UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level and GCE Advanced Level Cambridge International Diploma in Computing

MARK SCHEME for the June 2004 question papers

9691/5216/5217/5218 COMPUTING

9691/01	Paper 1 (Written Paper 1), maximum raw mark 90
9691/02	Paper 2 (Practical Tasks), maximum raw mark 60
9691/03	Paper 3 (Written Paper 3), maximum raw mark 90

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	maximum	minimum	mark required	for grade:
	mark available	А	В	E
Component 1	90	66	62	35
Component 2	60	53	51	39
Component 3	90	59	55	31
Component 4	60	45	37	23

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MAXIMUM MARK: 90

SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 9691/01, 5216

COMPUTING Written Paper 1



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1	(a)	(i)	Controls responses to external requests/controls hardware system work	e/makes	(1)
		(ii)	Program that allows the user to do something useful. A sensible example is acceptable		(1)
	(b)	(i)	Batch not time sensitiveReal-time must provide immediate outcome		(2)
		(ii)	 On-line user or peripheral in communication with proc Off-line user is not in communication with processor/c controlled by processor 		(2)
	(c)		 Real-time On-line Because user commands must be acted on immediately 		(3)
2	(a)		 Program Part of OS Designed to carry out a common task (1 per point, max 2) 		(2)
	(b)		 Data transfer programs To control movement of data to and from storage File handling programs To store/sort/retrieve/delete files Hardware drivers To control communication with peripherals Automatic back up To automatically make copies of files to protect the data Anti-virus software To protect files from attack by viruses Formatting To prepare media for storing files Compression To reduce size of files (while maintaining integrity of control to tidy up files on the disk Disk scanner To find errors on surface of disk 		
			 To find errors on surface of disk (2 per type, max 2 types, max 4) 		(4)

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3	(a)	(i)	Testing all possible routes through the program logic/Test the code/Test the algorithm. Note: not dry run on its own				
		(ii)	Test that the outcome is as expected for a given input/Test knowing the code	est that the outcome is as expected for a given input/Testing not nowing the code			
		(iii)	Testing by programmer/in-house	sting by programmer/in-house			
		(iv)	Testing by public/end users/potential users/unconnected	with writing	(4)		
	(b)	(i)	Error in grammar/rules of language e.g. Misspelled reserved word/wrong statement construct	ion			
		(ii)	Error in construction of program/order of statements/wron solution/wrong interpretation of algorithm e.g. Jump instruction to wrong point in program				
		(iii)	Program commands inappropriate arithmetic e.g. Division by zero	(6)			
	(c)		 Individual modules may be linked incorrectly Clash of variables across modules Parameter values of wrong type (1 per point, max 2) 		(2)		
4	(a)	(i)	Those symbols that the computer (software) can recognis	Se .	(1)		
		(ii)	 As binary codes ASCII/EBCDIC Using 7,8,15,16 bits The number of bits = 1 byte (1 per point, max 2) 	- ASCII/EBCDIC - Using 7,8,15,16 bits - The number of bits = 1 byte			
	(b)	(i)	Character/text/string/alpha Date or datetime or integer (long) Currency/Real/Integer Boolean Integer		(5)		
		(ii)	10-30 2-8 2-4 1-2 2 or 4 Total 17-48 bytes (1) X10000 (1) ¥ 170000 - 480000 bytes + 10% (1) ¥ 187000 - 518000 bytes (/1024) (1) ¥ 187 - 518 Kbytes (1)		(5)		

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5	(a)	(i)	Communication is only one way		
		(ii)	Communication is two-way and can be at the same time		
		(iii)	Communication is two-way, but only one way at a time		(3)
	(b)	(i)	 Processor transfers data from primary memory to fill Data sent from buffer to secondary storage while Processor continues with other tasks When buffer empty interrupt sent to processor Processor (may) interrupts current job (Deals with) request to fill buffer Mark for mention of priority of interrupt (1 per point, max 5) 	buffer	(5)
		(ii)	 Half duplex Data needs to go to buffer and interrupt to processor times. (1 per point, max 2) 	but at differe	ent (2)
6	(a)		 Limited number of workers allowed access to records These workers specifically named Access to workers is strictly password controlled Overseeing body to impose standards Only certain machines can access the data/restriction machines Data encrypted (not coded) (1 per point, max 3) 		(3)
	(b)		 RSI because of keyboard use Use ergonomic keyboard/take regular breaks Muscle/back strain Use well-designed chairs/keyboards/and well position Eyestrain/pregnancy Use glasses/anti-glare screens/look away regularly/u monitors Poorly designed environment/trailing wires Use a purpose built area/ensure wires are properly construction (1 per point, max 6) 	se radiation	(6)

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	Digital	comoro usod	to conturo	image/photograph	of omployoo
-	Didital	camera useo	to capture	imade/photodraph	of employee

- Image downloaded (into graphics software) directly/image scanned (into graphics software)
- Image can be edited/cropped/resized
- Data compressed
- And stored as a series of bytes
- On hard drive
- Pointer to the image is stored in each record Mark available for description of storage e.g. bitmap/jpeg (1 per point, max 4)

(4)

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- Is the solution technically possible?
- If the equipment does not exist to carry out the task then it does not matter how good it would be, it cannot happen/similar for software
 Is the solution economic to produce?
- If the cost of automation is so great that the firm could not recoup the cost then it is not feasible
- Is the solution economic to run?
- If the running costs are higher than at present then there is little point in changing
- Effect on workforce
- If the human cost (mass redundancy) is so great there are serious social implications that are not acceptable
- Is the workforce skilled enough?
- If there are no skilled people to operate the machines it cannot work
- Will the customer notice a difference?
- Price/quality/reliability, if no then why bother?
- Is the introduction going to be beneficial to the company
- Will profits increase?
- Legal
- DPA covered, etc.
- How long will it take?
- If it takes too long the factory may have to shut (2 per pair, max 8)

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9	(a)	(i)	 Contrasting colours for background and text or text becomes difficult to read Colour (red) to highlight items more important than others Needs to be used sparingly Use of corporate colour scheme Care with red/green because of colour blind people 	
		(ii)	 Layout should follow normal reading pattern for eye because natural and less chance of errors being made or things missed out Limit the volume of information because otherwise a screen becomes daunting Layout should be similar on all pieces of software so that user gets used to the layout 	
		(iii)	 Content should be similar across pieces of software To enable user to be trained easily Content must be relevant or user will begin to ignore Content type must be correct e.g. if highlighted in red it really must be urgent Take account of different users Help should be available (1 per point, max 9) 	(9)
	(b)		 Application is specialised Probably unique Generic applications software is designed to be adaptable to many systems This system will not fit a generalised model Needs to match the other software in use (1 per point, max 2) 	(2)
10	(a)		 Day-to-day management information/what stock needs re-ordering Strategic information/if we do 'this' then 'that' will happen Accept any 2 of Operational, Knowledge, Management and Strategic (1 per point, max 2) 	(2)
	(b)		 Graphs Ideal for showing trends Reports in text form Gives exact details/figures Reports in tabular form Arranges exact details to make them simpler to interpret Interactive presentation on screen Allows the manager to tailor the output required Sound Can inform while the manager is doing something else (2 per type, max 3 types, max 6) 	(6)
			Total	(90)

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COMPUTING Practical Tasks



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Practical Tasks Assessment Form

Centre Number	Centre Name	
Candidate Number	Candidate Name	

The mark points indicated on the mark scheme are listed below. Indicate with a tick where each mark has been awarded. Please ensure that you attach this mark sheet to each candidate's work.

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Question 1(a)(i)		
Maximum 6 Marks		
	Student ID - a unique field	
	Numeric type	
	Student name to be able to contact the student	
	Text / alphanumeric / string type	
	Form / class / tutor group in order to find student	
	Text / alphanumeric / string type	
	Gender to see if reading depends on gender	
	Character	
	Sub-Total 1(a)(i)	
Question 1(a)(ii)		
Maximum 1 Mark		
	Student ID	
	Sub-Total 1(a)(ii)	
Question 1(b)(i)		
Maximum 8 Marks		
	Book ID - a unique field	
	Numeric type	
	Title – to know the book	
	Text/Character/String type	
	Author(s) to know who wrote the book	
	Text/Character/String type	
	Publisher to know who published the book	
	Text/Character/String type	
	ISBN for ordering purposes	
	Text/Character/String type	
	Sub-Total 1(b)(i)	
Question 1(b)(ii)		
Maximum 1 Mark		
	Book ID	
	Sub-Total 1(b)(ii)	

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Question 1(c)		
Maximum 7 Marks		
	Student table has at least 20 entries	
	All StudentIDs are different	
	Book table has at least 15 entries	
	Every BookID is different	
	StudentBook table has at least 1 book for each student	
	StudentBook table has at least 1 student for each book	
	There is at least one student that has borrowed more than one book	
	There is at least one book that has been borrowed by more than one student	
	All StudentIDs in StudentBook table exist in Student table	
	All BookIDs in StudentBook table exist in Book table	
	Sub-Total 1(c)	
Question 1(d)		
Maximum 3 Marks		
	The user can only enter a valid Book ID	
	The report has a clear and meaningful heading	
	The report gives details of the Book	
	The report gives details of all the students that bought the book together with the dates	
	Sub-Total 1(d)	
Question 1(e)		
Maximum 3 Marks		
	The user can only enter a valid Student ID	
	The report has a clear and meaningful heading	
	The report gives details of the Student	
	The report gives details of all the books that the student	
	has borrowed together with the dates	
	Sub-Total 1(e)	

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Question 2	
Maximum 10 Marks	

Тор	Р	S(1)	S(2)	Finished	Output]	
0	1						
1		1					
	2						
2			2				
	0			FALSE			
	2						
1					BEAR		Cive 1/ mark par
	4						Give ½ mark per row, after the
2			4				first SIX, in the
	0			(FALSE)			table. Round
	4						the total up to
1					CAT		the nearest
	0			(FALSE)			whole number.
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0					DOG		The items in
	3] (parentheses are
1		3					optional.
	5]	
2			5				
	0			(FALSE)			
	5						
1					GIRAFFE]	
	0			(FALSE)			
	3]	
0					HORSE		
	0			TRUE]	

Sub-Total 2

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Question 3(a)		
Maximum 5 Marks		
	There are buttons for each Roman numeral	
	The buttons are arranged in numeric order	
	There is a clear all button	
	There is a display showing the Roman number entered	
	There is a display showing the Arabic equivalent	
	The calculator has an on/off button	
	Sub-Total 3(a)	
Question 3(b)(i)		
Maximum 5 Marks		
	For annotation of code give:	
	2 marks if it is fully annotated	
	1 mark for some annotation	
	0 marks if there is no annotation or very little	
	For the code give 1 mark each to a maximum of 3:	
	The Roman number display is updated as each numeral is	
	entered	
	The Arabic number display is updated as each numeral is entered	
	The user is prevented from entering an invalid Roman numeral	
	The clear button clears both displays	
	The on/off button works correctly	
	The user can enter up to 21 characters	
	Sub-Total 3(b)(i)	
Question 3(b)(ii)		
Maximum 6 Marks		
	Give 1 mark for each test to a maximum of 6. The example column should be treated as examples and other valid examples are acceptable.	

Test Data	Example	Expected Output
Data in range 1 to 7000	MMMCLVI	Accepted 3156
Use of all the letters	MDCLXVI	Accepted 1666
Boundary value	MMMMMMM	Accepted 7000
Too large	MMMMMMI	Rejected Output cleared
Single character	С	Accepted 100
Letters not in order	MCCDVI	Can't be entered
Testing for too many Is, Xs, Cs	XIIIII	Can't be entered
Testing for too many Vs, Ls, Ds	MMDD	Can't be entered
Test maximum number of	MMMMMDCCC	Accepted
characters	CLXXXXVIIII	

Sub-Total 3(b)(ii)

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Question 3(b)(iii)		
Maximum 5 Marks		
	Give 1 mark for each of the following tests, providing they	
	show the data entered and the result, to a maximum of 5.	
	(Screen dumps are acceptable.)	
	Test Data	
	Data in range 1 to 7000	
	Use of all the letters	
	Boundary value	
	Too large	
	Single character	
	Letters not in order	
	Testing for too many Is, Xs, Cs	
	Testing for too many Vs, Ls, Ds	
	Testing for 21 characters	
	Sub-Total 3(b)(iii)	
	Total (max 60)	

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MAXIMUM MARK: 90

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COMPUTING Written Paper 3



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Quest	tior	n 1			
a) (i))	Uniqu	e attribute (or set of attributes) used to identify the recor	d or tuple.	
(ii	i) .	A diffe	erent attribute that allows the data to be accessed in a di	fferent orde	er.
(ii	•		rimary key of another file/table/relation that is used to lin ables/relations together.	k	(3)
b) (i)		Inform need i Secre Colleg Subje Perso Princip Stude Techn	ent users require different information nation is sensitive/confidential and should only be availabl it tary may need contact information ge nurse may need medical information ct tutors may need academic information nal tutor needs social information pal can see all (but medical information) nts allowed RO access to their own record nician allowed to alter structure but not to see data point, max 4)	e to those w	vho (4)
(ii		hierar to veri User I Partic Physic Encry Physic NB: R	vords arranged as chy ify user ID D identifies areas available to user ular machines allow different access cal precautions like locking doors/keyboards ption of information cal identifiers (fingerprints, iris recognition) ights not assigned to passwords point, max 4)		(4)
Quest	tior	n 2			
(i)		Can w More t Loses Can fe Distra	y of life improved /ork around other commitments time can be spent with family because no time wasted c social interaction eel isolated at work (if things go wrong) ctions of family/TV upsetting work schedule need training in use of technologies	ommuting	
(ii		Happi World Greate Less e Difficu Trainii	ed for large/expensive centralised office space/lower uti er workforce/less happy workforce (with reason) wide workforce er security issues easy to monitor what workers are doing and capital costs o working can become difficult	lity bills	
(ii		less p Close	raffic s less need for infrastructure ollution r knit families implies fewer problems from young nunications may mean closer monitoring of individuals b	y state	

Simpler to provide work for disabled (1 per point, max 9)

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Question 3

(a)	Program is stored in memory along with data programs and data are indistinguishable Uses a single processor Sequential carrying out of instructions (1 per point, max 3)	(3)
(b) (i)	Contains the address of the next instruction to be carried out Controls the sequence of instructions	
(ii)	Holds the instruction while it is being executed Contains both function and address/operand	
(iii)	Holds the address of the instruction/data that is next to be used (Must have first mark point before any credit)	
(iv)	Contents of any address that has been accessed are placed in here first before being used May be an instruction or a piece of data OR: Holds data/instructions When being passed between memory and CPU/acts as a buffer memory and CPU	between
(v)	Stores results of calculations/does the arithmetic All input to and output from processor pass through the accumulator (1 per point, max 2 per dotty, max 10)	(10)

Question 4

(Tokens) are analysed to check for grammatical correctness (form valid sentences)
(Code)/reserved word checked against rules
Invalid number of brackets found
Determine priorities of arithmetic operators in an expression
Produce intermediate code
Diagnostic error messages are reported
Label checks
Flow of control checks
Declaration checks
(1 per point, max 5)
(5)

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Эле	estio	n 5			
a)		Maxim Be fair Provid Preve Provid	nise the use of the computer system r to all users le a reasonable response time to all users nt system failure due to overloading le consistency to users point, max 3)		(2)
b)		First c First to Favou Shorte Jobs i Means Round Each j When Shorte The jo Long j Multi-l Queue Jobs c	point, max s) ome/first served o enter ready Q is first to enter running state irs long jobs est job first n ready Q are in order, shortest job first s that jobs are seen to be completed but favours shorted d Robin job given time slice time slice over, job goes to back of ready Q est remaining time b that requires the least job to complete is done first obs may never be started evel feedback queues es with different priorities can change Q dependent on amount of time already giv type, max 2 types, max 4)	-	(3)
5)		import amoun size of amoun (I/O jo Amoun Neces	job given separate priority according to:) ance of job/type of job nt of time already waited f job nt of peripheral time b high priority) nt of processor time already given sary response time point, max 5)		(5)
Que	estio	on 6			
a)	(i)	01100	110		
	(ii)	01110	101		(2)
))	(i)	11011	011 (1 per nibble)		(2)
	(ii)	-128 +	91 = -37		(2)
	(iii)	The at There (1 per Note: and 10 They (Which Answe	riginal numbers are positive nswer is negative has been an overflow from the positive part of the byte point, max 2) Follow through in part (b) on wrong answers in part (a) 0001011 give the answer 00100101 (for 2 marks) gives the answer 37 (for 2 marks) gives: Originals are negative er is positive ow out of byte (any two of the three for final 2 marks)	-	(2)

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- (c) (i) Check for stack full insert new value at ARRAY(SP) Increment SP
 - (ii) Decrement SP Check for empty stack Read value At ARRAY(SP) (Allow any consistent use of SP) (1 per point, max 6)
 (6)

Question 7

- (a)
 VARIABLE NAME>;;=<ALPHA>I<ALPHA><DIGIT><DIGIT>I<ALPHA><ALPHA>
 (1 per alternative, 1 for correct use of notation, max 4)
 (4)
- (b)
 <VARIABLE NAME>::=<X>I<Y>
 <X>::= <ALPHA>I<ALPHA><X>
 <Y>::= <ALPHA><NZD><DIGIT>
 <NZD>::= 11213141516171819
 (2 for definition of X, 1 for definition of Y, 1 for definition of NZD, 1 for two options for variable name, max 4)

Question 8

- (i) A device that allows many terminals all to use the same communications line at different times
- (ii) Connects different types of network together Software at a node (on the network)
 Which directs messages down different routes According to their desired destination
- (iii) Links two LANs (which may or may not be similar) uses address information in packets Has the ability to learn the layouts of the networks Can control access from one part of the network to the other.
- (iv) Necessary if communication link is analogue
 Converts digital signals to analogue for transmission.
 (1 per point, max 8)

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Question 9

(a)	 A standard approach to analysis and design Training is available in the methods used Designed to assist in the management of large scale software projects Teams can be used on different aspects of task Identifies clearly defined stages/modules Standard documentation throughout A new manager could take over if necessary Maintenance is made easier (1 per point, max 4) 	
(b)	Software tool to draw Gantt charts Standard Gantt templates Duration of tasks inserted/edited Parallel tasks automatically identified Resource loads automatically identified Project progress can be continually superimposed and monitored Software tool to draw Critical Path Analysis diagrams/PERT Network can be validated automatically Critical path established Changes implemented easily What ifs can be considered Gives duration of the project Note: Not CASE, documentation tools or program generators (1 per point, max 3 per type, max 6)	(6)

Total (90)