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**TIME: 2 ½ HOURS.**

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**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

* Write your name and index number and school in the spaces provided above
* *This paper consists of* ***Two*** *sections* ***A*** *and* ***B****.*
* *Answer* ***ALL*** *questions in section* ***A****.*
* *Answer question 16(compulsory) and any other* ***THREE*** *questions from section* ***B.***
* *All answers should be written in the spaces provided on the question paper*
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| **SECTION** | **QUESTIONS** | **CANDIDATES SCORE** |
| **A** | 1-15 |  |
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*A special Performance Improvement Project*

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1. Describe the following terms as used in Microsoft Word.

(a) Text wrapping (1mark)

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(b) Column breaks (1 mark)

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2. (a) What is a blog in relation to internet services (2marks)

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(b) Explain the impact of internet in the information security (2marks)

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3. Distinguish between software installation and software configuration in relation to operating system (2marks)

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4. The following is information about a computer file.

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(a) Identify the parts labeled: (3marks)

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(c) Give the name of the storage device where this computer file is stored. (1mark)

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5. Describe two application areas of virtual reality. (2marks)

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6. List down two softcopy output devices. (2marks)

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7. Most computerized security systems make use of Biometric analysis, name three physical features of human beings that can be considered in this analysis. (3marks)

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8. List three sources of viruses. (3marks)

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9. Briefly explain any two types of errors that can be encountered during program testing (2marks)

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10. Differentiate between a transaction file and a master file. (2marks)

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11. List two disadvantages of fiber optic cable. (2marks)

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12. a) What is a template? (2marks)

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b) State two purpose of a template. (2marks)

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13. List four ways in which data integrity can be compromised. (4marks)

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14. Why octal and hexadecimal are preferred to binary (1mark)

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15. Differentiate between the terms signal Attenuation and Noise as used in data communication.

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SECTION B

*Answer question 16 and any other three questions in this section*

16. a) State three advantages of low -level languages (3marks)

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b) Give two differences between a compiler and an interpreter. (2marks)

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c) i) Draw a program flow chart to give out the sum and average of the first 50 odd numbers in the

series: 1, 3, 5... (5marks)

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ii) Write a pseudo to give out the sum and average of the first 50 odd numbers in the series:

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17. Use two complement to perform the following arithmetic operations

i) 1510 -1210 (4marks)

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ii) 101112- 10112 (3marks)

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b) 10112 is a ones complement binary representation of negative number using four bits work out the likely positive equivalent in base 10. (4marks)

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c) Convert the decimal fraction 10.37510 into its binary equivalent (4marks)

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d) Assuming the existence of base five, list the numbers used in the number system (1mark)

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18. a) State and explain two disadvantages that will come about if a network was to be installed in your

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b) Discuss two disadvantages of wireless networks. (4marks)

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c) Write the following abbreviation in full. (4marks)

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ii) H.T.T.P

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d) With the aid of a diagram, discuss Hybrid topology. (3marks)

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e) Discuss one advantages of a client / server network. (2marks)

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19. a) Explain why a computer is able to display the correct time and date when it has just be switched on.

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b) Discuss two types of special memories found in a Computer System. (4marks)

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c) i) Define a Bus with reference to a computer system. (1mark)

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ii) List two examples of buses. (2marks)

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d) Distinguish between a power cable and interface cable. (2marks)

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e) Differentiate between the different types of RAM. (4marks)

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20. a) i) Define a system. (1mark)

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ii) Explain system entropy. (2 marks)

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b) State three circumstances that can lead to development of information systems (3marks)

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c) Distinguish parallel changes over from straight change over as used in system implementation.

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d) Discuss two fact finding methods. (4marks)

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e) Differentiate an open system from a closed system. (2marks)

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f) List two responsibilities of a system analyst. (2marks)

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