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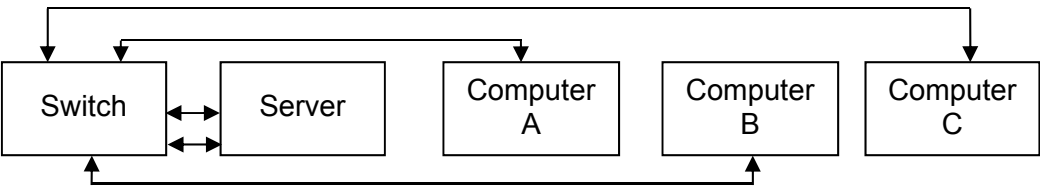
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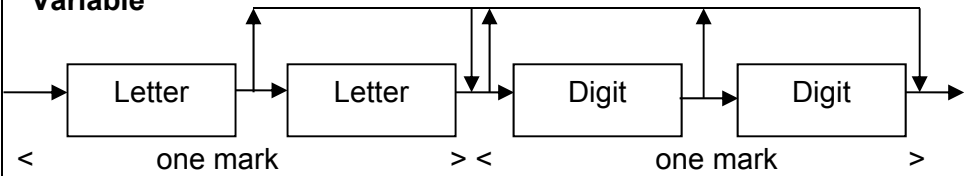
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1(c)(ii)	<ul data-bbox="320 1267 1289 1585" style="list-style-type: none"> • Router acts as gateway • Router acts as a firewall • The LAN and the Internet are two different networks • (may) operate on different protocols • Router forwards packets between networks • Router has a public IP address • Router holds a list of local addresses • Router translates local addresses to Internet (IP) addresses (and vice versa) <p>1 mark for each point, max 2</p>	2																				
1(c)(iii)	<ul data-bbox="320 1653 1241 1854" style="list-style-type: none"> • Each packet has the IP address of the web server / destination address • The routers use routing tables • Routers on the Internet forward packets towards destination • Packets can take different routes from source to destination • Packets are reassembled in order at the web server <p>1 mark for each point, max 3</p>	3																				

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2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one (separate) processor / not many separate processors (is not massively parallel) 1 • Quad core computer system // processing units share the same bus 1 <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark for each point, max 2</p>	2										
2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split into blocks of code • ... that can be processed simultaneously ... • ... instead of sequentially • Each block is processed by a different processor • which allows each of the many processors to simultaneously process the different blocks of code independently • Requires both parallelism and co-ordination <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark for each point, max 2</p>	2										
2(d)	<p>1 mark for identification of hardware issue, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication between the different processors is the issue <p>1 mark for further explanation from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each processor needs a link to every other processor • Many processors require many of these links • Challenging topology 	2										

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3(a)(i)	There should be a colon before the '=' sign	1
3(a)(ii)	The second operand should be an unsigned integer and not a variable	1
3(a)(iii)	A32 is not a variable, as a variable should be a letter followed by a single digit	1
3(b)	<pre> <assignment_statement> ::= <variable> := <variable> <operator> <unsigned_integer> <variable> ::= <letter> <digit> <unsigned_integer> ::= <digit> <digit> <unsigned_integer> <letter> ::= A B C <operator> ::= + - * ^ </pre>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
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4(a)(i)	A (known) set of rules Agreed/standard method for data transmission // governs how two devices communicate	1 1 2
4(a)(ii)	Max 2 marks for purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of TLS is to provide for secure communication (over a network) • maintain data integrity • additional layer of security Max 2 marks for further explanation from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLS provides improved security over SSL • TLS is composed of two layers / record protocol and handshake protocol • TLS protects this information by using encryption • Also allows for authentication of servers and clients 	Max 3
4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The client validates (the server's) TLS Certificate • The client sends its digital certificate (to the server if requested) • Client sends an encrypted message to the server using the server's public key • The server can use its private key to decrypt the message ... • ... and get data needed for generating symmetric key • Both server and client compute symmetric key (to be used for encrypting messages) // session key established • The client sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session • The server sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark for each point, max 3 points</p>	3
4(c)	Applications, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online banking • private email • online shopping • online messaging etc. <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark for each point, Max 2</p>	2

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5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A flip-flop can store either a 0 or a 1 • Computers use bits to store data • Flip-flops can therefore be used to store bits (of data) • Memory can be created from flip-flops <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark for valid point, max 2</p>	2

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6(b)	Computer/microprocessor ... to process the sensor readings Analogue to digital convertor ... <u>Sensor</u> produces analogue signal but processor requires digital data Digital to analogue convertor ... <u>Processor</u> produces digital signal but actuator may require analogue sign Actuator ... May be required to turn heater on or off <p style="text-align: right;">1 mark for device, 1 mark for justification, max 2 devices</p>	4																																																																																
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