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**SECTION A (40 MARKS)   
*Answer all the questions in this section in the spaces provided***

1. State the **two** functions of the control unit. (2 marks)

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2. Explain **four** reasons which make microcomputers suitable for personal computing work. (2 marks)

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3. State the functions of the following keyboard key combinations. (3 marks)

a) CTRL + ESC

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b) ALT + F4

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c) CTRL + ALT + DEL

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4. Distinguish between an integrated software and a software suite. (2 marks)

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5. Differentiate between embedded computers and dedicated computers. (2 marks)

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6. Give **three** reasons why a company may prefer a tailor made software over off the shelf software.

(3 marks)

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7. Explain the function of the following registers. (2 marks)

a) Instruction registers

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b) Address registers

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8. a) Explain how a computer system can be protected from intruders. (2 marks)

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b) State any **two** laws governing protection of information. (2 marks)

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9. a) What is the meaning of graphics as used in word processing? (1 mark)

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b) Give **two** sources of graphics in the computer. (2 marks)

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10. a) State the cursor action when the following keyboard keys are pressed. (2 marks)

i) Delete key

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ii) Insert key

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iii) Pgup (page up) key

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iv) Pgdwn (page down) key

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11. Identify the parts of the following e-mail address labeled A, B, C and D. (4 marks)

Ict@kenyaonline.co.ke

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B

C

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12. a) What is a search engine? (1 mark)

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b) Give **four** examples of search engines you know. (2 marks)

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13. a) Define the following terms as used in a worksheet. (2 marks)

i) Columns

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ii) Rows

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b) Distinguish between absolute cell reference and relative cell reference. (2 marks)

Relative Referencing

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14. a) State **one** data processing file. (l mark)

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b) Explain the function of the file named above in 14 (a). (2 marks)

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15. Give **one** reason to the growth of communication industry in Kenya. (l mark)

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**SECTION B: (60 MARKS)**

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

16. a) List **two** examples of;

i) Third generation languages. (2 marks)

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ii) Object oriented languages. (2 marks)

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b) Define (2 marks)

i) Object code

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ii) Source code

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c) Differentiate between a compiler and an interpreter. (2 marks)

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d) A car rental firm leases its cars for Kshs. 2500.00 per day. The manager gives a discount based on the number of days that the car is rented. If the rental period is greater than or equals to 7 days then a 25% discount is given. Write a pseudocode to accept a car number and the rental period, and calculate the total amount earned by the company when a car is leased. (7 marks)

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17. a) State **three** parameters that determines the magnitude of a number. (3 marks)

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b) Using two’s complement, show how the arithmetic below would be carried out on a 8 - bit computer system (+54) – (+29). (5 marks)

c) Using one’s complement, perform the following binary arithmetic leaving the answer in decimal notation. (5 marks)

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d) Differentiate between a word and a word length. (2 marks)

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18. a) State the meaning of the following operating systems terms:

i) Interrupt (1 mark)

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ii) Trouble shooting. (1 mark)

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iii) Clock speed. (1 mark)

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b) Differentiate the following. (4 marks)

i) Disk compression and disk defragmentation.

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ii) Disk partitioning and disk formatting.

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c) The operating system has several functions in a computer.

Explain how the operating system performs the following functions.

i) Error handling (3 marks)

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ii) Resource control and allocation (3 marks)

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d) Computer can fail to work due to problems associated with operating system.

Explain how the following problems can be corrected. (2 marks)

i) Runtime problems

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ii) Corrupted registry

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19. a) Giving examples, differentiate between hard system and soft system. (4 marks)

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b) Explain the following system characteristics. (2 marks)

i) System control.

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ii) Sub-systems

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c) i) What is a closed system? (1 mark)

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ii) Give **three** characteristics of a closed system. (2 marks)

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d) Why is feedback necessary in a system? (2 marks)

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e) Draw a diagram to show a system that is controlled through feedback. (4 marks)

20. a) Define the term Multiplexing as used in networking. (1 mark)

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b) Describe the following signal wave properties. (3 marks)

i) Frequency of a wave

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iii) Wavelength

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c) Use a diagram to distinguish between ring and star network topologies. (2 marks)

d) Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of each of (c) above. (4 marks)

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e) i) What is virtual reality? (1 mark)

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ii) Describe **four** essential equipment to achieve virtual reality. (4 marks)

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