



GCE AS MARKING SCHEME

SUMMER 2017

AS (NEW)
COMPUTER SCIENCE - COMPONENT 1
B500U10-1

INTRODUCTION

This marking scheme was used by WJEC for the 2017 examination. It was finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conference was held shortly after the paper was taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conference was to ensure that the marking scheme was interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conference, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

WJEC regrets that it cannot enter into any discussion or correspondence about this marking scheme.

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| Q | Answer | Marks | AO1 | AO2 | AO3 | Total |
|-------|--|-------|------|------|-----|-------|
| 1a | Any one of: | 1 | 1.1a | | | 1 |
| | The Internet is a world-wide | | | | | |
| | communications infrastructure | | | | | |
| | A network of networks | | | | | |
| | Has to imply more than one network | | | | | |
| 1bi | User Datagram Protocol (UDP) | 1 | | 2.1a | | 1 |
| 1bii | Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) | 1 | | 2.1a | | 1 |
| 1biii | Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) | 1 | | 2.1a | | 1 |
| 1biv | Any one of: | 1 | | 2.1a | | 1 |
| | Post Office Protocol (POP/POP3) | | | | | |
| | Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) | | | | | |
| | Not SMTP | | | | | |
| 2 | Any of the following up to a maximum of four: | 4 | 1.1b | | | 4 |
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| | Fetch: | | | | | |
| | The address of the next instruction is | | | | | |
| | copied from RAM into the register (PC to | | | | | |
| | the MAR) | | | | | |
| | The instruction (at that address) is copied to the MDR | | | | | |
| | The PC is incremented (so that it holds the address of the next instruction) | | | | | |
| | Decode: | | | | | |
| | The MDR is copied into the Current | | | | | |
| | Instruction Register (CIR) | | | | | |
| | The instruction / data (opcode / operand) is decoded | | | | | |
| | Execute | | | | | |
| | The instruction is carried out. | | | | | |
| | Each stage is designed to happen | | | | | |
| | concurrently to maximise resources use | | | | | |
| | (clock ticks and memory) | | | | | |
| | For 4 marks, at least one from each, | | | | | |
| | otherwise max 3 marks | | | | | |

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|----|--|-------------------------|------|--------------|-----|-------|
| 3 | Any of the following up to a maximum of four: | 4 | 1.1b | | | 4 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Multiple processors are used (to process a | | | | | |
| | single task). | | | | | |
| | Many calculations are carried out simultaneously / at the same time | | | | | |
| | Large problems can be divided into smaller | | | | | |
| | ones, (which are then solved concurrently). | | | | | |
| | Parallel computer programs are more | | | | | |
| | complex to design and to write than | | | | | |
| | sequential ones | | | | | |
| | Concurrency introduces several new classes of potential software bugs | | | | | |
| | Race conditions are the most common | | | | | |
| | class of potential software bug | | | | | |
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| | Communication and synchronisation | | | | | |
| | between the different subtasks creates an overhead. Accept a suitable example of | | | | | |
| | this. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Accepted, not expected: | | | | | |
| | T | | | | | |
| | The maximum possible speed-up of a single program as a result of parallelisation | | | | | |
| | is known as Amdahl's law: | | | | | |
| | $T(n) = T(1)(B + \frac{1}{n}(1 - B))$ | | | | | |
| | \circ Where: | | | | | |
| | T(n) = | | | | | |
| | time taken on n threads | | | | | |
| | • $n = number of threads$ | | | | | |
| | $\bullet B =$ | | | | | |
| | fraction of algorithm that is | | | | | |
| | sequentialThe speedup of a program using multiple | | | | | |
| | processors in parallel computing is limited | | | | | |
| | by the time needed for the sequential | | | | | |
| | fraction of the program | | | | | |
| 4a | Convert 106 ₁₀ into binary: 01101010 ₂ | 1 | | 2.1a | | 5 |
| | Convert 57 ₁₀ into binary: 00111001 ₂ | I | | 2.1a | | |
| | Binary addition: | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | 011010102 | | | | | |
| | 001110012 | 1, | | 2.1a | | |
| | 10100011 ₂ 11110000 | 1 (answer) 1 (carry) | | 2.1a 2.1a | | |
| | | · (oairy) | | | | |
| | Convert 10100011 ₂ into hexadecimal: A3 ₁₆ | 1 | | 2.1a | | |

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| 4bi | • For +8 the leftmost bit to indicate the sign. | 1 | | 2.1a | | 3 |
| | ("0" indicates a positive integer, and for -8 | | | | | |
| | "1" indicates a negative integer) | _ | | 0.4 | | |
| | the rest of the bits are used for the | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | magnitude of the number 8. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | +8 = 00001000 | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | -8 = 10001000 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Accept answers where the leftmost bit is 1 to | | | | | |
| | represent a positive integer. | | | | | |
| | Accept answers using a minimum of 5 bits | | | | | |
| 4bii | From RHS, rewrite the binary number 8 up | 1 | | 2.1a | | 2 |
| | to and including the first one and change | | | | | |
| | other 1 digits to 0 and 0 digits to 1 00001000 = 11111000 | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | Or | | | | | |
| | Flip the bits (of 8 binary) and add one | | | | | |
| | 00001000 -> 11110111 ->11111000 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Accept a minimum of 4 bits | | | | | |
| 4ci | 10.011 | 1 | | 2.1a | | 3 |
| | | | | | | |
| | F | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | Exponent = 0010 0.1001100 | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | 0.1001100 | | | | | |
| | Accepted – not normalised | | | | | |
| 4cii | Mantissa = 0.9375 or 15/16, | 1 | | 2.1a | | 3 |
| | Exponent = 5 | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | Answer = $(0.9375 \times 2^5) = 30_{10}$ | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| 4ciii | Any two from each of the following up to a | | | | | 4 |
| | maximum of four | | | | | |
| | | _ | | | | |
| | Advantages of integers (any two of): | 2 | 1.1b | | | |
| | Numbers are stored accuratelyLess complex processing | | | | | |
| | Less complex processingExact representation of zero | | | | | |
| | = Exact representation of zero | | | | | |
| | Advantages of floating-point (any two of): | 2 | 1.1b | | | |
| | Very large/small numbers can be stored | | | | | |
| | Larger range of numbers can be | | | | | |
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| Q | Answer | Marks | A01 | A02 | AO3 | Total |
|----|---|-------|------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| 5a | A process or set of rules to be followed to solve a given problem. | 1 | 1.1a | | | 3 |
| | Any two of: | 2 | 1.1a | | | |
| | • flowcharts | | | | | |
| | pseudo-code structured English | | | | | |
| | structured English | | | | | |
| | Condone | | | | | |
| | annotated code formal language of 7 | | | | | |
| | formal language e.g. Z | | | | | |
| 5b | Indicative content | | | | | 7 |
| | 1 Num is integer 2 | | | | | |
| | 3 input Num | | | | | |
| | 5 if Num <= 100 then | | | | | |
| | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | | | | | |
| | 8 Output "Number is Even" 9 else | | | | | |
| | 10 Output "Number is Odd" | | | | | |
| | 11 end if 12 | | | | | |
| | 13 else 14 | | | | | |
| | 15 Output "Data entered is greater | | | | | |
| | than 100" | | | | | |
| | 17 end if | | | | | |
| | Marking | | | | | |
| | Initialise / Declare variable | 1 | | | 3.1b | |
| | • Input Num | 1 | | | 3.1b 3.1b | |
| | Check for Num <=100Output error message | 1 | | | 3.1b | |
| | Correct use of MOD | 1 | | | 3.1b | |
| | Output message if data is odd/even | 1 | | | 3.1b 3.1b | |
| | Algorithm works correctly | ' | | | 0.10 | |
| 6 | $A.(B+C) + B.(A+\overline{B}) + C.(\overline{A}+C)$ | | | | | 6 |
| | $A.B + A.C + B.A + B.\overline{B} + C.\overline{A} + C.C$ | 1 | | 2.1b | | |
| | $A.B + A.C + B.\overline{B} + C.\overline{A} + C.C$ | 1 | | 2.1b | | |
| | $A.B + A.C + B.\overline{B} + C.\overline{A} + C$ | 1 | | 2.1b 2.1b | | |
| | $A.B + A.C + C.\overline{A} + C$ $A.B + C + C$ | 1 | | 2.1b | | |
| | A.B+C+C | 1 | | 2.1b | | |
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|----|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|------------|--------------|-------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 7a | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | | (0) | (1) | (2) | (3) | 1 | | | | | |
| | Original Data | 1 | 3 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Effect 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 9 | | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Effect 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | 2110012 | | | _ | | | | | | | |
| | Effect 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9 | | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | Elloot | | 0 | | | | | | 2.1a | | |
| | Effect 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | | | | | | |
| | Lilect 4 | ' | | | 3 | | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | | | myA | rray | | | | | | | |
| 7b | Insertion sort | | | | | | 1 | | 2.1a | | 2 |
| | Sorts data in a | scend | ing or | der / | lowest | to | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| | highest | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7c | AND | | | | | | 1 | | 2.1a | | 1 |
| 7d | if (currentIter | n < m | yArra | ay[j] |) the | en | 1 | | 2.1a | | 2 |
| | Execute code if | a cert | ain coi | ndition | is me | t. | | | | | |
| | | | u 00. | | 10 1110 | •• | 1 | | 2.1a | | |
| 7e | for i = 1 to n | - 1 | | | | | 1 | | 2.1a | | 2 |
| | next i | | | | | | | | | | |
| | or | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Do | ' | | , | 6 1 | , | | | | | |
| | While (j >=0 Al | ND in | serte | ed = | ials∈ |) | | | | | |
| | Repeatedly exerting | cutes | the co | de unti | il a | | | | | | |
| | certain condition | | | | | | 1 | | 2.1a | | |

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| 8 | Any of the following up to a maximum of six: | 6 | 1.1b | | | 6 |
| | Mark-up language (any six of): Mark-up languages add commands, or mark-up, to a text document to offer meaning to the text. The commands give instructions to the program reading the file on how to interpret / format / and display the text. One of the most common mark-up languages is HTML. The commands in HTML are called tags, are surrounded by chevrons. Commands are opened, for example <h1>, so that any text that follows will have that format applied to it.</h1> Commands are then ended using a forward slash inside the tag, for example . XML (eXtensible Mark-up Language) is another mark-up language that is commonly used in web applications. XML is used for structuring and marking-up data for storage rather than information for display. The developer is free to create their own tags and specify their own meaning to them. Mark-up languages are commonly combined with other languages, such as JavaScript with HTML. | | | | | |
| 9 | Data compression reduces the file size When compressed files are decompressed they do not give back the original data, i.e. data is lost Because lossy compression cannot be decompressed to yield the exact original data, it is not a good method of compression for critical data, such as textual data It is most useful for digitally sampled analogue data, such as sound, video, graphics or images Some examples of lossy data compression algorithms are JPEG, MPEG, and MP3. Algorithms for lossy compression vary, but many use a threshold level truncation. / suitable lossy data compression example | 4 | 1.1b | | | 4 |

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| 10a | A file is collection of related records | 1 | 1.1a | | | 2 |
| | A record is a collection of related fields | 1 | 1.1a | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | or | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | A file is a collection of related data | | | | | |
| | handled as a single unit. | | | | | |
| | A file has a filename which a user can use | | | | | |
| | to access data at a later date. | | | | | |
| | to access data at a fater date. | | | | | |
| 10b | Any four of: | 4 | 1.1b | | | 6 |
| 100 | Fixed length field / record has same | • | 5 | | | |
| | number of bytes in each field / record (and | | | | | |
| | same number of fields) / Variable length | | | | | |
| | record has different number of bytes in | | | | | |
| | each record (or different number of fields). | | | | | |
| | Fixed length field / record is easier to | | | | | |
| | program as it can be calculated to know | | | | | |
| | how much storage space will be required / | | | | | |
| | Variable length field / record makes it | | | | | |
| | difficult to calculate how much storage | | | | | |
| | space will be required | | | | | |
| | Fixed length field / records are quicker to | | | | | |
| | process (read/write) by computer as start | | | | | |
| | and end locations are known / Variable | | | | | |
| | length field / records are slower to process | | | | | |
| | (read/write) by computer as start and end | | | | | |
| | locations have to be calculated at | | | | | |
| | read/write time | | | | | |
| | Fixed length field / record wastes storage | | | | | |
| | space as fields have blank space / Variable | | | | | |
| | length field / record saves storage space | | | | | |
| | as no blank space | | | | | |
| | Fixed length field / record will truncate long | | | | | |
| | fields / Variable length record avoids | | | | | |
| | truncation as each field can extend to | | | | | |
| | accommodate any number of characters | | | | | |
| | accommodate any named of characters | 1 | 1.1b | | | |
| | Examples | | | | | |
| | Variable length fields e.g. – Name, | 1 | 1.1b | | | |
| | Address, email address | | | | | |
| | Fixed length fields e.g. – Gender, DOB | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | If same example given, example MUST be | | | | | |
| | justified. | | | | | |
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|-----|---|-------|------|------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 11a | Records stored in key sequence order | 1 | 1.1b | | | 2 |
| | An index allows data to be accessed | 1 | 1.1b | | | |
| | directly / index contains key field and disk | | | | | |
| | address of record / the key field and index | | | | | |
| 446 | are used to locate the position | _ | 1.1b | | | • |
| 11b | One mark for each of the following up to a maximum of six. | 6 | 1.10 | | | 6 |
| | Illaxilliulli ol Six. | | | | | |
| | Physical location for new record is | | | | | |
| | calculated from the key field | | | | | |
| | A hashing algorithm is used for this | | | | | |
| | calculation to find the location | | | | | |
| | If data collision / something there, the | | | | | |
| | record is stored instead in an overflow area | | | | | |
| | Data in the overflow area is normally stored | | | | | |
| | and searched in a linear manner | | | | | |
| | The overflow becomes too large | | | | | |
| | File may need reorganising (and new) | | | | | |
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| | , | | | | | |
| | way. | | | | | |
| 11c | One mark for each of the following up to a | | | | | 4 |
| | maximum of four. | | | | | |
| | Two input files, old master file and serted | 4 | | 2 1h | | |
| | | ' | | 2.10 | | |
| | | 1 | | 2.1b | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | New (updated) master file output | | | | | |
| | Bill output | 1 | | 2.1b | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | | 2 1h | | |
| | Marsion (Sphaled Shidow) | | | | | |
| | Update Master record | | | | | |
| | Sorted transaction record disease | | | | | |
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| | 19 | | | | | |
| | Award zero if no arrows | | | | | |
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| 11c | One mark for each of the following up to a maximum of four. Two input files: old master file and sorted transaction file Update process i.e. comparison record by record with corresponding master record update master record where appropriate New (updated) master file output Bill output | | | 2.1b 2.1b 2.1b 2.1b | | 2 |

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| 12 | Indicative content | 10 | 1.1b | | | 10 |
| | Resources | | | | | |
| | Communicates with and sends data output | | | | | |
| | to a printer / monitor / other valid output | | | | | |
| | device | | | | | |
| | Communicates with and receives data | | | | | |
| | input to a keyboard / mouse / other valid | | | | | |
| | input device | | | | | |
| | In spooling, data is stored on hard disk / in | | | | | |
| | memory / stored in a queue / in a buffer | | | | | |
| | Manages backing store by ensuring that | | | | | |
| | data is stored and can be retrieved | | | | | |
| | correctly from any disk drive | | | | | |
| | O/S creates and maintains a filing system | | | | | |
| | such as FAT or NTFS | | | | | |
| | Organise files in a hierarchical directory | | | | | |
| | structure | | | | | |
| | O/S offers compression which can be used to save disk appear. | | | | | |
| | to save disk space | | | | | |
| | The O/S manages memory (RAM) by anauring all programs and data including | | | | | |
| | ensuring all programs and data including | | | | | |
| | itself is stored in correct memory locations/do not try to occupy the same | | | | | |
| | memory location | | | | | |
| | The O/S manages memory (RAM) by | | | | | |
| | ensuring all programs and data have | | | | | |
| | enough memory allocated | | | | | |
| | The O/S can utilise virtual memory when | | | | | |
| | not enough memory (RAM) is available to | | | | | |
| | run a program | | | | | |
| | Ensures different processes can utilise the | | | | | |
| | CPU and do not interfere with each other | | | | | |
| | or crash | | | | | |
| | On a multi-tasking O/S, the O/S ensures | | | | | |
| | that all tasks appear to run simultaneously | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Interface | | | | | |
| | Provides user interface with meaningful | | | | | |
| | icons / avoid text input / drop-down menus | | | | | |
| | Can provide a command line interface | | | | | |
| | Allows customisation of interface e.g. | | | | | |
| | change desktop colours / layout | | | | | |
| | Allows access to system settings such as | | | | | |
| | hardware | | | | | |
| | Allows copying / deleting / moving / sorting / searching of files or folders | | | | | |
| | / searching of files or foldersAllows creation of shortcuts | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Controls security using passwords or access permissions | | | | | |
| | access permissionsAllows user to have more than one window | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | open / Allows user to switch between tasks (programs/windows) | | | | | |
| | Provides user with error/warning/help | | | | | |
| | • • | | | | | |
| | messages | | <u> </u> | | l | |

| Band | AO1.1b | | | | | | | |
|------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Max 10 marks | | | | | | | |
| | 8 - 10 marks The candidate has: written an extended response that has a sustained line of reasoning which is coherent, relevant, and logically structured | | | | | | | |
| 3 | shown clear understanding of the requirements of the question and a clear knowledge of the indicative content. Clear knowledge is defined as a response that provides four to six relevant detailed points on operating systems from each of resources and interface which relate to an extensive amount of the indicative content | | | | | | | |
| | addressed the question appropriately with minimal repetition and no irrelevant material | | | | | | | |
| | has presented a balanced discussion and justified their answer with examples used appropriate technical terminology referring to the indicative content confidently and accurately. | | | | | | | |
| | 4 - 7 marks The candidate has: | | | | | | | |
| | written a response that has an adequate line of reasoning with elements of coherence, relevance, and logical structure | | | | | | | |
| 2 | shown adequate understanding of the requirements of the question and a satisfactory knowledge as specified in the indicative content. Satisfactory knowledge is defined as a response that provides two to four points on operating systems from resources or interface as signalled in the indicative content. has presented a discussion with limited examples | | | | | | | |
| | used appropriate technical terminology referring to the indicative content. | | | | | | | |
| | 1 - 3 marks The candidate has: | | | | | | | |
| | written a response that that lacks sufficient reasoning and structure produced a discussion which is not well developed | | | | | | | |
| 1 | produced a discussion which is not well developed attempted to address the question but has demonstrated superficial knowledge | | | | | | | |
| - | of the topics specified in the indicative content. Superficial knowledge is defined | | | | | | | |
| | as a response that provides one to two points on operating systems from | | | | | | | |
| | resources or interface as signalled in the indicative content | | | | | | | |
| | used limited technical terminology referring to the indicative content. 0 marks | | | | | | | |
| 0 | Response not credit worthy or not attempted. | | | | | | | |
| | Total 100 57 36 7 100 | | | | | | | |