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COMPUTING STUDIES
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Read each question carefully.

Attempt **all** questions.

Write your answers in the space provided on the question paper.

Write as neatly as possible.

Use **blue** or **black ink**.

Answer in sentences wherever possible.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the Invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



1. The Scottish Bothies Association looks after 120 mountain refuge huts (bothies) across Scotland. The association secretary uses a *database* to store information about each bothy. A sample record is shown below.

Name	Magoo's Bothy
Area	Sutherland
Location (grid reference)	306887
Toilet	No
Sleeps (maximum)	15
Contact Name	Ben Summers

(a) State the number of *records* in the database. _____

1

(b) One of the *fields* shown above is a key field.

(i) State the field you would recommend as the key field.

1

(ii) Explain your answer.

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(c) The "Sleeps (maximum)" field must contain a numeric value between 1 and 20. State the type of *validation* applied to ensure the value is appropriate.

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(d) The secretary has been asked to provide a list of all bothies in the Lochaber area that can sleep at least ten people and have toilet facilities. Describe the steps that need to be taken to create this list.

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1. (continued)

(e) The secretary must make sure that the information entered in the database is accurate and up-to-date.

(i) State the Act that applies here.

(ii) Describe **two** other responsibilities that the secretary has under this Act.

1 _____

2 _____

(f) Many databases make use of *computed fields*.

State what is meant by a “computed field”.

(g) The Scottish Bothies Association often sends out *standard letters* to its members reminding them of meetings and other important dates.

State the steps involved in producing a standard letter.

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2. A Duke of Edinburgh Award group plans to create a *multimedia* presentation of their gold expedition in Sutherland.

(a) They choose a suitable *template* for their presentation and set it up so that the location and date of the expedition appears at the bottom of each slide.

(i) Explain why they may have decided to use a template.

1

(ii) State the feature of the package that was used to place the location and date on each slide, in **one** operation.

1

(b) They decide to use *linear linkage* in the presentation.

State what is meant by the term “linear linkage”.

1

(c) The presentation includes examples of *word wrap* and *text wrap*. Describe what is meant by each feature.

Word wrap _____

Text wrap _____

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3. SnoPark Leisure has placed an order for some new snowboards. Part of the order is shown in the spreadsheet below.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	SnoPark Leisure				
2					
3	VAT	20%			
4					
5	Item	Price	VAT	Number	Cost
6	VRocker	£470.00	£94.00	5	£2820.00
7	SkiBanana	£400.00	£80.00	3	£1440.00
8	K3Luna	£250.00	£50.00	3	£900.00
9	FallenAngel	£225.00	£45.00	2	£540.00
10					
11				Total Cost	£5700.00
12				Discount	£855.00
13				Final Cost	£4845.00
14					

- (a) A *formula*, using both types of *cell reference*, was entered into cell C6 to calculate the amount of VAT to be added to each product. *Replication* was then used in cells C7 to C9.

- (i) State what is meant by the term “replication”.

1

- (ii) State the formula that was used in cell C6 to allow effective replication.

2

- (iii) Explain why both types of cell reference were needed.

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3. (continued)

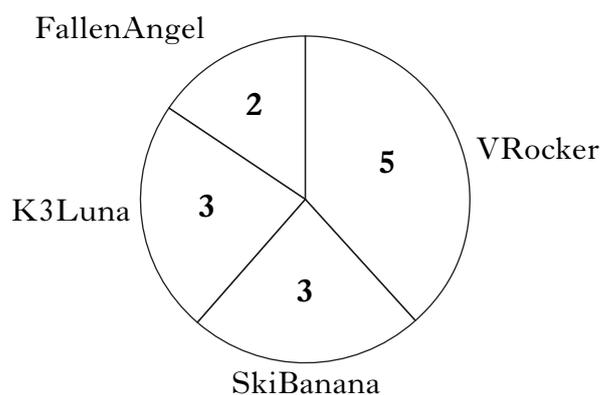
- (b) A discount is applied to all orders.

If the total number of snowboards ordered is greater than ten, then a discount of 15% is given. If not, they get a discount of 5%.

State the formula that was entered in cell E12.

= IF (SUM(D6: _____) > _____, E11*_____, E11*_____)

- (c) Some of the data in the spreadsheet was used to create the
- chart*
- shown below.



- (i) State the
- two**
- ranges of cells used to create the chart.

- (ii) Suggest a suitable title for the chart.

- (iii) The K3Luna has been incorrectly spelled. It should be K3Lunar. When this mistake is corrected in the spreadsheet, it automatically corrects the chart.

State the type of *data linkage* involved.

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4. Ricci is on holiday in a large ski resort in France and has a ski-pass that gives him access to all ski lifts in the area.



(a) The ski-pass is a *smartcard*. State **two** features specific to a smartcard.

1 _____

 2 _____

(b) Each time Ricci takes a ski lift to the top of the run, his ski-pass is automatically scanned, and details of the run, such as distance and type, are instantly recorded in a database.



State the type of *processing* involved.

(c) The database may be accessed, at the same time, by several employees in different locations around the ski resort.

(i) State the type of database involved.

(ii) Describe **two** examples of *management information* that may be available to employees at the resort when using this database.

1 _____

 2 _____

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4. (continued)

(d) When he arrives home, Ricci used his *ISP* to access the resort's *website*.

Apart from access to the *Internet*, state **two** other facilities that are available from an ISP.

1 _____

 2 _____

(e) Ricci enters a long number from his smartcard ski-pass details into the website. This gives him access to part of the database where he can find out the total number of miles he has skied. This number is *verified* using a *check digit*.

Describe this process.

(f) The website also contains a selection of *freeware* snowboarding games.

(i) As well as being freely available, state another feature of freeware.

(ii) State **one** reason why the website may provide this service.

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5. Scott Sub-Sea Systems use *intelligent robots* to gather evidence of oil and gas reserves located in the sea bed below the world's oceans.

(a) Name **one** hardware feature and **one** software feature of an intelligent robot.

Hardware _____

Software _____

(b) *Sensors* on the robots gather data about the chemical composition of the mud making up the sea bed.

(i) State what must be done to this data before it can be processed.

(ii) This processed data is saved as a *text* file. State **one** advantage of saving data as a text file.

(iii) Scott Sub-Sea Systems use *cables* as the transmission media to communicate with their intelligent robots.

Describe why the company do **not** employ *wireless* transmission in this situation.

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5. (continued)

(c) Scott Sub-Sea Systems use an *expert system* to analyse the data.
State **two** advantages for the company in using an expert system.

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6. Sindi works for a large computing company that specialises in both hardware and software.

(a) Part of the advertisement for the latest model of their laptop computer system is shown below.

 <p>AltPro</p>	<p>Complete with . . .</p> <p>NIC RAM – 4096 Mb Hard drive – 128 Gb Word size – 64</p>
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(i) State the function of a *network interface card (NIC)*.

1

(ii) State what is meant by the term “word”.

2

(b) Sindi is involved in creating the *operating system* for this new computer. She must ensure the operating system programs are *portable*.

State what is meant by the term *portability of software*.

1

6. (continued)

- (c) On completion, the operating system programs are *translated*. State the type of *translator* that Sindi should use at the **end** of the development phase. Give a reason for your answer.

Type _____

Reason _____

2

- (d) One of the functions of an operating system is *memory management*.

- (i) Describe how the operating system can distinguish one memory location from another.

1

- (ii) State **one** other function of an operating system.

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- (e) Operating system software can be held either in ROM or on disk. The AltPro has a ROM-based operating system.

State **one** advantage this gives the AltPro user.

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6. (continued)

- (f) A selection of *specialised* input and output devices are available for use with the AltPro.

State **one** input OR **one** output device you would recommend for a *virtual reality* application. Give an example of how this device would be used.

Device _____

Use _____

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