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1 A dot matrix printer  B trackerball  
C multimedia projector  D inkjet printer  [4]

2 light pen  magnetic disc  motor  mouse  OCR  ROM  [1]

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<td>A chip reader is an example of software</td>
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<td>A hard disc drive is an example of hardware</td>
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<td>DTP is a form of operating system</td>
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<td>A blu-ray disc has a greater storage capacity than a DVD</td>
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<td>Flash memory cards are used in digital cameras</td>
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4 Mouse to input voiceovers for a presentation  [1]
Joystick to input a PIN  [1]
Optical Mark reader to select options from a menu  [1]
Microphone to operate a flight simulator  [1]
Number pad to input candidate responses on examination papers  [1]

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<td>ROM is volatile</td>
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<td>ROM is used to store the startup instructions of a computer</td>
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<td>The data in ROM is easier to change than that in RAM</td>
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<td>ROM is used to store the data the user is currently working on</td>
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6 Three from:

- Projector/large screen
- Webcam/video camera
- Speakers/headphones
- Microphone
- Router/modem  [3]
7

PEN DOWN
END REPEAT

LEFT 90 PENUP

REPEAT 2 FORWARD 90

FORWARD 50 PENDOWN

RIGHT 90 FORWARD 70

1 mark for each correct statement

8  (a)  Three from:

Descriptions of:

Temperature
Pressure
Sunlight
Humidity
Rainfall

(b) Three from:

Descriptions of:

Uses text and numbers
Performs automatic recalculation
Performs whatifs
Replicates formulae
Formulae/functions
Can have absolute and relative cell references/named cells or ranges
Graphs/charts

(c) Three descriptions from:

Simulations
Mathematical models
Scientific models
Civil engineering models
Financial models
Flight/pilot simulation/training
Large scale chemical experiments
Design of fairground rides
Traffic control
Building fire simulation
(d) Two from:

- Some situations are real thing might be dangerous/model is less dangerous
- Cost of building real thing may be expensive
- Real thing may waste raw materials/natural resources
- Easier to change data/variables
- Costs less to change data/variables
- The real thing may be impossible to access/create
- Real thing may be on too vast a scale
- Extremes which can’t be tested in real life can be tested using models

9 (a) Hub/switch/bridge

(b) Email software/IM software

(c) LAN/intranet

(d) Three from:

- They may waste time playing games/going on social network sites/updating their blog/ online shopping/banking/surfing
- They could access undesirable sites
- They could download viruses/malware
- Could make the company susceptible to hackers

10 (a) Three from:

- Fewer staff needed – less spent on wages
- Fewer shops needed – less spent on rates/rent/utilities
- Less actual cash handled – fewer robberies
- Less money spent on security staff
- Potentially larger customer base

(b) Three from:

- Initial cost of hardware/software is expensive
- Need to retrain staff
- Less customer loyalty/loss of customers/more difficult to sell other services/product due to lack of personal touch
- Costs of system maintenance
- Greater costs due to more delivery staff
11 Three matched pairs from:

**Sound**
Spoken introduction by head/voiceover the presentation/background music/school choir/band/orchestra/sound effects when changing/opening a slide

**Animation**
Text effects/cartoon representing school activities

**Video**
Introduction by head/school play/choir/band/orchestra/sports activities

**Hyperlinks**
Move to another slide

**Slide transitions**
To keep the viewer’s attention [6]

12 Visually comparing typed in data with original source [1]
Computer compares two versions of the typed in data [1]

**Two** from:
Data may be entered/copied inaccurately
Check needs to be carried out to ensure accurate data entry
Validation may not pick up that although the data is acceptable it may still be incorrect [2]

13 (a)

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<tr>
<td>Optical character reader</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electronic scales</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sound sensor</td>
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<td>Bar code reader</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Number pad</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Trackerball</td>
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(b) **Two** from:

Computer calculates check digit from numbers in bar code number
Compares calculated check digit with that recorded in bar code number
If same, proceeds with transaction, otherwise sounds warning signal/issues error message [2]
(c) Five from:

Every time a product is bought, number in stock reduces by 1
Number in stock of Kollege Corn Flakes falls to 150
Compare number in stock with Re-order level
Is equal so needs re-ordering
Kollege Corn Flakes now needs re-ordering
Read off re-order quantity (which is 50)
Read off supplier code L93512
Use suppliers’ database
Lookup supplier code (L93512)
Read off supplier’s name, address - Lu Chen, Kinshasa Highway, Box 41324
Print off re-order request
Print off address label

14 Three from:

Fraudster sends an e-mail
which appear to be authentic
Is sent by a fraudster posing as a bank/organisation
in order to get the target's bank details/personal details

15 (a)

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<td>First_name</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>[1]</td>
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<td>Family name</td>
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<td>[1]</td>
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<td>class</td>
<td>Format/picture/length</td>
<td>[1]</td>
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<td>Number of IGCSEs</td>
<td>Range</td>
<td>[1], [1]</td>
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<td>Gender</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
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(b) Three from:

Normal data – data within a given range/appropriate for that data type
Abnormal data – data outside the range/of the wrong data type
Extreme data – data on the boundaries of the range
Live data – data that has been used in the previous/existing system
(c)

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<td>Interview users about the current system</td>
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<td>Design the new system</td>
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<td>Compare the solution with the original task requirements</td>
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<td>Decide on the method of implementation</td>
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<td>Identify any limitations of the system</td>
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<td>Identify any necessary improvements to the system</td>
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16 Six from:

- Internet is not policed so information is not necessarily reliable
- Anybody can have a website so information is not necessarily reliable
- Anybody can publish their understanding of a topic so information is not necessarily reliable
- If site has excessive advertising it could be unreliable
- If the advertising is related only to its own products it could be unreliable
- The final part of a URL can help to identify reliability…
- … .ac, .gov, .org are usually fairly reliable
- Can compare information from sites to see if it is reliable
- If site is endorsed by reliable/reputable people/organisations it can be accepted as being reliable
- If it has links to other reliable sites it is usually reliable
- If it has testimonials it is likely to be reliable
- If the author’s credentials are good it is likely to be reliable
- If information is comparable to information from reliable/authenticated/text books it is likely to be reliable
- If the date of the last update was a long time ago it is likely to be unreliable

17 Four from:

- Easy to keep in immediate contact with friends/make new friends
- Easy to communicate to more than one friend/to communicate with people overseas
- Can search for people who you’ve fallen out of touch with
- Easy to arrange meetings/visits to cinemas/theatre
- Can share photographs/videos/images/opinions/views