



**2013 Computing Studies**

**Standard Grade Credit**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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## Part One: General Marking Principles for Computing Studies Standard Grade – Credit

*This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this Paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the specific Marking Instructions for each question.*

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the specific Marking Instructions for the relevant question.
- (b) Marking should always be positive i.e., marks should be awarded for what is correct and not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (c) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed Marking Instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your Team Leader/Principal Assessor. You can do this by posting a question on the Marking Team forum or by e-mailing/phoning the e-marker Helpline. Alternatively, you can refer the issue directly to your Team Leader by checking the 'PA Referral' box on the marking screen.
- (d) Award **one** mark for each 'bullet' point where stated in the marking instructions.
- (e) On the MFI system, if a candidate has not answered or attempted a question 'NR' must be placed in the mark column instead of a zero '0'.
- (f) When converting from Gigabytes/Megabytes/Kilobytes to bytes, '1024' is the only unit acceptable, e.g. 1024 bytes = 1 Kilobyte, 1024 Kilobytes = 1 Megabyte, 1024 Megabytes = 1 Gigabyte.
- (g) No piece of work should be ignored without careful checking. Candidates may have scored out an answer then written the correct answer at the back of the question paper. Make sure that every page is checked.
- (h) If the first answer has been scored out, but still readable, *and not replaced by another answer*, the question should be marked in the normal way. If you feel that a candidate has been disadvantaged by this action, make it a 'PA Referral'.
- (i) On the MFI system, if you come across a paper which is blank, scroll down to the end of the paper in-case the answers have been written on a separate piece of paper which will be scanned and added to the end of the on-screen paper.
- (j) Any references to trade names or commercial products, e.g. "Microsoft", "MSN", etc. should be ignored, and then the rest of the answer should be marked. For example, if you received an answer "Microsoft Spreadsheet" then "Microsoft" would be ignored and "Spreadsheet" accepted, but "Microsoft Excel" would be ignored.



Question			Expected Answer/s	Max Mark	Additional Guidance
2	d	i	Attachment	1 (PS)	Not attach
2	d	ii	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not have the required software</li> <li>Not saved in standard file format/uses different file format</li> <li>Not compatible with existing software</li> <li>Encrypted</li> <li>Older version of software</li> </ul>	2  (PS)	
3	a		Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(micro)chip/processor</li> <li>Limited functionality</li> <li>Designed to control specific item</li> </ul>	2  (KU)	Not part of larger system as in question stem
3	b	i	Real-time	1 (PS)	
3	b	ii	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed of access</li> <li>Speed of processing</li> <li>Volume of data</li> <li>Multi-access (or description of)</li> <li>Storage capacity</li> </ul>	2  (KU)	
3	c		<i>Data</i> – meaningless / used by computer <i>Information</i> – meaningful / data + context / used by humans	2  (KU)	
3	d	i	Idea of fixed part (1) and variable part (1) Description of placeholders and database merging – (2)	2  (KU)	
3	d	ii	Database OR Spreadsheet	1 (KU)	
3	d	iii	Mailmerge	1 (KU)	Not merge on its own

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3	e	<p>Any <b>two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide advice from <u>range</u> of experts</li> <li>• Justify/back up the advice (given by the operator)</li> <li>• Give operator more confidence in handling situations as</li> <li>• Guides them through it</li> <li>• Gives them a script to help deal with customer queries</li> <li>• Information always available</li> <li>• Consistent advice</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <p>(PS)</p>	
4	a	<p>Any <b>two</b> from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gathering information about the current system</li> <li>2. (Gathering information) - Observing (current system)</li> <li>3. (Gathering information) - Interviewing (employees/employer)</li> <li>4. (Gathering information) – Questionnaires</li> <li>5. Specifying/design/recommend hardware and software for new system</li> <li>6. Reporting on costs/development time/installation time/layout of the new system</li> <li>7. Evaluating and updating system (once installed)</li> </ol>	<p>2</p> <p>(PS)</p>	<p>If the candidate chooses option 1, they cannot get further marks for options 2-4, they must choose from 5-7.</p>
4	b	<p>Any <b>two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No need for as many facilities, e.g. toilets/restaurant</li> <li>• High shelves</li> <li>• Can cut down on amenities heating lighting costs</li> <li>• Guidance system – look like has white lines or magnetic wires on floor</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <p>(KU)</p>	
4	c	<p>Any <b>two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large hard disk</li> <li>• Powerful processor(s)</li> <li>• Lots of RAM</li> <li>• Many different types of sensors</li> <li>• Cameras (vision system)</li> <li>• Voice recognition</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <p>(KU)</p>	

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4	d		Any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast start-up</li> <li>Cannot be altered/changed</li> <li>Cannot be affected by viruses</li> </ul>	1 <b>(KU)</b>	<b>Not</b> cannot be lost when switched off
4	e	i	Control (language)	1 <b>(KU)</b>	
4	e	ii	Any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed specifically for robotics/task,</li> <li>Contains suitable commands e.g. forward, right 90 etc.</li> </ul>	1 <b>(PS)</b>	
5	a	i	Optical Character Recognition	1 <b>(KU)</b>	
5	a	ii	Editable text / saves time typing / no need to retype	1 <b>(PS)</b>	
5	b	i	(To enable the user to download/view/access webpages	1 <b>(KU)</b>	<b>Not</b> surf the net
5	b	ii	A search engine helps you search for information OR produces a list of possible websites (1), using keywords/find information on a particular topic (1) OR search for websites or WWW (1)	1 <b>(KU)</b>	
5	c		(printer/device) driver	1 <b>(KU)</b>	
5	d	i	D → A converter	1 <b>(PS)</b>	
5	d	ii	Background processing/job/task	1 <b>(PS)</b>	
5	e	i	unique address	1 <b>(KU)</b>	
5	e	ii	Word (size)	1 <b>(KU)</b>	Accept plural version

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5	e	iii	Any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Error reporting</li> <li>• File management</li> <li>• Controlling input-output</li> <li>• User interface</li> </ul>	1  (KU)	Accept description of
5	f	i	<p>“...is a fixed link...” ← <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Static</span></p> <p><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Dynamic</span> → “A live link, where data...”</p>	1  (KU)	
5	f	ii	Static/ Dynamic Mark awarded for describing an apt situation related to choice of linkage above	1  (PS)	
6	a		(=) Basic Contract Fee + Extra minutes + Extra Texts 1 mark for operators, 1 mark for correct fields	2  (PS)	Award 1 mark if correct fields suggested, e.g. Basic Contract Fee : Extra Text
6	b	i	Search on two or more fields	1 (KU)	
6	b	ii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search E-mail Address field for ‘includes’ gotest.com (notion of wildcard e.g. * or “ ”) (1) (AND) Extra Minutes field for &gt;0 (or = 5 or &lt; 10 or 5 → 10 or &gt;= 1) (1)</li> <li>• Display E-mail Address field and Total Cost field only (1)</li> </ul>	3  (PS)	Give third mark for adjusting output format
7	a	i	Computer (workstation/desktop/laptop, etc)	1  (KU)	Do <b>not</b> accept description of multi-access
7	a	ii	NIC or WNIC or (wireless) network card	1 (KU)	
7	b	i	Computer Misuse Act	1 (KU)	
7	b	ii	(knowingly creating / distributing) viruses	1  (KU)	Take care not to double penalise if wrong Act stated in part (i)

Question			Expected Answer/s	Max Mark	Additional Guidance
7	c	i	Length check	1 (PS)	
7	c	ii	Double entry	1 (PS)	Description of double entry acceptable
7	c	iii	<i>Validation</i> – data is sensible/acceptable/ carried out by a computer <i>Verification</i> – data has been entered correctly/carried out by humans	2  (KU)	
7	d		shareware      commercial      freeware <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1  (PS)	
7	e		Any <b>one</b> from: • Withdrawals • Deposits • Other suitable	1  (PS)	Cumulative or summative information implying groups or list or totals
7	f	i	Any <b>one</b> from: • No travel costs • Time saved travelling • Hotel costs	1  (PS)	<b>Not</b> no need to travel
7	f	ii	Webcam	1 (KU)	

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]