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Digital society
Higher level
Paper 3

19 May 2026

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

Session number

1 hour 15 minutes

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Instructions to students

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- A clean copy of the **digital society pre-released statement** is required for this examination paper.
- Read the sources in the accompanying booklet carefully.
- Answer all questions.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 marks]**.



Answer **all** questions. Refer to the sources in the accompanying source booklet, the pre-released statement, and your own related research. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

1. (a) State **two** ways in which data can be sanitized. [2]

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- (b) Identify **two** reasons why the data on digital devices must be sanitized before the devices are reused. [2]

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2. (a) Explain how Recycling Industry Operating Standard™ (RIOS™) certification could help Vaal Recycling reduce the impact of its e-waste on the environment.

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- (b) Veld Care ensured that its refurbished laptop computers had been sanitized before they were donated to a community centre that supports disadvantaged families.

Explain **one** disadvantage for a family of using a refurbished laptop computer donated by Veld Care.

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- Evaluate these different viewpoints.

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- Recommend which of the interventions should be chosen.

[12]





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