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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
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- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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1(a)	Any one from: – Hypertext Mark-up Language – Web authoring language // language used to write/create websites/web pages	1																											
1(b)(i)	– Presentation	1																											
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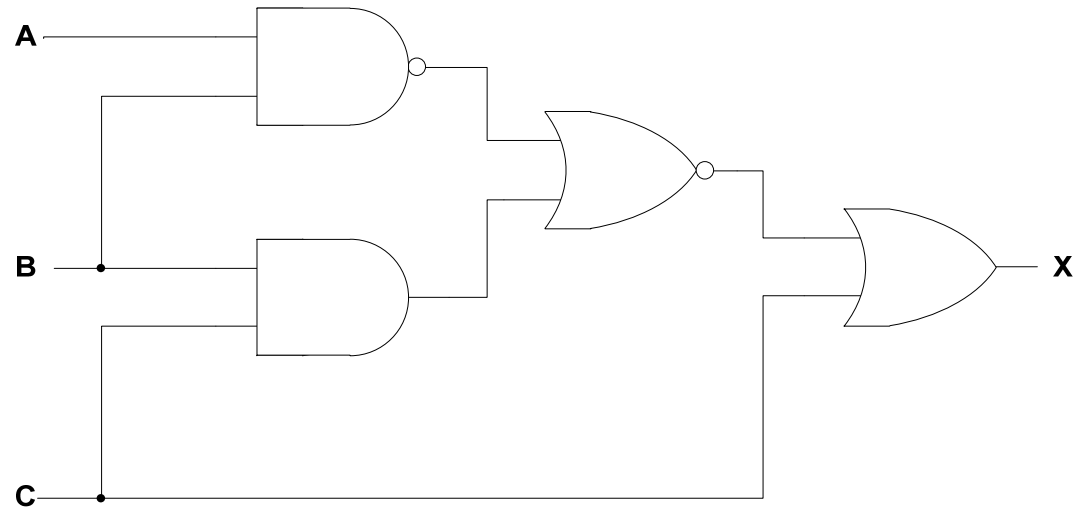
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1(c)(ii)	<p>One from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Lossy (compression) <p>Any three from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A (compression) algorithm is used – Removes redundant/unnecessary data from the file – Removes sounds that cannot be heard by the human ear/background noise – Reduces sample rate – Reduces sample resolution – Data is permanently removed // original file cannot be re-instated – Perceptual music shaping is used <p>NOTE: If lossless given, marks can be awarded for a correct description of lossless as follow through.</p> <p>Any three from (lossless):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A (compression) algorithm is used – Repeating patterns are identified – ... are replaced with a value – ... and indexed – No data is permanently removed // original file can be re-instated – Suitable example of a lossless algorithm 	4
1(c)(iii)	<p>Any two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Quicker for her to upload – Quicker for users to download – Won't slow website down as much when loading – Takes up less storage space 	2
1(d)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Handshake (layer) – Record (layer) 	2

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1(d)(ii)	Any six from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Client/browser requests secure connection to server – Client/browser requests the server to identify itself – Server provides a digital certificate – Client/browser validates the certificate – Client/browser send signal back to server (to begin transmission) – Session caching can be used – A session key is generated – Encryption method is agreed // data is encrypted 	6
1(e)(i)	Any three from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hacking – Denial of service (DoS) attack – Virus – Malware <p>NOTE: Three different type of malware can be awarded</p>	3
1(e)(ii)	Any four from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Acts as a firewall – Monitor/filters/examines incoming and outgoing traffic – Rules/criteria for traffic can be set // blacklist/whitelist set – Blocks any traffic that does not meet criteria ... – ... and can send a warning message to the user – Stop the website failing in a DoS attack // DoS attack hits the proxy server and not the webserver 	4

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2(b)	<p>Any five from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A value is calculated from the data – The value is calculated using an algorithm // by example – The value is appended to the data to be transmitted – Value is recalculated after transmission – Values are compared – If the values match the data is correct // if the values do not match the data is incorrect 	5															

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3(a)(i)	Any three from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Loss of power/electricity – Spillage of liquids – Flood – Fire – Human error – Hardware failure – Software failure NOTE: Three different types of human error can be awarded e.g. accidental deletion, not saving data, incorrect shutdown procedure	3
3(a)(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Create a backup 	1
3(b)	Max three from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Solid state drive – Non-volatile – Secondary storage – Flash memory – Has no mechanical/moving parts – Uses transistors – ... and cells that are laid out in a grid – Uses control gates and floating gates – Can be NAND/NOR (technology) – Use EEPROM technology Max two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stores data by flashing it onto the chips – Data stored by controlling the flow of electrons through/using transistors/chips/gates – The electric current reaches the control gate and flows through to the floating gate to be stored – When data is stored the transistor is converted from 1 to 0 	4

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5(b)	<p>One mark for each correct term in the correct place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Control – Unique – Identify – Protocol – Dynamic 	5																		

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5(c)	Any four from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Allows user to view web pages– Renders HTML– Allows user to bookmark/favourite web pages– Provides navigation features– Allows (multiple) tabs– Stores cookies– Records history of pages visited– Has a homepage– Runs active script– Allows files to be downloaded from website/internet– Sends a request to the IP address/web server (to obtain the contents of a web page)– Sends URL to DNS– Manages HTTP/HTTPS protocol	4