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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, School and Index Number in the spaces provided above.
- Answer ALL the questions in Section A.
- Answer question 15 (Compulsory) and any other **THREE** questions in section **B**.
- All answers should be written in the spaces provided in the question paper.

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Section	Question	Candidates Score
A	1 - 14	
B	15	
	16	
	17	
	18	
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TOTAL SCORE		

SECTION A: (40MARKS)

Answer all questions in this section.

1. a) Explain the role of the following (4marks)
- i) Computer programmer.

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- ii) Software engineer (1mark)

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- b) i) What is electronic point of sale terminal? (1mark)

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- ii) Explain **two** advantages of using this system. (2marks)

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- iii) Give an application area of this system. (1mark)

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2. Explain the purpose of the following files. (1mark)
- a) Back up

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- b) Reference (1mark)

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3. a) Perform the following binary arithmetic giving the answer in decimal notation. (2marks)
- 11101.011 + 111.111

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- b) State **two** application areas of virtual reality. (2marks)

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4. What are the purposes of the following DOS commands? (3marks)
- a) RD

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- b) DIR*.*

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- c) CD

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5. a) State differences between wide area network and local area network. (1½ marks)

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b) Explain the terms below as used in computer network.

i) Point to point (1mark)

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ii) Broadcast (1mark)

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6. State **three** parts that constitute an array statement. (1½ marks)

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7. You are provided with USB, Parallel and Serial cables. Which of the cables provided can be used to:

a) Support variety of peripheral devices. (1mark)

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b) Transmit data in short distance. (1mark)

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c) Transmit data fast in long distance. (1mark)

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8. The formula, K20+P&18 was typed in cell L21 and then copied to cell M24 of spreadsheet. Write a formula as it appears in cell M24. (2marks)

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9. Distinguish between logical and physical files as used in computer. (2marks)

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10. Tea processing zone wants to acquire new software,

a) State **three** items that should accompany the software (1½ marks)

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b) State **three** purposes of word processing package. (1½ marks)

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11. Give **two** differences of high and low level languages. (2marks)

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12. Define terms below:

a) Nibble (1mark)

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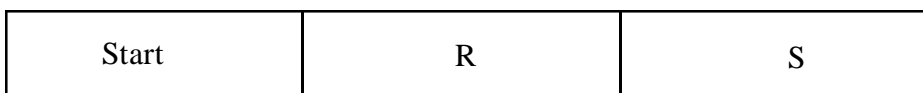
b) Bit (1mark)

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c) Word (1mark)

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13. The diagram below represents a task bar. Use it to answer the questions below.



a) Name the part labeled

i) R: (½ mark)

ii) S: (½ mark)

b) Explain the different between R and S (1mark)

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14. a) Name **two** types of files in a computer (1mark)

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b) Explain safety precaution in computer safeguarding

i) Hardware (1mark)

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ii) Loss of computer programs (1mark)

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SECTION B: (60 MARKS)

Answer question 15 is compulsory and any other three questions from this section.

15. a) Define the terms below:

i) Algorithm (1mark)

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ii) Pseudo code. (1mark)

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iii) Flowchart (1mark)

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b) Draw a flowchart to compute the result of the following formula. (5marks)

$$K = \frac{1}{(M + 1)^2}$$

c) Write a pseudo code for the above flowchart (5marks)

d) Explain the purpose of program compilation before testing. (2marks)

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16. You are provided with the following entries in the spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
			Months				
1	Items	Jan	Feb	Mar	April		
2	Shoes	500	500	500	500		
3	Pencils	400	300	600	700		
4	Books	100	200	150	350		
5	Ruler	900	760	350	102		
6	Rubber	60	80	200	450		

a) State the cell data type represented by:

i) Cell A4

(1mark)

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ii) Cell C4

(1mark)

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iii) Explain the difference between cell A4 and C4

(1mark)

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b) Provide a formula for cell E5 that can be used to give 10% increase of cell E5 (2marks)

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c) Using count function write an expression to determine the number of items greater 300 in the month of January. (2marks)

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d) Explain **two** reasons why

i) Hypertext mark up language is not a true programming language

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ii) State **three** examples of web scripting language.

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e) Differentiate between validation and verification as used in system development. (1mark)

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f) Explain **two** advantages of using modules during system implementation stage of development. (2marks)

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17. a) i) Explain **two** advantages of acquiring micro –computers in schools. (2marks)

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ii) With an aid of well labeled diagram explain mesh network topology. (3marks)

iii) Explain **two** advantages and **one** disadvantage using this topology. (2marks)

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b) Distinguish between:-

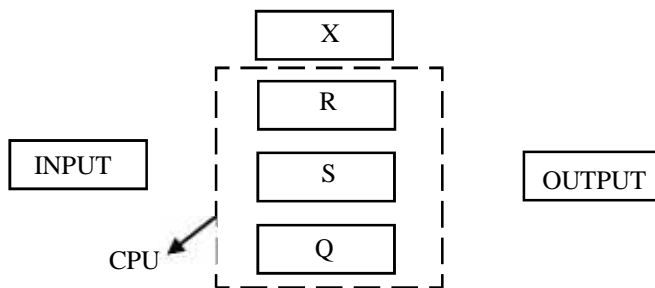
i) Data encryption and passwords. (1mark)

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ii) Dry run and walk through. (1mark)

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c) The diagram below represents essential features of a computer system. Study diagram and answer the question that follows.



i) Name the components (4marks)

X:
R:
S:
Q:

ii) In the diagram above indicate the direction of data flow using arrows. (2marks)

18. a) i) What is multimedia? (1mark)

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ii) State **two** examples of multimedia system. (2marks)

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b) Firestone Kenya purchased hardware components from World Computer services; Firestone Kenya later demanded a document of warranty.

i) What is a warranty? (1mark)

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ii) Describe **three** important information that may entail in the warranty. (6marks)

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c) Give **three** examples of special purpose memories found in the central processing unit. (3marks)

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19. a) Explain how the operating system perform the following:

i) Job sequencing (2marks)

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ii) Job scheduling (2marks)

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b) With the use of examples describe two types of desktop publishing software. (4marks)

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c) Define the terms below.

i) Chatting (1mark)

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ii) Website (1mark)

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iii) Search engine. (1mark)

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b) Explain the effect of information technology in:

i) Employment (2marks)

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ii) Environment (2marks)

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