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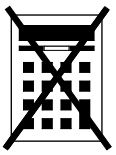
Paper 2 Computing concepts

Tuesday 21 May 2024 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes



Materials
- There are no additional materials required for this paper.
- You must **not** use a calculator.

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Use pencil only for drawing.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
The total number of marks available for this paper is 90.

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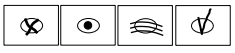
CORRECT METHOD  WRONG METHODS 

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Answer **all** questions.

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0 1 Which statement best describes what computers represent using binary?

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[1 mark]

A All data are represented using binary. ⬭

B All data and instructions are represented using binary. ⬭

C Some data and instructions are represented using binary. ⬭

D Some instructions are represented using binary. ⬭

0 2 . 1 Convert the binary number `10110111` into decimal.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 2 Convert the decimal number 112 into hexadecimal.

You should show your working.

[2 marks]

Answer _____

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0 3 Add together the following three binary numbers and give your answer in binary.

[2 marks]

```
  0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0
  1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0
+ 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
```

0 4 . 1 **Figure 1** shows a bit pattern.

Figure 1

00110011

State the result of applying a left binary shift of **two** to the bit pattern shown in **Figure 1**.

[1 mark]

0 4 . 2 The decimal equivalent of the bit pattern shown in **Figure 1** is 51

State the result of applying a left binary shift of **one** to the bit pattern shown in **Figure 1**.

Give your answer in **decimal**.

[1 mark]

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0 4 . 3 Which statement best describes where a single binary shift can be used?

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[1 mark]

A Multiply or divide numbers by any even number. ⬭

B Multiply or divide numbers by any number. ⬭

C Multiply or divide numbers by any odd number. ⬭

D Multiply or divide numbers by powers of two. ⬭

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0 5 **Figure 2** shows four bitmap images.

Figure 2

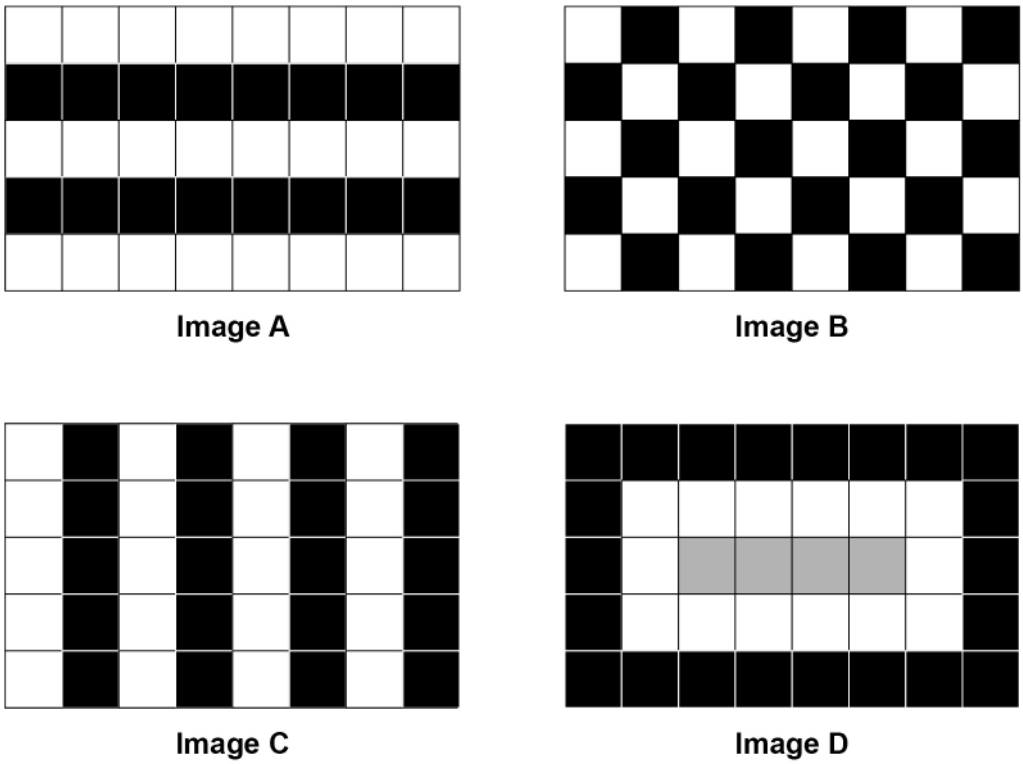

Image A

Image B

Image C

Image D

0 5 . 1 State the number of pixels in **Image A** in **Figure 2**.

[1 mark]

0 5 . 2 State the minimum colour depth required to represent **Image B** in **Figure 2**.

[1 mark]

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0 5 . 3 Calculate the minimum amount of storage required to store **Image D** from **Figure 2**.

Give your answer in **bytes**.

Show your working.

[2 marks]

Answer _____ bytes

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Figure 2

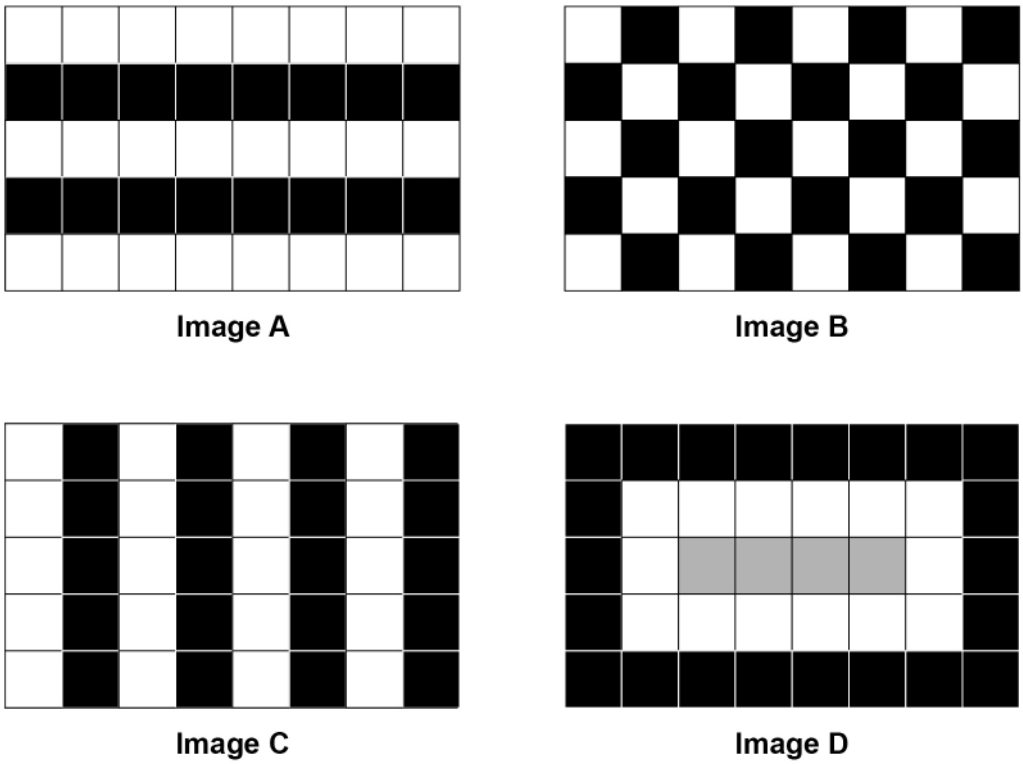

Image A

Image B

Image C

Image D

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0 5 . 4 **Figure 3** shows how **Image D** can be represented as binary data.

Figure 3

01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
01	00	00	00	00	00	00	01
01	00	10	10	10	10	00	01
01	00	00	00	00	00	00	01
01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01

Complete the table to show the binary representation of each colour in **Image D**.

[1 mark]

Colour	**Binary representation**
White	
Black	
Grey	

0 5 . 5 The number of colours used in **Image C** and **Image D** in **Figure 2** are both increased by one.

State the impact of this increase on the minimum file sizes of both **Image C** and **Image D**.

[2 marks]

Image C _____

_____

Image D _____

_____

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0 6 Calculate the number of **bits** in 7 MB.

Show your working.

[2 marks]

Answer _____ bits

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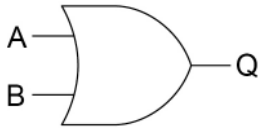
0 7 **Figure 4** shows a logic gate.

Figure 4



0 7 . 1 Which truth table matches the logic gate in **Figure 4**?

Shade **one** lozenge.

[1 mark]

A

A	B
0	1
1	0

⬭

B

A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

⬭

C

A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

⬭

D

A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

⬭

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0 7 . 2 **Figure 5** shows a truth table.

Figure 5

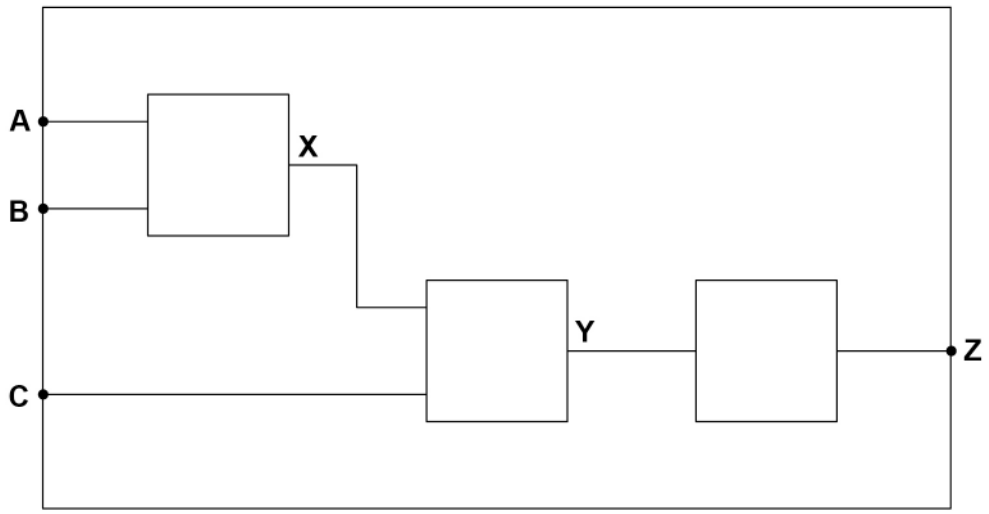
A	B	C	X	Y	Z
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	1

Complete the logic circuit by writing the **name** of a logic gate in each empty box.

The completed logic circuit should have the same functionality as the circuit represented by the truth table in **Figure 5**.

You should write the **name** of **one** logic gate only in each box.

[3 marks]



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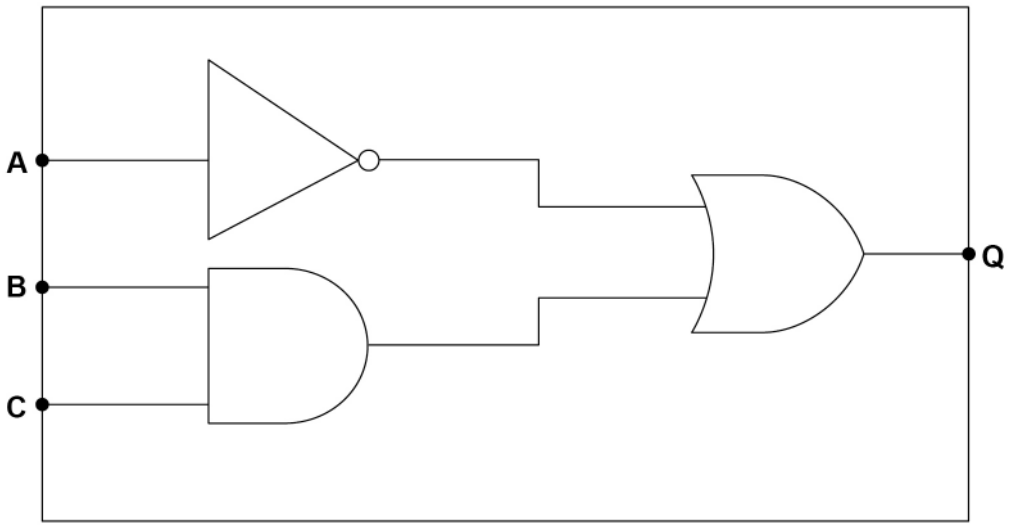
0 7 . 3 **Figure 6** shows a different logic circuit.

Figure 6



Write a Boolean expression that represents the logic circuit shown in **Figure 6**.

You **must** use the correct symbols for the Boolean operators in your expression.

[3 marks]

Q = _____

_____

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0 8 . 1 Three major components of a Central Processing Unit (CPU) are:

- control unit
- clock
- cache.

Describe the function of **each** of the three components.

[6 marks]

Control unit

Clock

Cache

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0 8 . 2 Explain **three** ways to improve the performance of a CPU.

[3 marks]

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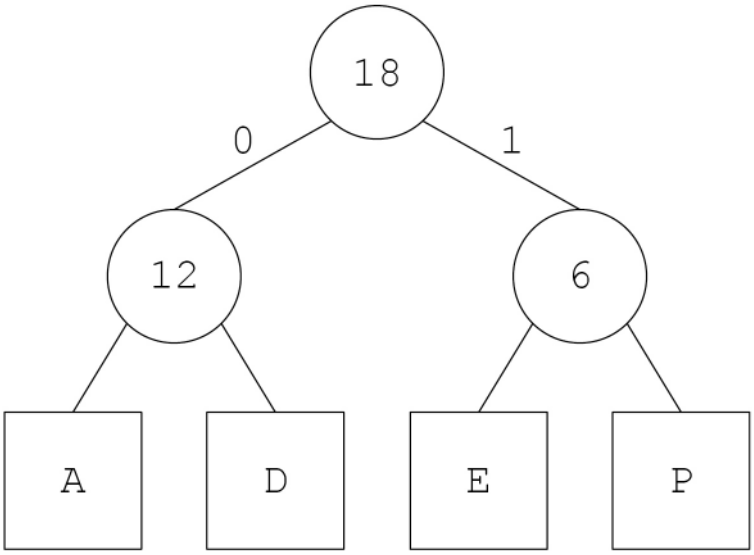
0 9 . 1 **Figure 7** contains a Huffman tree.

Figure 7



The Huffman tree in **Figure 7** was used to encode a string, which resulted in the following bit pattern:

0001011001

State the string that this bit pattern represents.

[2 marks]

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0 9 . 2 **Table 1** shows the Huffman codes for the characters used in the string HESELLSSEASHELLASHES

Table 1

Character	Character frequency	Huffman code
S	6	11
E	5	10
L	4	00
H	3	011
A	2	010
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Calculate how many bits would be saved if the string HESELLSSEASHELLASHES was encoded using the Huffman codes shown in **Table 1**, rather than using ASCII.

You should show your working.

[3 marks]

Number of bits saved _____

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1 0 Which **two** statements are true about machine code?

Shade **two** lozenges.

[2 marks]

A Machine code is directly executed by the processor. ⬭

B Machine code is easily understood by humans. ⬭

C Machine code is shorter than high-level code. ⬭

D Machine code is similar to English. ⬭

E Machine code is specific to a family of processors. ⬭

F Machine code is translated using a compiler. ⬭

1 1 Describe **three** differences between high-level programming languages and low-level programming languages.

[3 marks]

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1 2 Describe how compilers and interpreters operate.

[6 marks]

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1 3 . 1 Define the term **computer network**.

[2 marks]

1 3 . 2 A school has purchased new computers for students and staff to use.

The school is considering installing the computers in a **network**.

Discuss the **advantages and disadvantages** to the school, staff and students of having the computers installed in a network.

[6 marks]

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1 4 SMTP and IMAP are email protocols.

Describe how SMTP and IMAP are used.

[2 marks]

SMTP

IMAP

1 5 Describe how encryption can make the transmission of data more secure.

[2 marks]

1 6 Blagging and phishing are social engineering techniques.

Describe blagging and phishing.

[4 marks]

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1 7 Viruses, trojans and spyware are forms of malware.

Describe how **two** of these forms of malware work.

[4 marks]

Name of malware 1 _____

Description _____

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Name of malware 2 _____

Description _____

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1 8 . 1 Define the term **database**.

[1 mark]

1 8 . 2 Explain what is meant by **data inconsistency** within a database.

[2 marks]

1 8 . 3 Define the term **foreign key**.

[2 marks]

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A relational database is being developed to store information about actors and the films they have performed in.

The database contains three tables: **Film**, **Performance** and **Actor**.

Some of the contents of the tables are shown in **Figure 8**.

Figure 8

Film

FilmID	Title	Year
100	Forrest Gump	1994
101	Toy Story 3	2019
102	Back to the Future	1985

Performance

PerformanceID	FilmID	ActorID
52	100	8
53	101	8
54	102	9

Actor

ActorID	Firstname	Lastname
8	Tom	Hanks
9	Lea	Thompson

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1 8 . 4 State the identifier of a field from the **Actor** table in **Figure 8**.

[1 mark]

1 8 . 5 A list of all the films from the year 2019 in the database is needed.

The following SQL is run to produce the list:

```
(A) FilmID, Title, Year
FROM Film
WHERE (B)
```

Some parts of the SQL have been replaced by labels.

State the SQL that should have been written in place of the labels (A) and (B).

[2 marks]

(A) _____

(B) _____

1 8 . 6 The film with the title **Toy Story 3** has been entered incorrectly into the database and should have the title **Toy Story 4**.

Write the SQL to make this change.

[3 marks]

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9	Lea	Thompson

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1 8 . 7 A film called **Gladiator** from the year 2000 is to be added to the database with a `FilmID` of 103

The following SQL is run:

```
INSERT INTO A
B ( C )
```

Some parts of the SQL have been replaced by labels.

State the SQL that should have been written in place of the labels A, B and C.

[3 marks]

A _____

_____

B _____

_____

C _____

_____

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1 9 . 1 Define the term **cyber security**.

[2 marks]

1 9 . 2 A website wants to improve its cyber security procedures.

Explain how **CAPTCHA** and **email confirmations** could improve the security of the website.

[4 marks]

CAPTCHA

Email confirmations

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