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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Please note the following further points:

The words in **bold** in the mark scheme are important text that needs to be present, or some notion of it needs to be present. It does not have to be the exact word, but something close to the meaning.

If a word is underlined, this **exact** word must be present.

A single forward slash means this is an alternative word. A double forward slash means that this is an alternative mark point.

Ellipsis (...) on the end of one-mark point and the start of the next means that the candidate **cannot** get the second mark point without being awarded the first one. If a mark point has an ellipsis at the beginning, but there is no ellipsis on the mark point before it, then this is just a follow-on sentence and **can** be awarded **without** the previous mark point.

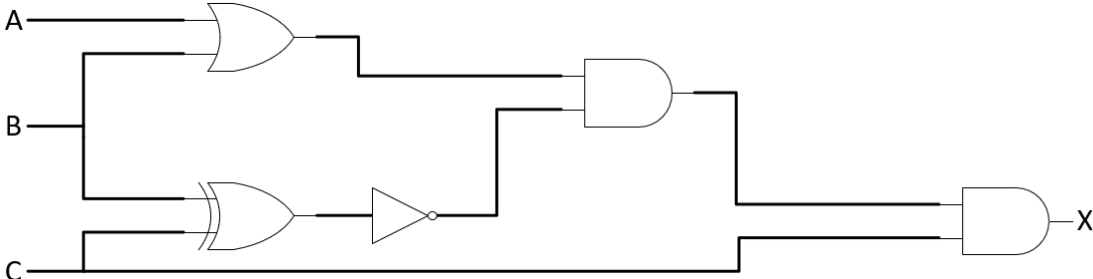
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2(b)	<p>Any two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP address • Error messages/codes • Assembly language // low-level language • URL // web address • Memory dumps • Locations in memory 	2																								
2(c)	<p>One mark for a description, one mark for a correct example</p> <p>Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layout of the web page • e.g. Where text is placed <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formatting of the web page • e.g. the colour of the font 	4																								

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2(d)	<p>Two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The formatting of the page can be changed/edited without needing to alter the structure• ... so, they can make regular updates without needing to check the structure • The formatting document can be used again for a different website ...• If further content and web pages are added to the website, the necessary formatting can be easily applied ...• ... so, this can save time when developing/updating a website• Allows use of CSS to standardise formatting• ... so, CSS only needs to be created once (to be applied to each webpage)	2

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3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardware or software based 	1												
3(c)	<p>Four from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (The parent can) set criteria for the websites she is allowed to visit • ... such as a whitelist/blacklist of websites • The firewall will examine the data/traffic incoming and outgoing from her computer • If data is sent from a website that is not allowed, it will be blocked 	4												

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4(a)	Any three from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It uses English-like statements • It needs to be converted to machine code (to be processed by a computer) • ... using a translator • It is portable • One line of code can perform multiple commands 	3
4(b)(i)	Two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The user is not allowed to access the source code ... • ... so, they cannot tailor the software to their needs • ... so, they cannot fix any bugs in it • The software is still covered by copyright • The user must get the owner's permission to do anything beyond using it 	2
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6(a)	<p>One mark for identifying the attack, two marks for the description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phishing • Email is sent to user to encourage them to click link • ... that takes user to fake website <p>Pharming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email is sent to user to encourage them to click link/download attachment • ... that triggers download of malicious code that will redirect user to fake website <p>Virus/malware</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email is sent to user to encourage them to click link/download attachment • ... that triggers download of virus/malware <p>Denial of service // DoS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A very large number of emails are sent to a server/network at the same time • ... crashing the server/network 	6
6(b)	<p>Any two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encryption • Password • Two-step / Two-factor authentication/verification • Biometric device • Anti-malware // Anti-virus • Proxy-server 	2

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6(c)	<p>One mark for identifying an issue, one mark for suggesting a suitable prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Power surge/loss (damages hardware) – Use a UPS – Water can be spilled on the device – Don't have water near the device – Keep device in a waterproof box when not is use – Fire can destroy device – Use electrics safety – Keep device in a fireproof box when not is use – Data is accidentally deleted – Add verification method for data deletion – Set access levels for data to limit who can delete the data – Incorrect use of storage device – Making sure device is ejected before removing – Physical damage to hardware // hardware failure – Correct care and maintenance of hardware – Software failure – Making sure it is always up to date // enable automatic updates 	6

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8(b)	Any three from: <p>e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copyright • Plagiarism • Production/distribution of malware • Intellectual property theft • Privacy of data • Age appropriation • Offensive materials • Environmental impact of distribution media e.g. CDs • Accessibility of software • Security of software • Following guidelines of professional bodies e.g. ACM/IEEE/BCS 	3