lawyer installing a key logger on the secretary's computer.			
Selling client's personal legal data to a marketing company without their permission.			

Fig. 2

[6]

11 * People often want to buy the most up-to-date smartphones, even though the smartphone they own still works.

Discuss the impact of people wanting to upgrade to the latest smartphone.

In your answer, you might consider the impact on:

- smartphone users
- cultural issues
- ethical issuesenvironmental issues.

 [8]

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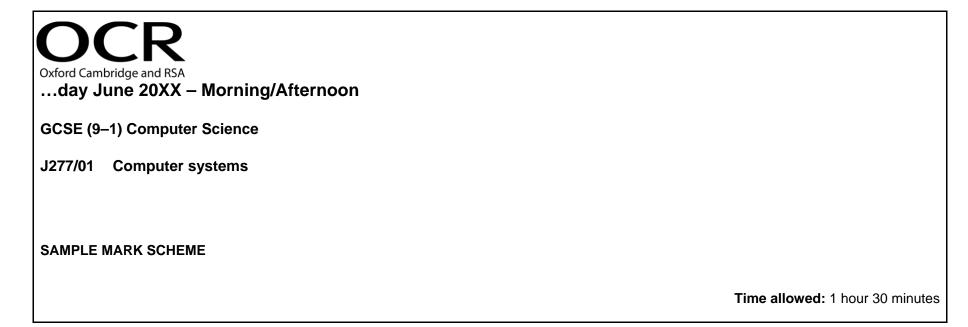
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SAMPLE MARK SCHEME

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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

PREPARATION FOR MARKING

SCORIS

- 1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on–screen marking: scoris assessor Online Training; OCR Essential Guide to Marking.
- 2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are posted on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal http://www.rm.com/support/ca
- 3. Log-in to scoris and mark the **required number** of practice responses ("scripts") and the **required number** of standardisation responses.
 - YOU MUST MARK 10 PRACTICE AND 10 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

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)	Precision in the use of terminology. Knowledge shown is	Understanding of concepts is consistently applied to context
(6-8 marks)	consistent and well-developed. Clear appreciation of the	enabling a logical and sustained argument to
	question from a range of different perspectives making extensive use of acquired knowledge and principles of	develop. Examples used enhance rather than detract from
	computer science.	response.
	Computer science.	
Middle (reasonable)	Awareness of the meaning of the terms in the	Understanding of concepts is shown and is applied to
(3-5 marks)	question. Knowledge is sound and effectively	context. There is clear evidence that an argument builds and
	demonstrated. Demands of question understood although	develops through the response but there are times when
	at times opportunities to make use of acquired knowledge	opportunities are missed to use an example or relate an aspect
	and concepts are not always taken.	of understanding to the context provided.
Low (basic)	Confusion and inability to deconstruct terminology as used	Inability to apply understanding of key concepts in any sustained
(1-2 marks)	in the question. Knowledge partial and superficial. Focus	way to context resulting in tenuous and unsupported statements
	on question narrow and often one-dimensional.	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.

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	Assessment Objective
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key concepts and principles of computer science.
AO1 1a	Demonstrate knowledge of the key concepts and principles of computer science.
AO1 1b	Demonstrate understanding of the key concepts and principles of computer science.
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of key concepts and principles of computer science.
AO2 1a	Apply knowledge of key concepts and principles of computer science.
AO2 1b	Apply understanding of key concepts and principles of computer science.

Que	esti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	а		It has more cores.	1 (AO2 1a)	Although Computer 1 has a lower clock speed than the CPU in Computer 2 it has more cores, which means that it can be faster than Computer 2. Any answer relating to splitting a program into processes that be carried out consecutively will be accepted.
1	b		RAM SSD HDD Graphics card (GPU)	2 (AO2 1a)	Marks can be awarded for other appropriate responses: e.g. Motherboard Sound card
1	O		 data is transferred faster (1) which makes a CPU more efficient (1) It is faster to transfer to and from cache (1) than transferring to and from RAM (1). 	2 (AO2 1a)	1 mark to be awarded for each correct identification and 1 mark to be awarded for the associated explanation to a maximum of 2 marks.
1	d		 An instruction is fetched from memory The instruction is then decoded The decoded instruction is then executed so that the CPU performs continuously The process is repeated The program counter is incremented The instruction is transferred to the MDR The address of the instruction to be fetched is placed in the MAR 	2 (AO1 1a)	1 mark to be awarded for each correct answer to a maximum of 2 marks.
2	а		 Long term/non-volatile storage of data/files External/auxiliary storage of data 	1 (AO1 1a)	1 mark only to be awarded for a correct definition.
2	b		Optical Magnetic Solid state	3 (AO1 1a)	1 mark only to be awarded for each correct definition.

Que	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	С		Four characteristics from: Capacity/size Speed Portability Durability Reliability Cost	4 (AO1 1b)	1 mark to be awarded for each correct characteristic to a maximum of 4 marks.
3	а		Stores the boot up sequence of the Sat Nav. The contents are lost when the Sat Nav is turned off. Holds copies of open maps and routes.	3 (AO2 1a)	Award 1 mark for each correct tick. No marks should be awarded if ticks are in both boxes in a given row.
3	b		A computer system that is built into another device	1 (AO1 1a)	
3	С		Three devices from: e.g. Dishwasher MP3 player Washing machine Mobile phone Manufacturing equipment	(AO1 1a)	mark to be awarded for each correct example identified to a maximum of 3 marks. There are many other examples of devices with embedded systems which may be acceptable.

Que	esti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	4 a		 The height of the wave is measured/sampled (at regular/set intervals) Turned into/stored as binary 	2 (AO1 1b)	1 mark for each bullet, to a maximum of 2.
	b		 The quality will improve The file size will increase 	2 (AO1 1b)	1 mark for each bullet.
5	а		203	1 (AO2 1b)	Correct Answer Only
	b		00110010	1 (AO2 1b)	Correct Answer Only
	С		Divide the number by 4Loses precision	2 (AO2 1b)	
6			mark per bullet each character from MOP has its ASCII code stored in the order written 77 79 80 (MOP) ASCII code converted to 8-bit binary number	2 (AO2 1a AO2 1b)	
7	а		A set of rules for communication	1 (AO1 1a)	1 mark only to be awarded for a correct definition.
7	b	i	A division of network functionality	1 (AO1 1a)	Candidate's responses may differ from the given answer but must represent conceptually the same thing. e.g. "a layer is where jobs/processes are split up" would receive the mark.
7	b	ii	 It is self-contained (1) it allows different developers to concentrate on one aspect of the network (1) A layer can be taken out and edited without affecting other layers (1) it promotes interoperability between vendors and systems (1) 	2 (AO1 1a)	1 mark to be awarded for the correct identification and 1 for a valid description up to a maximum of 2 marks.
7	С		It is easy to add a new node or device	2	1 mark to be awarded for each correct

Qu	esti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
			 Fewer data collisions can occur If a node or device fails it does not affect the rest of the network A signal does not need to be transmitted to all computers in the network 	(AO2 1b)	reason to a maximum of 2 marks. Any valid comparisons to other topologies can be awarded marks.
8	а		 Firewall (1 – AO2 1a) prevents unauthorised access (1 – AO2 1b) Anti-malware (1 – AO2 1a) removes viruses/spyware from infecting the system (1 – AO2 1b) Encryption (1 – AO2 1a) any intercepted data is rendered useless (1 – AO2 1b) User access levels (1 – AO2 1a) users have restricted access (1 – AO2 1b) Network policies (1 – AO2 1a) rules that define acceptable use (1 – AO2 1b) 	6 AO2 1a (3) AO2 1b (3)	1 mark to be awarded for each correct type to a maximum of 3 marks. (AO2 1a) 1 mark to be awarded for each correct explanation to a maximum of 3 marks. (AO2 1b)
8	b		 Brings in files via any medium (1 – AO2 1a) not allowing/stopping external devices being used on the network (1 – AO2 1b) Downloading infected files from the internet (1 – AO2 1a) blocking/restricting access to insecure websites (1 – AO2 1b) Allowing physical access to the surgery's network (1 – AO2 1a) locking of doors/key cards/any physical security procedure (1 – AO2 1b) Sending/sharing sensitive data with third parties (1 – AO2 1a) blocking/restricting access to USB ports/email/internet/printing (1 – AO2 1b) 	6 AO2 1a (3) AO2 1b (3)	mark to be awarded for each correct identification to a maximum of 3 marks. (AO2 1b) mark to be awarded for each correct outlining of a procedure to a maximum of 3 marks. (AO2 1b) Allow any reasonable combination of error and reasonable procedure to mitigate the risk.
9	а		 Orders have been saved onto the system as they order food and then deleted once processed (1) Once other orders have been made, new files are created (1) which may be bigger than the spaces left by the deleted files (1) The order files are split up (1) 	4 (AO2 1b)	Up to a maximum of 4 marks. A maximum of three marks if there is no contextualisation. Allow a mark if candidates state that fragmentation increases access time. (1)
9	b		 Files on the hard disk drive are moved (1) Empty spaces collected together (1) Files are moved to be stored together (1) Fewer disc accesses are needed (1) 		Up to a maximum of 3 marks.

Que	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
10	10 a		 The computers are geographically remote/ distanced/ more than a mile apart Communication medium is not owned by the law firm 	1 (AO1 1a)	mark only to be awarded for a correct definition. Accept responses such as the company doesn't own the infrastructure. Do not accept 'Network over a wide area' or similar arrangement of wording.
10	b		 It would offer additional storage (1) so the company can take on more cases (1) It is a very efficient method of backing up data (1) and so saves the firm time and money (1) It would allow their employees to work from anywhere (1) so they can take cases from other countries (1) It is environmentally friendly (1) Easy to increase availability of storage (1) You don't need specialist network skills (1) so the firm don't need to employ more staff (1) The third party provides security (1) so the company saves money on staff and software/hardware (1) The third party provides backup (1) so the company saves money on staff and software/hardware (1) Cheaper as don't need own infrastructure (1) Each advantage needs to be contextualised to gain 2 marks.	4 (AO2 1b)	1 mark to be awarded for each correct advantage, with a mark for a discussion of the advantage related to the law firm. To a maximum of 2 advantages. The total number of marks to be awarded for this task is 4 marks. Responses which are not contextualised will gain a maximum of 1 mark per advantage (to a maximum of 2 advantages).
10	С		 Two disadvantages from: You need a constant internet connection (1) which lawyers who travel a lot may not always have (1) Reliant on third party to carry out security procedures (1) but the firm are 	4 (AO2 1b)	1 mark to be awarded for each correct disadvantage with a mark for a discussion of the disadvantage related to the law firm. To a maximum of 2 disadvantages.

Que	Question		Answer					Guidance
			 Reliant on third pa Data stored in the which the firm hav Issues regarding of 	Cloud will be vulnere no control over (data ownership (1) ta Protection Act (1		The total number of marks to be awarded for this task is 4 marks. Responses which are not contextualised will gain a maximum of 1 mark per disadvantage (to a maximum of 2 disadvantages).		
10	d		Action	Data Protection Act 1998	Computer Misuse Act 1990	Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988	6 (AO1 1b)	1 mark for each tick in the correct box. 0 marks for a row with more than one
			Using a picture for the law company's new logo without the original creator's permission			✓		tick.
			A secretary accessing a lawyer's personal email account without permission		✓			
			Making a copy of the latest Hollywood blockbuster movie and sharing it with a client			✓		
			Storing customer data insecurely	✓				
			A lawyer installing a key logger on the secretary's computer		✓			
			Selling client's personal data to a marketing company without their permission	✓				

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
Question 11 *	Mark Band 3 – High Level (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.	Marks 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: Smartphone users Can adversely affect people in this country and abroad: health issues financially socially culturally
			 Cultural issues Desire/need to own newest device to fit in with peers May have new features that users require for work/leisure Environmental issues The type of devices that are disposed of Modern phones poorly designed for durability Phones' hardware not upgradeable/replaceable Reference to e-waste (people dispose of their devices in landfill even if they are in good working order) Some equipment is also sent abroad to be disposed of Leads to excessive landfill (in this country and/or abroad, e.g. Africa

Qι	ıesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
			understanding to the context provided. 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.		 and Asia) Toxic waste released into land, ground water, air (in this country and/or abroad, e.g. Africa and Asia) Waste of resources Precious metals in phones
			O marks No attempt to answer the question or response is not worthy of credit.		 Ethical issues Contributes to ill health Contributes to the digital divide Contributes to social divide Problem of confidential data stored on the devices Puts social pressure on parents to pay for their children to upgrade Puts social pressure on the public to upgrade Can lead to bullying of those who cannot afford the latest technology Phone manufacturers intentionally designing fragile phones so they need to be replaced more often High cost of new devices.

Summary of updates

July 2019	2	To clearly differentiate the updated approach for the external assessment of practical programming skills for first teach 2019 / first assessment 2022, we have updated our qualification code from J276 to J277.			
July 2019	2	There have been some changes to the Component 1 sample assessment mater content changes related to specification and assessment updates made for first assessment 2022.			
		Mapping of questions:			
		Updated: Version 2 SAM (J277)	Version 1 SAM (J276)		
		1(a) 1(b) 1(c) 1(d)	1(a) (b) (c) (d)		
		2(a) 2(b) 2(c)	2(a) 2(b) 2(c)		
		3(a) 3(b) 3(c)	3(a) 3(b) 3(c)		
		4(a)	1(a) on Component 2 SAM		
		4(b)	1(b) on Component 2 SAM		
		5(a) <i>new</i>			
		5(b)	3(a) on Component 2 SAM		
		5(c)	3(b) on Component 2 SAM		
		6 new			
		7(a)	5(a)		
		7(b)(i) and 7(b)(ii)	5(b)(i) and 5(b)(ii)		
		7(c) updated	5(c)		
		8(a)	6(a)		
		8(b)	6(b)		
		9(a)	7(a)		
		9(b)	7(b)		
		10(a)	8(a)		
Į		10(b)	8(b)		

		10(c) 10(d) 11	8(c) 8(d) 9	
July 2019	2	We've reviewed the look and feel of our papers through text, tone, language, images and formatting. For more information please see our assessment principles in our 'Exploring our question papers' brochure on our website.		