

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**0420 COMPUTER STUDIES**

**0420/31**

Paper 3, maximum raw mark 60

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1 (a) Any **three** points from, max 3 marks:

- Gantt chart
- PERT (Program/Project Evaluation Review Technique) chart
- Project management software
- Spreadsheet (software)

(b) **one** mark for identifying why the method identified would be suitable for the holiday park [4]

**one** mark for a further explanation that matches chosen method.

(i) **Questionnaire for guests** e.g.

- ensures that all the guests are asked the same questions
- so results from many responses can be analysed
- no need for analyst to be present
- more efficient as there are many guests
- can provide incentives for guests to return questionnaire

(ii) **interviewing for reception staff** e.g.

- allows questions to be tailored to the individual members of (reception) staff
- can ask supplementary questions
- can ask for clarification
- (reception) staff may tell you things that you haven't identified as issues

Max 4 overall, max 2 for each part

(iii) Any **one** from

- observation
- document search

[1]

(c) **One** mark per device, one **mark** per reason why it would be suitable for the for the holiday park [4]

- Wireless adapter/Network Interface Card/NIC
- to allow a computer to access the LAN (from anywhere within the holiday park)
- Wireless Access Point/WAP/bridge
- to extend the reach of the LAN as the holiday park covers a large area
- (Wireless) router/(Wireless) hub
- to enable computers in the holiday park to connect to the LAN/...to relay signals to the computers on the LAN
- Host computer/Server
- to manage the LAN
- (hardware) firewall
- to restrict access to bookings only

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(d) (i) Max **four** marks

**one** mark per improvement seen on screen (max two marks)  
**one** for explanation must match screen 1 e.g.

**Seen on Screen**

- increase size of font
- use a different font
- add suitable pictures
- add suitable heading

**Explanation**

- to improve readability
- to improve readability
- to make the screen more attractive/  
understandable
- so the user knows what this screen is for

(ii) Max **four** marks

**one** mark per improvement seen on screen (max two marks)  
**one** for explanation must match screen 2 e.g.

**Seen on Screen**

- password entry to system
- move instructions
- change/lighten colour of box
- move box next to instructions

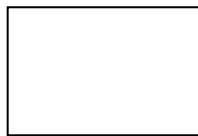
**Explanation**

- to improve security
- for a better start point
- to attract attention better
- to make the action clearer

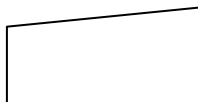
(e) One mark for every correct symbol

[4]

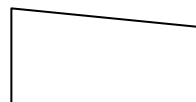
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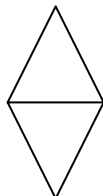
Keyboard entry



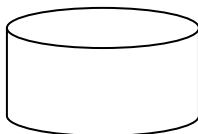
or



Sort



Disk storage



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- (f) One mark for per process, max 4:
- Guest) selection of activity (type/time)
  - Organiser selecting a of list of participants to print
  - Checking for available places
  - Booking activity/Reserving places
  - Updating correct holiday home account
  - Checking holiday home number/password

- One mark per input, max 3
- (Guest) selection of activity (type/time)
  - holiday home number/password
  - activity details
  - participant details (number, names, ages)

- One mark per data store, max 2
- activities
  - participants
  - holiday home accounts/guest details
  - database (*only if none of the above are given*)

- One mark per output, max 2
- List of Activities (screen not paper)
  - Confirmation of booking (screen not paper)
  - List of participants for an activity (paper)

- (g) up to **three** points from: [3]
- login/password
  - use of firewall
  - checking of MAC addresses/station ids
  - Wired Equivalent Privacy/WEP/wireless security/encryption
  - Network name NOT broadcast
  - anti-spyware/ anti-virus software

- (h) up to **three** points from [3]
- can be tailored to the meet the requirements for activity booking
  - in contact with the actual programmers if there is a problem
  - software can develop as it is used
  - doesn't contain unwanted features

- (i) One mark per example suitable for number of participants, one mark per reason [6]
- 36 – this checks that system can accept appropriate inputs
  - 50 – rejected boundary value
  - 49 – accepted extreme value
  - -5 – this checks that negative numbers are rejected
  - w – this checks that data has the right format

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(j) One mark per point, one mark per reason e.g.

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- how to load the software
- so it can be installed ready to use
  
- how to run the software
- so the application can be started for regular use
  
- frequently used general tasks
- how to save/delete/amend/update (etc.) files
  
- typical screen layouts
- so that users know what to expect
  
- typical printouts expected
- so that users know what hard copy is available
  
- sample runs
- provides knowledge of what to expect in everyday use
  
- show how to troubleshoot/what to do if errors occur
- so that common problems can be easily sorted out
  
- FAQs/frequently asked questions
- so that guests or reception staff can use the system without asking for help
  
- hardware requirements for the system
- so that there are no problems with installation
  
- software requirements to run the system
- so that the application works as expected
  
- how to carry out specific tasks
- such as printing activity lists/ booking an activity etc.
  
- how to use a touch screen
- for selecting an activity
  
- etc.

(k) One mark per advantage, one mark per suitable example that exactly relate to the holiday park (the following are just examples) [6]

- more flexible booking – guests can book from many different places
- less likelihood for information to be lost – no paper lists that need to be kept at reception for a week
- fewer staff are now required – guests do their own booking not the reception staff
- fewer queues – more terminals available for guests to book from
- less storage space required – booking forms stored electronically
- greater flexibility for guests – bookings can be made up to half an hour before an activity starts instead of an hour

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(l) up to **two** points from

- consider if objectives of new system have been met
- look at results from tests
- discuss with reception/activities whether or not new system works
- look at print outs etc. to see if system produced the correct outcomes
- ask the guests whether or not system was easy to use