



Introduction to Digital Question Papers for Candidates

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A digital question paper is an electronic version of the question paper that can be completed using a PC, laptop, or tablet.

Digital question papers are identical to the paper versions of the question papers and are produced either in the combined question and answer format or the question only format.

- ◆ The combined question and answer format digital question papers have answer spaces for you to complete.
- ◆ The question only format digital question papers have an associated digital answer booklet for you to complete.

Combined question and answer format digital question paper

The image shows a digital question paper page with three questions. Each question has a corresponding answer box. A vertical column on the right side of the page is labeled 'MARKS' and contains the number of marks for each question. The page also features a barcode and the text 'page 10' at the bottom.

MARKS DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN

10. A database query design includes the following conditions in the search criteria.
delivery > 01/05/2019 AND delivery < 31/05/2019

(a) State the attribute type used above. 1

(b) State the part of the processor where these conditions will be evaluated. 1

11. The programming language below uses & to concatenate two strings.
SET message TO "hello" & "world"
When coding, a programmer types & instead of & leading to an error.
State the type of programming error and describe its effect. 2

Type_

Effect

12. The line below is stored as a vector graphic.
State one attribute of this object. 1

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Digital answer booklet

ENTER NUMBER OF QUESTION

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Can I use a digital question paper?

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