

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2009 question paper**  
**for the guidance of teachers**

**0420 COMPUTER STUDIES**

**0420/01**

Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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- 1 Generally, one mark per valid point.  
Two different types of example can gain two marks.

**(a) batch processing**

data collected together  
during time period  
processed all at once/in one go  
ref to JCL  
no need for human intervention  
done at night/off peak  
e.g. cheques, utility billing

[2]

**(b) data logging**

automatic capture/sampling/gathering ....  
... and storing/recording of data/readings  
data from sensors  
devices contain ROM and RAM type memories  
e.g. weather conditions, temperature readings in an experiment

[2]

**(c) video conferencing**

form of electronic comms using the Internet/WAN/ISDN link  
requires webcam/microphone/speakers  
image taken by webcam appears on window in participant's monitor  
uses video compression software  
use of codec (analogue-digital translation)  
e.g. meetings that include delegates at different locations

[2]

**(d) virtual reality**

computer simulation  
in a 3D world  
uses special interactive devices such as goggles, data gloves, suits,...  
makes user "feel as if they were actually there"  
operates in real time  
e.g. viewing houses, inside chemical plants, flight simulators, games

[2]

**(e) virus**

program/software  
which copies itself/replicates  
created to corrupt/do damage to files/system/boot sector/data  
spread through email attachments/floppy disks/CDs/USB drives

[2]

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- 2** Any **three** types of device from:  
 bar code reader/scanner  
 document scanner  
 magnetic stripe reader  
 smart card reader  
 finger print reader  
 retina scanner  
 microphone  
 digital (video) camera  
 OCR  
 OMR  
 MICR  
 RFID reader (radio frequency identification – used in electronic tagging) [3]
- 3 (a)** Any **three** features from:  
 file management/delete/copy/save/load files  
 memory management  
 I/O control  
 error messages/handling  
 interrupt handling  
 user interface  
 security issues  
 logging on/off  
 accounting/user account management  
 time slicing  
 multi access  
 multi-tasking  
 JCL/job control  
 network management [3]
- (b) (i)** any typical device such as a microwave oven [1]
- (ii)** any **one** reason from:  
 has only one set of tasks to perform  
 simple input expected (e.g. keypad on front of device)  
 simple, never-changing hardware  
 would increase development and manufacturing costs [1]
- 4 (a)** signal that temporarily stops execution of a program [1]
- (b)** any **one** from e.g.:  
 by a key stroke (e.g. BREAK key)  
 by a printer (e.g. out of paper error)  
 fault in program when running (e.g. try to divide by zero)  
 end of an operation (e.g. end of time slice) [1]
- (c)** handshaking [1]

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- 5 (a)** any **two** points from:  
 CAD is computer aided design  
 allows engineers and architects to design/model/test new products  
 uses special hardware such as hi res large screens, plotters, spaceballs  
 makes use of features such as 2D, 3D, wire frames, costing, zoom  
 references a library of spare parts  
 links into CAM [2]
- (b)** any **two** examples from design of e.g. :  
 aerospace  
 architecture  
 vehicles  
 consumer goods  
 circuits  
 ergonomics  
 fashion  
 kitchens/bathrooms  
 lighting at concerts  
 (chemical) plant/factories [2]
- 6** any **three** advantages and **one** disadvantage from e.g.:  
 immediate (almost instantaneous) arrival of email in recipient's inbox  
 can send attachments  
 easy to send out same message to several recipients  
 can leave message in recipient's mail box to be read later  
 can pick up emails anywhere in the world  
 can forward email without retyping it
- hacking is now a possibility/possibility of viruses (...but encryption minimises risk)  
 lots of unnecessary messages (e.g. "I'm home!!!")  
 unsolicited mail  
 some "dodgy" email material  
 need computer equipment/Internet connection/email address  
 attachments may be too large  
 recipient may not be able to open an attachment  
 recipient cannot receive original documents
- (NOT reference to costs or less paper used) [4]
- 7** any **four** from:  
 hacking into his computer and change/read files  
 viruses could be sent  
 somebody "tapping into" his WiFi system  
 credit card details being stolen  
 bogus web sites  
 stealing his computer (with security information on hard drive, for example)  
 physical eavesdropping in a public place/shoulder surfing  
 driving round looking for wi fi access/ WarDriving [4]



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**10** any **four** point from:

get information from experts  
 input data into knowledge base  
 populate rules base  
 create inference engine  
 create human-machine interface/question-answer sessions  
 test system with “known” problems and solutions  
 create output screens/format  
 create/design validation routines [4]

**11 (a)**  $(D2) = C2 - B2$   
 $(D2) = (C2 - B2)$  [1]

**(b)**  $(D10) = \text{AVERAGE}(D2:D9)$   
 $(D10) = \text{SUM}(D2:D9)/8$   
 $(D10) = (D2+D3+D4+D5+D6+D7+D8+D9)/8$  [1]

**(c)**  $(F10) = \text{MAX}(F2:F9)$  [1]

**(d)** select D2 and + appears  
 drag down to D9

OR

select D2 and select copy  
 select D3 – D9 and select paste

OR

select/highlight D2 down to D9  
 select Auto/fill down [2]

**(e)**  $(D1/D2 \text{ to } D7/D8/D9)$   
 AND  
 $(E1/E2 \text{ to } E7/E8/E9)$

Note:  $(D1/D2:E7/E8/E9)$  is worth 2 marks [2]

**(f)** any **two** from:  
 continuous (24/7) monitoring  
 no need for human operators  
 can run more experiments  
 less chance of mistakes  
 results/graphs will be produced without delay  
 won't miss any “unusual” data [2]

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- 12 (a)** any **two** from e.g.:
- |                                   |   |  |     |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----|
| assembling cars etc.              | } | consistency of build/repeatability                     |     |
| paint spraying                    | } | faster in operation than humans                        |     |
|                                   | } | can work without breaks/24-7                           |     |
|                                   | } | health & safety  |     |
| bomb disposal                     | } | no danger to human life                                |     |
| going into dangerous environments | } | equipped with sensors (can pick up data automatically) |     |
|                                   | } |  |     |
| vacuum cleaners/mowers            | } | more leisure time for people                           | [4] |
- (b)** any **two** from:  
any task requiring creativity (writing original prose, music, etc.)  
any task where logic/rules of programming can't be applied  
one off task e.g. complex glass blowing [2]
- 13 (a)** any **two** from:  
shopping basket  
checkout facility/form for customer details  
secure buying when using credit card  
"when customers booked X, they also booked Y" facility  
search facilities for artist  
drop down boxes to choose type of concert/ticket/prices  
calendar for dates  
(interactive) seating plan  
(interactive) map/directions  
help facilities  
currency conversions  
data/sales confirmation by email  
saved customer details/customised pages  
ability to listen to video clips of previous concerts  
recognise customer as soon as they log onto the site  
hyperlinks to other sites/navigation buttons  
bookmarking [2]
- (b)** email + (attachment)  
text message  
printable page from web site [1]
- (c) (i)** each barcode/reference number for the concert is different [1]
- (ii)** any **one** from:  
link bar code/reference number to customer's credit card  
send PIN/id with email to uniquely identify customer  
ask customer for proof of identity [1]



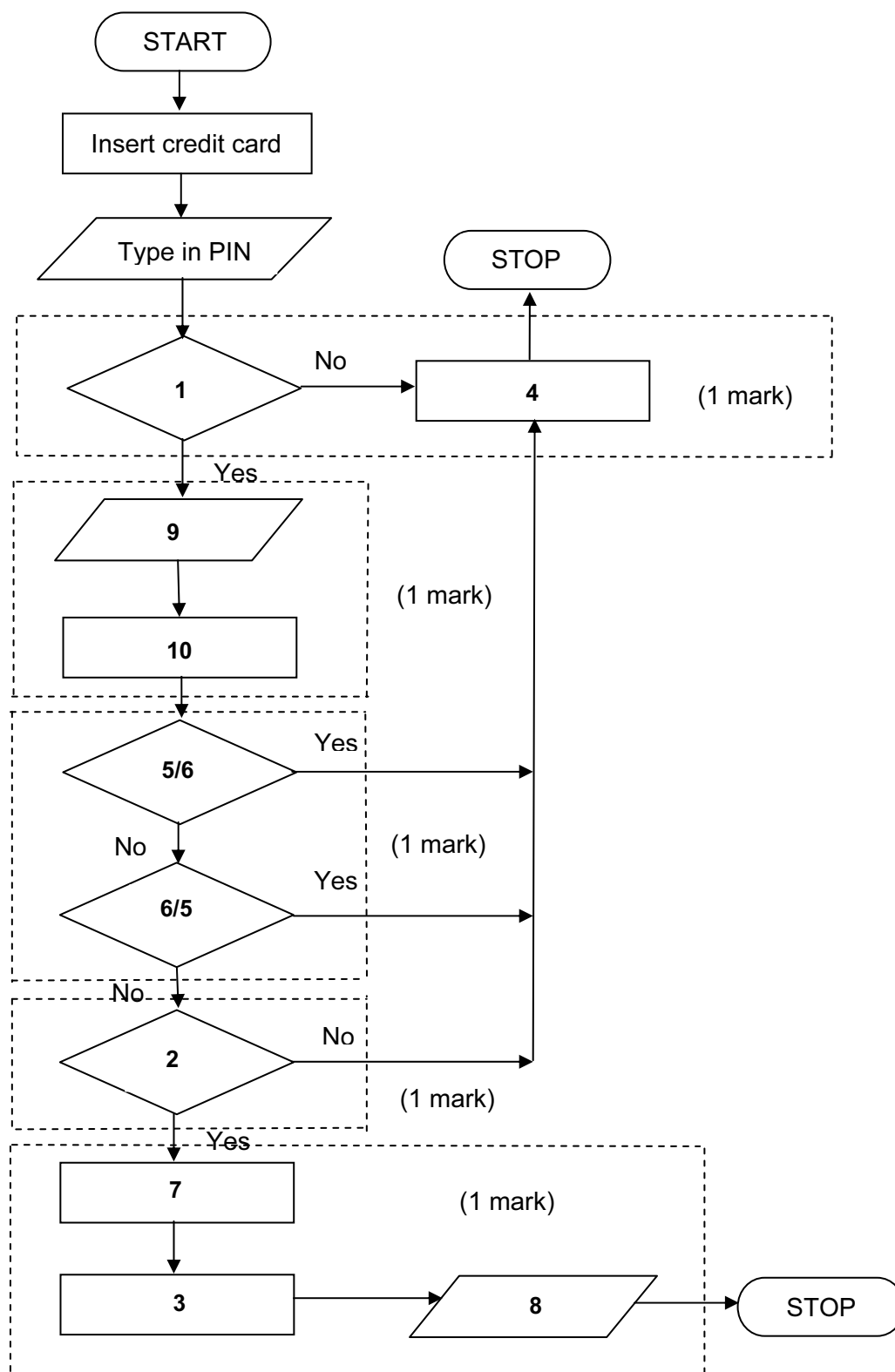


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- (ii) any **one** from:  
 tracking/uniquely identifies baggage/ensures baggage gets to right place  
 increased security  
 links to passenger/ensures luggage cannot travel without passenger

[1]

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17 (a) 5 [1]

(b) (i) Customer Reference

(ii) Specification [2]

(c) any **two** from:

reduces typing errors  
uses less memory  
faster to type in  
quicker to sort  
store in one field  
easier to validate

[2]

(d) Car Description/Car Ordered VW Golf }  
Delivery Date Dec 2008 } New Car Sales  
Specification 21215168 }

Customer Name D Khan }  
Customer Address 19 Main Street } Customer Details  
Trade In Yes }

(1 mark 1 field name **and** contents from New Car Sales table **plus** 1 field name **and** contents from Customer Details table)

List of Extras B D E F J L }  
Cost Price (\$) 21 000 } Car Manufacturer

(1 mark 1 field name **and** contents from Car Manufacturer table) [2]

(e) any **one** advantage from:

later use if customer wants to trade in again in 2 or 3 years' time  
can send out new product information  
if safety/recall issues from car manufacturers  
service/safety check reminders

[1]

18 marking points (1 mark per item up to the maximum of 5):

initialise fa, sj and ka to zero  
correct loop  
inputs (in correct place)  
addition of number of flights per airline  
any validation checks carried out  
calculate percentages  
outputs (in correct place and **ONLY** if some evidence of any attempt at processing)



Sample flowchart:

