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1 (a) One mark for each correct line.

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- (b) Any three from:
 - Ensures related data in tables are consistent
 - If one table has a foreign key (the 'foreign' table)...
 - ... then it is not possible to add a record to that table / the 'foreign' table
 - ... unless there is a corresponding record in the linked table with a corresponding primary key (the 'primary' table)
 - Cascading delete
 - If a record is deleted in the 'primary' table...
 - all corresponding linked records in 'foreign' tables must also be deleted
 - Cascading update
 - If a record in the 'primary' table is modified...
 - ... all linked records in foreign tables will also be modified

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- 2 (a) Any two from:
 - DRAM has to be refreshed / charged // SRAM does not request a refresh
 - DRAM uses a single transistor and capacitor
 // SRAM uses more than one transistor to form a memory cell
 // SRAM has more complex circuitry
 - DRAM stores each bit as a charge
 // SRAM each bit is stored using a flip-flop / latch
 - DRAM uses higher power(because it requires more circuitry for refreshing) // SRAM uses less power (no need to refresh)
 - DRAM less expensive (to purchase / requires fewer transistors)
 // SRAM is more expensive (to buy as it requires more transistors)
 - DRAM has slower access time / speed (because it needs to be refreshed) // SRAM has faster access times
 - DRAM can have higher <u>storage / bit / data</u> density // SRAM has lower <u>storage / bit / data</u> density
 - DRAM used in main memory // SRAM used in cache memory

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- (b) (i) Any two from
 - The hardware is unusable without an OS // hides complexity of hardware from user
 - Acts as an interface / controls communications between user and hardware / hardware and software
 - Provides software platform / environment on which other programs can be run [2]
 - (ii) Any two from:
 - Process / task / resource management
 - Main memory management
 - Peripheral / hardware / device management
 - File / secondary storage management
 - Security management
 - Provision of a software platform / environment on which other programs can be run
 – only if not given in part (b)(i)
 - Interrupt handling
 - Provision of a user interface run only if not given in part (b)(i) [2]

(c) Any two from:

- A DLL file is a shared library file
- Code is saved separately from the main .EXE files
- Code is only loaded into main memory when required at run-time
- The DDL file can be made available to several applications (at the same time) [2]

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		(ii)	1 1 0 1 0 0 1 0		[1]
		(iii)	2 E		[1]
	(b)	(i)	One mark for the explanation and one mark for the example		
			 Each denary digit is written as a <u>4-bit</u> binary number Example: 46 = 0100 0110 		[2]
		(ii)	One mark for the explanation and one mark for the example		
			 Binary number is split up into groups of <u>4 bits</u> (starting from the // Each group of <u>4 bits</u> is converted to a denary digit 	e right)	
			• Example: 0011 0111 = 37		[2]
4	(i)		yboard y two from:		
		•	Uses switches and circuits to translate keystrokes into signals the understand	computer ca	in
		•	The key matrix is a grid of circuits / three layers of plastic undernea	•	
		•	Each circuit is broken beneath the key / middle layer contains hole When key pressed, a circuit is made / completed and a signal is se Processor compares location of signal from key matrix to a charact	ent	ed on
		•	ROM A character code for each key press is saved in a keyboard buffer		[2]
	(ii)		tical Disc y two from:		
		•	Drive motor is used to spin the disc Tracking mechanism moves the laser assembly		
		•	A lens focuses the laser onto the disc Laser beam is shone onto disc to read / write		
		•	Surface of disc has a reflective metal layer / phase change metal a Track(s) on the disc have sequence of pits and lands / amorphous	•	ine state
		•	Reflected light in then encoded as a bit pattern	2	[2]

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(iii)	Optical mouse Any two from:		
	 Laser / light shines onto a surface Through a (polished) ring at the base The light is reflected from the surface through the ring Sensor detects reflected light Capturing details / photograph of surface (under the ring) At about 1500 times per second As the mouse moves the sensor detects changes in the surface detects which are translated into movement (change of x and y co-ordinate The processor/software updates the position of the cursor on the series of the series of	es)	raph [ź
(iv)	Scanner Any two from:		
	Main component of a scanner is a CCD array		

- CCD is a collection of light sensitive diodes
- Laser beam / light is shone onto the source document/barcode
- The scanned image reaches the CCD through mirrors and lenses
- Sensors detect levels of reflected light
- Brighter light results in greater electrical charge
- Light intensity is converted (by software) to a digital value

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5 (a) (i) One mark for each correct gate.





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(iii) **One mark** for each pair of lines as shaded.

	INPUT		Working space	OUTPUT
R	т	w		x
0	0	0		0
0	0	1		0
0	1	0		1
0	1	1		0
1	0	0		1
1	0	1		1
1	1	0		1
1	1	1		0

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- 6 Any four from:
 - User needs high-speed broadband (connection)
 - Data is streamed to a buffer (in the computer)
 - Buffering stops video pausing as bits streamed
 - As buffer is emptied, it fills up again so that viewing is continuous
 - Actual playback is (a few seconds) behind the time the data is received by computer [4]

7 (a) One mark for the name and one mark for the explanation for three utility programs

- Disk formatter
- Prepares a hard disk to allow data to be stored on it
- Virus checker
- Checks for viruses and then quarantines removes any virus found
- File compression
- Reduces file size by removing redundant details (lossy / lossless)
- Backup software
- Makes copy of files on another medium in case of corruption / loss of data
- Firewall
- Prevents unauthorised access to computer system from external sources
- (b) Four from:
 - Bitmap is made up of pixels
 // Vector graphic store a set of instructions about how to draw the shape
 - Bitmap files are usually bigger than vector graphics files // Take up more memory space
 - Enlarging a bitmap can mean the image is pixelated // vector graphic can be enlarged without the image becoming pixelated
 - Bitmap images can be compressed (with significant reduction in file size) // Vector graphic images do not compress well
 - Bitmaps are suitable for photographs / scanned images // Vector graphics are suitable for more geometric shapes
 - Bitmap graphics use less processing power than vector graphics
 - Individual elements of a bitmap cannot be grouped
 // Individual elements of a vector graphic can be grouped
 - Vector graphics need to be 'rasterised' in order to display or print

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	(c)	(i)	•		Hackers can still access the data (and corrupt it, change it or delete it) Encryption simply makes data incomprehensible (without decryption key / algorithm) [2]											
		(ii) Any	/ two from:	two from:											
			• •	Data validat	This is an explanation of data verification (not validation) Data validation ensures that data is reasonable / sensible / within a given criteria Original data may have been entered correctly but is not reasonable (e.g. age of 210)											
		(iii)	 (iii) A password does not prevent unauthorised access, it makes it more difficult Password can be guessed (if weak) // Password can be stolen // A relevant example of misappropriation of password 													
8	(a)	(i))]			
				Accumulator	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1		[4]		
		(ii)) On	e mark for a	nswer a	nd two	marks	for exp	lanatio	'n		-	_	[1]		
				Accumulator	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0				
			•	 Index Register contains 1001 = 9 800 + 9 = 809 [3] 												
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- (c) (i) Any two from:
 - Only <u>128</u> / <u>256</u> characters can be represented
 - Uses values 0 to 127 (or 255 if extended form) / one byte
 - Many characters used in other languages cannot be represented
 - In extended ASCII the characters from 128 to 255 may be coded differently in different systems
 - (ii) Any two from:
 - Uses 16, 24 or 32 bits / two, three or four bytes
 - Unicode is designed to be a superset of ASCII
 - Designed so that most characters (in other languages) can be represented

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