

#### 451/1 **COMPUTER STUDIES** PAPER 1 (THEORY) TIME 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> HOURS.

## **TRIAL ONE EVALUATION TEST**

#### MARKING SCHEME

#### SECTION A

1.		Define the following terms as used in word processing. (3 marks)	
	a) b) c)	<ul> <li>word wrap</li> <li>it is a formatting feature which makes the text to move to the next line automatically Justification</li> <li>It is an alignment feature where both left and right are aligned</li> <li>Drop cap</li> </ul>	
2.		State three advantages of using computers in performing day to day's tasks. (3marks)	
	•	It has high speed of processing tasks It is flexible Has high storage space	
3.		Wanja operates a bookshop in a town. Lately he is finding the task of managing daily transactions manually overwhelming.	
	i.	Identify the type of management information system that Wanja should acquire (2 marks)	
	ele	tronic	
i	i.	<ul> <li>State two benefits that Wanja will gain from using such a system (2 marks)</li> <li>High storage</li> <li>High processing speed</li> </ul>	



Efficiency

4. State three hardware considerations that need made before installing an operating system

(3marks)

- Compatibility
- Availability
- User need
- User friendliness

5. Before the end of every month an electricity service provider sends out field officers to take consumer meter readings. The data collected by the officers is then keyed into the computer. The system then generates utility bills which are printed and sent to the consumers.

- i. State two transcription errors that are likely to occur during meter reading or input (2 marks)
  - Transposition
  - Misreading
- ii. State two ways such errors can be avoided (1 mark)
  - Dry checking
  - Using of test data
  - Using debugging utilities
- 6. State three editing tools that are available in most standard word processing software (3 marks)
  - Do and redo
  - Spelling and grammar checker
  - Thesaurus
  - Insert mode
  - Type over mode
- 7. Information security should be enforced both physically and logically.
  - I. Differentiate between the two security mechanisms (2 marks)
    - Physical security ensures the content is not tapered with while logical security refers to securing the meaning of the information
  - II.State two physical security techniques(2 marks)



- Burglar proofing
- Security personnel
- Security cameras (cctv)

8.	Explain three types of computer buses found on the computer system board	(3 marks)

- Control bus
- Address bus
- Data bus
- 9. State four disk management tool found in most operating systems (3 marks)
  - Defragmentation
  - Partitioning
  - Disk Scanning
  - Disk formatting
  - Disk compression
  - Disk backup
  - Disk diagnostic

10. Highlight the dangers associated with the following:

- i. Exposing computers to high humidity (1marks)
- Rusting of the parts of the metallic computer
  - ii. Purchasing software before assessing requirements (1marks)
- May be a pirated software
  - iii. Using foreign flash disks on the computer. (1marks)
- May multiply viruses
- 11. Differentiate between a filter and a query in a database (1 marks)
  - Filter if a formatting tool that extract part of the record from the table while query is a database object used to extract information from the database
- 12. The payroll system is both a financial system and a human resources system. Explain this statement. (2marks)
  - It is used to perform finance calculations and what if analysis and also used to update and provide financial records for the workers
- 13. Explain the importance of the following spreadsheet operations.
  - a) Freezing columns (1mark)
    - It enable the use to view only required records at atime
  - b) Data validation (1 mark)



- Ensures the records are valid as per the user need
- 14. List two ways in which computer technology can be used in law enforcement (1 marks)
  - Surveillance, crime detection and prevention
  - Scene monitoring by the police
  - Storage of biometric information for investigation of crimes
- 15. In reference to aviation technology, state two advantages of using simulation in training pilots

(2mks)

- Safety
- Less costly

#### **SECTION B (60 MARKS)**

#### Answer question 16(compulsory) and any other THREE questions from this section.

#### **16. (a)** State the stage of program development in which:

(i) A flowchart would be drawn

Design

(ii) The programmer would check whether the program does as required



Testing

(iii) The user guide would be written

Documentation

(iv) The requirements specifications would be written

Analysis

b). A programmer uses program design tools to design a program that can list the odd numbers between

0 and 100.

b). (i). Write a pseudo code for this problem.

(5mks)

Start	Marks award
Odd=1	* Start/ stop – 1 mk
Repeat	Repeat/ until -1 mk
Write odd	correct statements -3 mks
Odd= Odd+2	*Also accept use of other control
Until 0dd =99	such as whileDO

statements

Until odd =99

ii). Draw a flow chart for the pseudo code in 16 b) (i) above.

(6mks)







System flowchart	Program flowchart	
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A system flow chart describes the flow of data through a complete data-processing system	describe the flow of data through a particular computer program in a data processing system	



	Describe the relationship between	Describe the sequence of logical
	inputs, processing, and outputs for a	operations performed in a computer
1	system.	program.

mark for each correct symbol and procedure in the symbol (1x 6=6)

- b) integer, Real, Char, String, Boolean
- (a) (i)State one difference between system and program flowchart. (2 marks)

Any one at 2 marks. Difference must be shown

(ii) Study the follow flowchart then answer the questions that flow.







- Figure 1 Flowchart2
- Identify the type of flowchart that is represented by the flowchart in figure2
   System flow chart (½ mark)
- II) Name all the flowchart symbols used in this flowchart.



@ ½ mark each. Each name must be associated with the appropriate symbol.

(2 ½ marks)

17. (a) Define the term network topology . Network topology can be viewed in two ways . Name and Explain the **two** ways. (5mks)

#### Network topology:

- Refers to the way computers and other devices have been arranged on a network or how data passes from one computer to another on a network.





-refers to the physical arrangement of the network, especially the location of the computers, other devices and how the cables are run between the devices.

(i) Logical/Signal topology.

Deals with the way data passes from one device to the next on the network.

Examples of logical topologies are Ethernet and token ring.

(ii) Physical topology.

Refers to the physical layout arrangement of components on the network.

The most common physical topologies are the bus, the star, the ring and the mesh.

- (iii) Explain two factors you would consider before enrolling for an ICT course in a college. (2mks)
  - Cost.
  - Job opportunities.
  - Where the examinations offered are recognized.
  - The organization offering the course.
- (c). Outline the seven open systems interconnection (OSI) reference model

Layers in their order in network. (4 mks)

- 7. Application layer
- 6. Presentation Layer
- 5. Session Layer
- 4. Transport layer
- 3. Network Layer
- 2. Data Link Layer
- 1. Physical Layer



(each  $\frac{1}{2}$  mk \*7 = 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  then  $\frac{1}{2}$  mk for correct numbering starting with 7 instead of 1)

(d) Differentiate the function SUM and SUMIF as used in spreadsheet. 2mks

-SUM :- Adds values in a range of cells and returns the results

- SUMIF :- Adds values in a range of cells that meets the specified condition and returns the results.

- (e) State **two** advantages of using fiber optic cables. (2mks)
  - (i) Noise resistance: It is immune to EMI.
  - (ii) Less signal attenuation: signal can run for miles without requiring regeneration.
  - (i) Higher bandwidth: fibre optic cable can support dramatically higher bandwidths (and hence data rate) than all other cables.
  - (ii) Smaller and lighter than copper cable hence space limited situations.
  - (iii) Can be used in hazardous (highly flammable) places because they do not generate electrical signals.
  - (iv). Very fast (in light form)

18. A systems analyst has been asked by a doctor to computerize the records she keeps about her patients. He must first of all collect information about the existing system.

a). Describe **four** methods he could use to collect this information. 4mks

- Any four from:
  - Observation
  - Questionnaires
  - Interviews
- Collecting documents/document review @ ½ mark each (2 marks)

(b) Once the whole system has been designed it will need to be implemented.



(i) Describe **two** methods of implementation that could be used. 2mks

**Described Any two from:** 

- parallel running
- direct changeover
- pilot running
- phased implementation.
- @ 1 mark each (2 marks)
- (ii) Write down **two** reasons why one of the methods you gave in (b) (i) is better than the other.

parallel running/pilot running two from: there is a backup/fallback system in case of malfunction time can be taken in correcting malfunctions can train staff gradually direct changeover two from: time is not wasted in changeover cheaper as you don't have to pay two sets of staff system is tested rigorously before implementation less likely to malfunction phased implementation two from: if system malfunctions only small part of business affected don't have to pay two sets of staff can make sure system works before extending it

(2 marks)

(c) After a system is implemented, it is evaluated. Give **two** reasons why a system should be evaluated.

Any two from:

( 2mks)

- to make sure user requirements have been met
- to identify any shortcomings
- to identify possible improvements
- (d) State one difference between system flowchart and program flowchart. (2 marks)



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Describe the relationship between inputs, processing, and outputs for a system.	Describe the sequence of logical operations performed in a computer program.

Any one at 2 marks. Difference must be shown

e) Study the following flowchart then answer the questions that follow.





- i). Identify the **type** of flowchart that is represented above in figure2
  - System flow chart (½ mark)
- ii). Name all the flowchart symbols used in this flowchart (e) figure 2 above.



@ ½ mark each. Each name must be associated with the appropriate symbol.

(2 ½ marks)

- (a) Describe each of the following data processing methods and give an example of where used.
   (6mks)
  - (i) Online processing Data is processed immediately it is received e.g.



internet banking, online payment system using credit card.

- (ii) Batch processing Data is accumulated as a group then it is processed as one/ a group. Eg in payroll system
- (iii) Real-time Computer processes the incoming data as soon as it occurs, up to dates the transactions file and gives an immediate response, that

would affect the events as they happen e.g. making reservations for

airlines seats, hotels etc.

(b) Make a clear difference between:-(6mks)

(i) Logical file and physical file – Viewed in terms of what data items it contain

and details of what processing operations may be performed on the data items. Physical files is one that is viewed in terms of how data is stored on a storage

media and hoe the processing operations are made possible.

ii). Master file and back-up file – Master file is the main file that contains relatively permanent records about particular items or entries. Back-up file is used to

hold copies of data or information from the fixed storage (hard disk)

(iii) Random and indexed sequential file organization methods.

Random – Also direct file organization records are stored randomly but accessed directly on a storage medium. Indexed sequential records are stored and accessed in a particular order using an index used to enable the computer to locate individual records on storage media.

(c) An organization is facing threats to data integrity. Explain **three** of how the threats can

be minimized. (3mks)

- Backup data preferably on external storage media.



- Control access to data by enforcing security measures.
- Design user interface that minimize unauthorized access.
- Using error detection and correction software when transmitting data.
- Use devices that directly capture data from the source such as bar code readers.
- Digital cameras, optical CR.
- 20. (a) Give **one** reason why data and information in a computer system needs to be converted to other number systems other than binary. (1mks)
  - Higher number systems are used in computing to reduce the streams of binary into manageable form.
  - Help to improve the processing speed.
  - Optimize memory usage.
  - (b) Explain **one** reason for use of binary in digital technology. (1mks)

#### - It is easier to develop devices that understand binary language.

# - Device a designed using binary logic are simple more reliable and consume the energy.

(c) ii). Using twos complement, workout : 15<sub>10</sub> - 8<sub>10</sub> in binary form. (4mks)

= 15+(-8)

Convert  $8_{10}$  to its binary equivalent then write its two's complement

**4**5 = 11111 ,

To 8 bit =00011111



8= 1000

To 8bit = 00001000

11110111 BitwiseNOT of 8 =1'C

2'C = 11110111+1 = 11111000

#### 00001111

#### + <u>11111000</u>

(1) 00000111

Overflow is ignored = 00000111<sub>2</sub>

And in binary form the difference Is a positive number  $(00000111_2 (7_{10}))$ 

i) Twos complement is the most popular way of representing negative numbers in computer Systems. Give an advantage of using this method.

- There are no two ways of representing a zero as in the case with the other two methods
- Effective addition and subtraction can be done even with numbers that are represented with a sign bit without a need for extra circuitries to examine the sign of an operand.

(d) Using BCD coding system convert 796 to binary.

(3mks)







(e) Differentiate Database administrator and web administrator. (2mks)

Database administrator is responsible for updating and maintaining records in an database system and ensure data is organized in a way for easy access retrieval and update.

Web administrator is responsible for designing, updating and maintaining the organizations website.

(f) (i) Define the term accreditation as used in education. 2mks

Accepted / recognized/confirmed by the grant of charters by state/accrediting bodies

- Registered

-The process of recognizing an institution as being able to offer degrees and diplomas.