



**FORM FOUR TRIAL 2, 2019**  
Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

**451/1 COMPUTER STUDIES**

**PAPER ONE**

**TIME: 2½HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- ✓ This paper consists of two section **A** and **B**
- ✓ Answer all questions in section **A** (40 marks)
- ✓ Answer question 16 (**Compulsory**) and any other **THREE** questions in section **B**.

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SECTION	QUESTION	SCORE
A	1-15	
B	16	
	17	
	18	
	19	

**SECTION A (40 MARKS)**

**Answer ALL the questions in this section**

1. Define the following terms (4mks)

i) Multiplexing

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ii) Baseband signal

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2. Explain the difference between digital signal and analog signal in data communication (2mks)

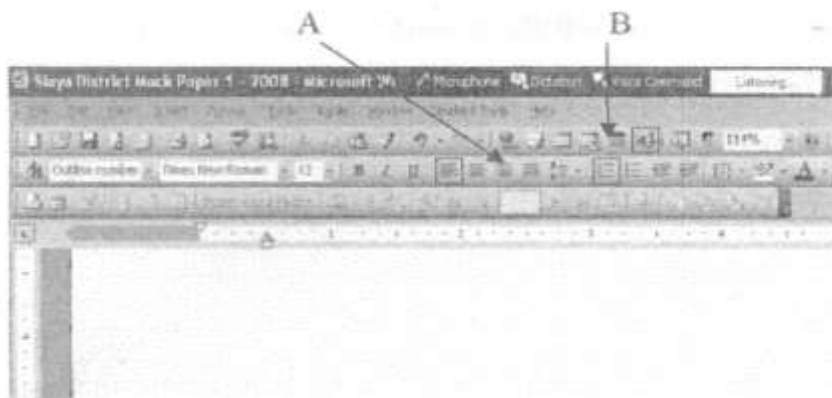
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3. List down two types of computer viruses (2mks)

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4. Below is a graphical representation of a section of a Microsoft words application window.

Use it to answer the question that follow.



Give the uses of the icons labeled A and B

(2mks)

A .....

B .....

5. Define the following terms as used in disk management

i) Partitioning

(2mks)

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ii) Defragmentation

(2mks)

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6. State three ways in which your school librarian can use a computer

(3mks)

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7. i) Write the acronym UPS in full?

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ii) Explain the uses of UPS?

(1mk)

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8. a) Give two possible ways of fitting the document in one page

(2mks)

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b) The shopkeeper one day switched on the computer and experienced a number of problems with windows operating system that he had installed. The problems included failure to load the operating system during the booting. After several trials of switching on the computer booting. It hand so often alongside abnormal restarting. State any two possible causes for the computer’s behavior. (2mks)

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9. Differentiate between real time processing and batch processing giving examples where each could be used. (4mks)

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10. In Kenya Tea Packers Company several people are employed as record clerks., typists and messenger. The company intends to introduce a computerized system in all the departments. Suggest three reasons that would make workers unhappy with the new system. (3mks)

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11. Give two advantages of an electronic spreadsheet over traditional analysis ledger sheet (2mks)

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12. Explain the following terms as used in information Technology with reference to software purchase:-

i) User friendliness (1mk)

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ii) Authenticity (1mk)

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13. While purchasing computers for his school the principal Musambweni high school decided to consult an expert. As a computer student advised him on four hard ware considerations (2mks)

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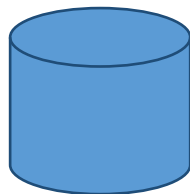
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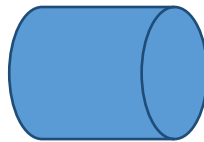
14. Give the names of the following system flowchart symbols (2mks)



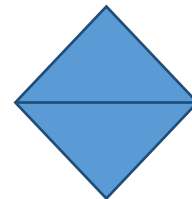
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15. State any two features of a user friendly program (2mks)

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**SECTION B (60 MARKS)**

Answer question 16 and any other three questions from this section

16. a) State three qualities of a good pseudocode? (3mks)

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b) i) State the 3 translators used in programming (3mks)

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ii) List two examples of;

i. Third generation languages (1mk)

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ii. Object oriented languages (1mk)

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c) Draw a flowchart that was used to come up with the following pseud code (7mks)

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N=0

X=0

While n < 3

Repeat

X = X + 1

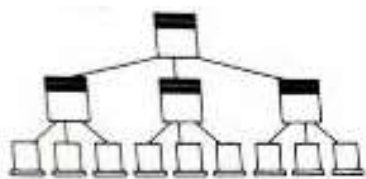
While  $x < 2$

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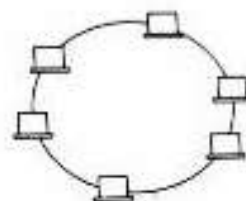
End while

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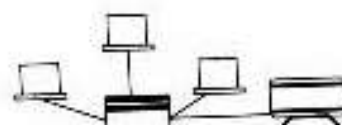
17. a) The diagram below shows four common network topologies A, B, C and D.



Topology A



Topology B



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i) Name the network topologies A, B, C and D (4mks)

A .....

B .....

C .....

D .....

ii) Explain what happens if server X topology A fails (1mk)

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iii) List two problems associated with network topology B (2mks)

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iv) List two disadvantages associated with network topology D (2mks)

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b) Differentiate between Internet and World Wide Web. (2mks)



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c) Convert the following binary number, 11001011.001 into decimal form. (4mks)

18. a) Human activity systems are said to be soft systems. Give therereasons why they are said to be so (3mks)

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b) What are hard information systems (2mks)

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c) Discuss any five characteristics of a system (10mks)

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19. a) One of the functions of an operating system is job scheduling. Explain what is meant by job scheduling. (2mks)

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b) List and explain three types of user interfaces. (6mks)

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c) Describe the following categories of software (4mks)

i) Firmware

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ii) Proprietary software

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d) A new company ABC intends to go into business of desktop publishing. Advice the company on three computer hardware specification features to consider as a measure of enhancing performance. (3mks)

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20. a) Briefly explain the following terms as used in spreadsheet (4mks)

i) Cell

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ii) Range

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iii) Value

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iv) Function

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b) List three paragraph formatting features of word processors (3mks)

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c) Explain the difference between the printing of multiple pages and multiple copies (2mks)

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d) Distinguish between a worksheet and a work book (2mks)

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e) The following is an excel worksheet showing the performance of students in Tana class.

A	B	C	D Cat	E Cat	F	G	H
	Adam	Student name	1/50	2/50	Total / 40	Exam / 60	Total
1	4321	DollineMbesa	30	28	(a)	45	(b)
2	4333	SelinaMbugua	20	29		55	
3	4330	Winnie Wanjema	25	26		50	
4	4322	MagaretWambari	27	24		43	
5	4324	FaniNjuguna	28	24		42	

6		Maximum	(c)				
7		Minimum	(d)				
8		Average	(e)				
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Using the above worksheet write the following formula to calculate the values in cells labeled (4mks)

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