

STREAM: SEM 1

TIME: 2.30-4.30 P.M

EXAMINATION SESSION: AUGUST

DATE: 16/08/2016

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer question ONE and ANY other TWO Questions**

QUESTION ONE

30 MARKS

- Define what a computer is and describe at least three types of a computer (8 marks)
- Describe the difference between a volatile and non-volatile memory (2 marks)
- Describe the architecture of a computer using the von Neumann concept (10 marks)
- Differentiate between software and hardware and give examples (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

20 MARKS

- Define word processing (2 marks)
 - Give and describe at least five features of a word processor (10 marks)
 - Give three examples of word processors (3 marks)
 - Describe the benefits of computers to the society (5 marks)
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QUESTION THREE**20 MARKS**

- i. Give five types of output units and their advantages and disadvantages (15 marks)
- ii. How does a central processing unit work (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR**20 MARKS**

- i. Define what computer networking is (2 marks)
- ii. Describe three types of networks (6 marks)
- iii. Give four properties of a network (8 marks)
- iv. Describe how a star topology works (2 marks)
- v. Define and describe how network surveillance works (2 marks)

QUESTION FIVE**20 MARKS**

- i. In a cell reference, for example A1, what does the letter refer to? (2 marks)
- ii. Describe what a spreadsheet is (2 marks)

- iii. Angus runs his own taxi cab. Here is part of the spreadsheet which he uses to keep a record of his expenses and income

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	COSTS (in £s)		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
2	Diesel		100.00	120.00	125.00	115.00
3	Repairs		50.00	30.00	40.00	35.00
4	Insurance		10.00	15.00	20.00	15.00
5	Other Costs		15.00	17.00	17.50	17.00
6	TOTAL COSTS		175.00	182.00	202.50	182.00
7						
8	PASSENGER FARES		420.00	500.20	525.45	480.80
9						
10	PROFIT		245.00	318.20	322.95	298.80

- a) Cells C6 and C10 each contain a formula. Suggest a suitable formula for cell C6. (4 marks)
- b) Suggest a suitable formula for cell C10. (4 marks)
- c) If cell E3 changes, name another cell which will also change. (4 marks)
- d) The formula in C6 has been replicated across to the other cells in row 6. What does replicate mean? (4 marks)