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The following annotation is used in the mark scheme:

- means a single mark ; //

- means alternative response

1 - means an alternative word or sub-phrase

- means acceptable creditworthy answer Α

- means reject answer as not creditworthy R

NE - means not enough

- means ignore

DPT

- in some questions a specific error made by a candidate, if repeated, could result in the loss of more than one mark. The DPT label indicates that this mistake should only result in a candidate losing one mark, on the first occasion that the error is made. Provided that the answer remains understandable, subsequent marks should be awarded as if the error was not being repeated.

1	(a)		T					
		Position	Value	Order	Examined In			
		8	Philip		1	;		
		10	Ravi		3	\neg		
		11	Richard		4	\exists ; \Rightarrow ;		
		12	Timothy		2			
			oth rows 10 rd mark fo	o and 12 correct r a particular n		number is	3	
1	(b)	8					1	
1	(c)				_			
		Order of co	omplexity	Tick one box				
		O(log	_{J2} n)	√				
		O(n)						
		O(n ²)						
		Do not award mark if more than one box ticked						

2	(a)	Interactive OS: User and computer in direct/two-way communication // User makes input to computer then waits for output before making next input; A system, software, program, OS for computer Network OS: (Layer of software that) redirects requests to remote resources; (A examples) in a way that is transparent to user; Must make one point about interactive and one point about network	Max 2
2	(b)	Flow of program/execution sequence determined by events // program executes relevant code-handling block/procedure/sub-routine in response to events; Example of event such as clicking a button; Message sent to program when event occurs; System loop executes until application closes; this receives and processes messages // use of event-listener/handler; If several events occur they are queued;	Max 2
3	(a)		
		Mantissa Exponent	
		1 mark for correct mantissa 1 mark for correct exponent	2
3	(b)	1 method mark for either:	
	(8)	 showing correct value of both mantissa and exponent in denary showing binary point shifted 2 places to right in binary number indicating that final answer calculated using answer = mantissa x 2^{exponent} 1 mark for correct answer Mantissa = -0.625 // -5/8 Exponent = 2 	
		Answer = -2.5 // -21/ ₂	2
3	(c)	0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 Mantissa 1 mark for correct mantissa 1 mark for correct exponent	2
		·	2
3	(d)	Maximises precision/accuracy for given number of bits; Note: Must have concept of given number of bits or an example of this e.g. word length.	
		Unique representation of each number // simpler to test for equality of numbers;	2
3	(e)	Reduced precision;	
		Increased range; A can represent larger/smaller numbers No effect on amount of memory required to represent a number;	Max 2

4	(a)				T	T	T	T	ı	ı	1			1	
		Current Sta	e	S ₁	S ₁	S ₂	S ₂	S ₃	S ₃	S ₄	S ₄	S ₅	S ₅		
		Input Symb	ol	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1		
		Next State		S ₂	S ₃	S ₂	S ₄	S ₃	S ₃	S ₄	S ₅	S ₅	S ₄		
		1 mark for all A the two colu								d sin	nilar 1	or S	5		1
4	(b)	Accept/Accep A if the FSA f R Stop state									is ac	cept	ed		1
4	(c)	Input Strir	g		Strin	g Ac	cept	ed?	(Yes	/No)					
		101					N	o							
		000					N	o							
		010001101					N	o							
		0100011011					Ye	es							
		1 mark for an 2 marks for a													2
4	(d)	A does not st	Strings that start with a 0; A does not start with 1 R starts with 00, 01, any statement of a specific second digit being required												
		more 0s;	ed by any sequence containing an odd number of 1s and zero or los; ag with an odd number of 1s in it.												
		A String with A Numbers of							and '	1s.					2

5	(a)	Reverse Polish Notation	Equivalent Infix Expression	
		45 6 +	45 + 6 R 6 + 45	
		12 19 + 8 *	(12 + 19) * 8 R 12+19*8, (19+12)*8 A x for *	
		1 mark per correct expression A extra brackets around comp		2
5	(b)	algorithm A easier R to unders	correct order of evaluation/calculation); required for computation; ce of operators; raluating;	1

5	(c)									
			String Pos	Token	Integer Val	Op1	Op2	Result	Stack	
			0	-	-	-	-	-		
			1	6	6				6	
			2	4	4				6	
			3	+		6	4	10	10	
			4	3	3				3 10	
			5	2	2				2 3 10	
			6	+		3	2	5	5 10	
			7	*		10	5	50	50	
			Output : <u>50</u>							
		1	I mark for eat 1 mark for relationships for relationships for the second	ows 4 and ows 6 and	l 5 together 7 together					
			award the m	arks for th	o2 MUST be a nese rows. Th evious values	ney can	ed in rov not be	ws 3, 6 and inferred fro	7 to m	
			I values in e	mpty cells	, even if they	are inc	orrect.			6
5	(d)		If StackA	rray is	full					
				ack Full						
				ment Top	pOfStackPo	inter				
			Increment TopOfStackPointer StackArray [TopOfStackPointer] ←							
			ANumber EndIf							
			1 mark for appropriate If structure including condition (does not need both Then and Else) — Do not award this mark if ANumber							
					tackArray (rror in correct		ine If.			
			1 mark* for i	increment	ing TopOfSt	ackPo				
			1 mark* for	storing val	lue in ANumbe	er into	correct	position in	array	

* = if the store instruction is given before the increment instruction OR the If structure then award MAX 1 of these two marks UNLESS the item is inserted at position TopOfStackPointer+1 so the code would work.	
I initialisation of TopOfStackPointer to 0	
A TopOfStackPointer=20 / >=20 for Stack is full A Logic of If structure reversed i.e. If stack is not full / TopOfStackPointer<20 / <>20 / !=20 and Then, Else swapped A Any type of brackets or reasonable notation for the array index DPT If candidate has used a different name any variable then do not award first mark but award subsequent marks as if correct name used.	
Refer answers where candidate has used a loop to find position to insert item into stack to team leaders.	4

6	(a)		An abstraction / leaving out non-essential details // A mathematical representation of reality;	1
6	(b)	(i)	 1 mark for naming or describing two pointers from this list: Front/start/head pointer Next node pointer Previous node pointer Rear/end/tail pointer R Next free space pointer 1 mark for stating the purpose of one of the pointers that have been named: (Front/start/head pointer) to indicate where to remove items from // who should be served next // who is currently being served; NE to points to start of list (Next node pointer) to link items in list together // to show order of list // so items can be inserted into middle of list // to traverse list; (Previous node pointer) to link items in list together // to show order of list // so items can be inserted into middle of list // to traverse list backwards; (Read/end/tail pointer) to indicate where to add new items to // so new people can be added to queue NE to point to end of list A Contextualised answers which refer to queue instead of list or adding people to a queue. R Answers which clearly relate to the use of a fixed-size array 	2
6	(b)	(ii)	Priority (queue);	1
6	(c)		Allow any reasonable example that would require randomness e.g. time next person joins queue, inter-person arrival time, time to be served, choice of meal, type (student/teacher) of next person to arrive; R number of students/teachers/people in queue	1

7	(a)	Only one (type of) product per order // Must make new order for each (type of) product; as ProductNumber / product details stored in relation that has OrderNumber as primary key / product relation directly related to order relation // as relations not (fully) normalised; Difficult to query // requires (unnecessarily) complex queries; as contains repeating groups (of attributes); A either way round A table for relation	Max 2
7	(b)	Order OrderLine 1 mark for each correct relationship, up to MAX 3 MAX 2 if more than three relationships drawn.	Max 3
7	(c)	ProductNumber INTEGER PRIMARY KEY // ProductNumber INTEGER PRIMARY KEY(ProductNumber) ProductPrice SMALLMONEY ProductDescription VARCHAR(50) QuantityInStock INTEGER 1 mark for ProductNumber correct with appropriate type and identified as primary key 1 mark for two other fields correct with appropriate types OR 2 marks for all three other fields correct with appropriate types A any sensible types / field lengths. eg: For ProductNumber. integer, numeric, char, varchar, text, nchar, nvarchar, ntext, longvarchar, varchar2, nvarchar2 For ProductPrice: smallmoney, money, currency, float, real, decimal, dec, double, double precision, numeric For ProductDescription: varchar, char, varchar, text, nchar, nvarchar, ntext, longvarchar, varchar2, nvarchar2 For QuantityInStock: integer, numeric, float, real, decimal, dec, double, double precision, numeric A insertion of other unnecessary but valid SQL commands e.g. AUTO INCREMENT, NOT NULL I Spaces inserted into fieldnames e.g. Product Number	
		MAX 2 if additional fields added	3

7	(d)		Sequence of instructions / program / code; NE programming language Note: Do not award mark for program if candidate clearly means HTML which is executed/run/interpreted on the server (instead of the client); executed/run/interpreted when a web page is requested; to generate a web page (and its contents) which the server returns to the client // generating of dynamic web pages;	Max 2
7	(e)	(i)	MAX 1 point from this list: Retrieve ProductNumber and Quantity // retrieve values input by user; stores values in variables; R responses that suggest these two commands are making the user input the values MAX 1 point from this list: from the web page/web site/form/web serve/bowser;	Max
			using POST/GET methods;	2
7	(e)	(ii)	Query/retrieve data from the products table; to retrieve the <u>price of product</u> being ordered/selected on form/product that has correct product number/product number in ProdNum; Store the set of records/data/price returned in ProdDetails;	Max 2
7	(e)	(iii)	To send/output the Total Price back to the web server/web browser/client; A display price on web page R sent to user/customer	1
7	(f)		EITHER	
			SELECT ProductNumber, ProductDescription, ProductPrice, Quantity FROM Product, OrderLine WHERE OrderNumber = 4013 AND Product.ProductNumber = OrderLine.ProductNumber ORDER BY ProductNumber ASC 1 mark for SELECT clause with correct four fields 1 mark for FROM clause with correct two tables 1 mark for OrderNumber = 4013 1 mark for clause linking tables on the common field with no additional unnecessary clauses added 1 mark for ORDER BY ProductNumber, ASC is optional OR SELECT ProductNumber, ProductDescription, ProductPrice,	
			Quantity FROM Product INNERJOIN OrderLine ON Product.ProductNumber = OrderLine.ProductNumber WHERE OrderNumber = 4013 ORDER BY ProductNumber ASC 1 mark for SELECT clause with correct four fields 1 mark for correct two tables in FROM clause 1 mark for INNERJOIN together with ON Product.ProductNumber = OrderLine.ProductNumber and no other joins 1 mark for OrderNumber = 4013	

1 mark for ORDER BY ProductNumber, ASC is optional	
In both solutions: Do not award mark for SELECT clause if extra attributes listed. Do not award mark for FROM clause if extra tables listed. Do not award mark for ORDER BY clause if order descending. Only award two marks for conditions if they are connected by AND. Otherwise just award one of the marks. If candidate appears to have written two queries e.g. there are two SELECT commands then mark the first query. A table names before fieldnames. i.e. TableName.FieldName A " or ' as delimiters for 4013 A ascending, (ASC) for ASC R if ASC written before ProductNumber in ORDER BY I Spaces inserted into fieldnames e.g. Product Number	
Accept answers that candidates have surrounded by "ExecuteSQL()". If any of the errors listed below are made, they should result in at most one mark being lost. If the mistake is made more than once then on subsequent occasions, providing that the meaning is clear, the mistake should be ignored: • the addition of unnecessary punctuation such as semicolons the fieldname being written before the tablename	5

8	(a)	(i)	192.168.0.x where x is not 0 or 255;	1
8	(a)	(ii)	192.168.2.x where x is not 0 or 255;	1
8	(b)		255.255.255.0;	1
8	(c)		Reason: To reduce (network) congestion//improve throughput//to cut the number of collisions*; A faster operation/transmission; Explanation: by cutting the number of collisions*//by reducing the number of stations/computers connected to each section of cabling// because two computers in one segment can communicate at the same time as two computers in another segment; Note: * = Do not award two marks for cutting the number of collisions – only award one for either reason or explanation. Reason: To improve security; Explanation: by localising packet transmission to one segment; Reason: To improve reliability; Explanation: By limiting effect of cable failure to one segment; Award marks for either: • one reason + explanation • two reasons • two explanations	Max 2
8	(d)	(i)	Less expensive as reduced cabling requirement; No reliance on central node as data does not all travel through one node; A less cabling required without reference to reduced cost if candidate has explained why less cables are needed A computer/station for node Must have explanation as well as advantage for mark	Max 1

8	(d)	(ii)	Improved security	as: data only travels down one link // is not sent					
	()	(,	throughout netwo	rk // is not sent to all nodes;					
				Improved reliability as if one link fails the other links/nodes are not affected;					
				Speed of link remains constant // speed not affected by number of					
				connections/collisions // faster connection as: no collisions/links not					
			shared;						
			A cable for link	ut terminal/computer failure	Max				
				nation as well as advantage for mark	IVIAX				
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8	(e)			example security threats and measures, but they are					
			appropriate meas	ward marks for all reasonable security threats and					
				ures.					
			Threats:						
			Virus	Malicious self-replicating programs which attach to other programs					
			Spam	Unsolicited junk email					
			Worm	Malicious self-replicating programs which replicate					
				across networks using security vulnerabilities					
			Remote Login	Ability to login to a computer via Internet A "hacking" if explained					
			Trojan	A malicious program hidden inside another					
				program // masquerading as another program					
			Phishing	Attempts to get users to divulge personal information					
			Pharming	Misdirecting users to a fake website by changing DNS entries					
			Spyware	Program that collects information from a user's computer without user knowing					
			Denial of Service Attack	Repeated requests/pings from the Internet could					
			Service Attack	overwhelm (parts of) the network.					
			Threats must be	described not simply named.					
			Magauraa						
			Measures:						
			Use a secure ope						
				ecurity patches/upgrades for software					
			Keep virus definiti	g software + some explanation of what this will do					
				software + some explanation of what this will do					
			Use of firewall to	control traffic between private network and Internet //					
				w firewall might work					
			Use of spam filter Enable web brows	in email package ser features to detect Pharming					
				nich websites users can visit					
			White lists/black li						
			Enforce strong pa	sswords a during transmission					
				user/computer attempting remote login using digital					
			certificate//smart of	card//security code generating device					
			Log files	the analinformed about latest threats // matricell					
			manager trains us	keeps informed about latest threats // network sers about threats					
			Measures must b	pe appropriate to security issues described.					
			More than one m	easure can be used for the same threat.					

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10	(a)			of signal changes per second // rate at which signals can A voltage changes for signal changes as BOD	1			
10	(b)	(i)	one bit (c levels/vo modulation NE Send	Each signal level/signal change represents two bits (of data)/more than one bit (of data) // channel supports four/more than two different signal levels/voltages // use of modulation/coding technique e.g. phase modulation NE Send more than one bit at a time Must be clear that there are more than two signal levels				
10	(b)	(ii)	Step	Data/Request Sent				
			2	Printer indicates ready; A Yes, Ack				
			3	[Computer sends] data;				
				Printer indicates ready to receive further data;				
			6	R job complete				
				NE data received				
			1 mark	per correct step	3			
10	(c)			nd – whole bandwidth of medium dedicated to one				
	channel at a time // only one computer can send data at a time							
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			Suitable	for LAN – lower cost electronic components (accept				
			example	es) // simpler hardware // good performance at low cost				

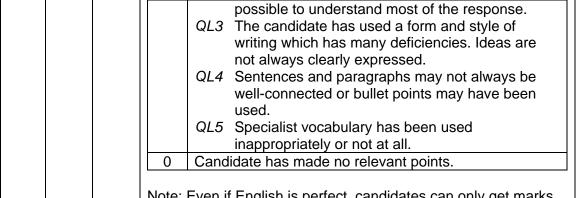
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Broadband – bandwidth of medium shared so multiple channels can be carried simultaneously // many computers can send data simultaneously // frequency bands assigned to different communications. **TO** multiple wires

Suitable for WAN – expensive to install/maintain communications media over long distance // many more devices/people needs to communicate // more cost effective to share medium.

How to award marks:

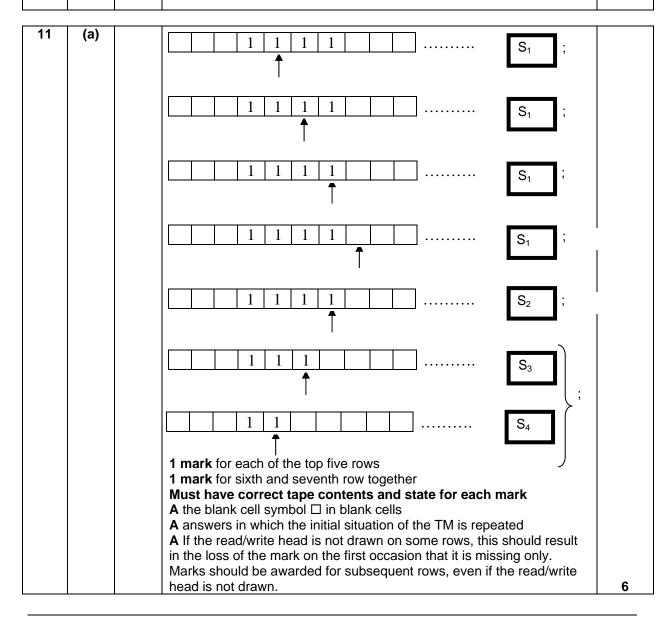
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3-4		chieve a mark in this band, candidates must meet
		ubject criterion (SUB) and 5 of the 5 quality of
		uage criteria (QLx).
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	SUB	Candidate has described both baseband and
		broadband and has explained accurately why at
		least one of these is appropriate to the context.
	QL1	Text is legible.
	QL2	There are few, if any, errors of spelling,
		punctuation and grammar. Meaning is clear.
	QL3	The candidate has selected and used a form and
		style of writing appropriate to the purpose and
		has expressed ideas clearly and fluently.
	QL4	Sentences and paragraphs follow on from one
		another clearly and coherently.
	QL5	Appropriate specialist vocabulary has been used.
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	the s	ubject criterion (SUB) and 4 of the 5 quality of
	langu	ıage criteria (QLx).
	SUB	Candidate has described both broadband and
		baseband but may not have explained why they
		are suitable.
		Text is legible.
	QL2	There may be occasional errors of spelling,
	_	punctuation and grammar. Meaning is clear.
	QL3	The candidate has, in the main, used a form and
		style of writing appropriate to the purpose, with
		occasional lapses. The candidate has expressed
		ideas clearly and reasonably fluently.
	QL4	
	01.5	and paragraphs.
		Appropriate specialist vocabulary has been used.
1		chieve a mark in this band, candidates must meet
		ubject criterion (SUB). The quality of language
	shou	ld be typified by the QLx statements.
	SUB	Candidate has only described one of baseband or
1		broadband.
1	QL1	Most of the text is legible.
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		punctuation and grammar but it should still be



Note: Even if English is perfect, candidates can only get marks for the points made at the top of the mark scheme for this question.

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11	(b)	Deletes two ones from the (right hand) end of the string // Subtracts two from a (unary) number; A bits for ones R end of tape for end of string NE deletes two ones	1
11	(c)	A Turing machine that can execute/simulate the behaviour of any other Turing machine // can compute any computable sequence; Faithfully executes operations on the data precisely as the simulated TM does; (Note: Must have idea of same process) Description of/Instructions for TM (and the TM's input) are stored on the (Universal Turing machine's) tape // The UTM acts as an interpreter; A take any other TM and data as input Alternative definition: A UTM, U, is an interpreter that reads the description <m> of any arbitrary Turing machine M; and faithfully executes operations on data D precisely as M does.; The description <m> is written at the beginning of the tape, followed by D.;</m></m>	Max 2

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