

Paper 1 Sample Questions

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Colours are represented by a computer as a combination of the three primary colours: red, green and blue.

Numerical values are used to represent the different shades of each primary colour. These values range from 0 to 255 in decimal, or 00 to FF in hexadecimal.

(a) State why hexadecimal numbers are frequently used in computing.

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(b) State the number of bits used to represent a non-primary colour, such as yellow.

[1]

(c) State the maximum number of colours that can be represented in a computer pixel.

[1]

2

Convert this hexadecimal number to denary/decimal (show your working):

A3

[2]

3

Complete the following truth table where:

$$X = A \text{ OR } B$$

$$Y = A \text{ NOR } C$$

$$Z = X \text{ AND } Y$$

A	B	C	X	Y	Z
0	0	0			
0	0	1			
0	1	0			

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Define the Boolean operator AND.

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The Control Unit (CU) in a microprocessor (CPU) is responsible for decoding instructions and controlling other components of the CPU to make it work.

Which component is responsible for calculations and logic operations?

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6

A keyboard is commonly used for inputting data into a computer system.

Identify another method of inputting data that can improve the accessibility of a computer system for some users.

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7

Construct a trace table for the following algorithm.

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K = 1
N = 1
M = 2
loop while K < 5
    output (N,M)
    K = K + 1
    N = N + 2
    M = M * 2
end loop
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Outline one reason why accurate user documentation is necessary for a system.
Consider the command term outline. Give a reason and expand.

[2]

NUMBERS is an array that holds only positive integers.

An algorithm is needed to copy each three-digit number from the collection NUMBERS, only where the last digit is between 5 and 9 inclusive.

For example:

If NUMBERS = {9, 3456, 125, 237, 45679, 368, 293}

then the contents of the array, THREE, is:

125	237	368
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If NUMBERS = {1234, 56, 90, 324, 870}

then the array THREE is empty and a message such as "No such numbers", should be outputted.

Construct this algorithm in pseudocode. You may assume that the array THREE is initialized with a sufficient number of elements.