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**INFORMATION COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGY (THEORY)**

Paper 1

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Time: 2 hours



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**MODULE I**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES**

*This paper consists of SIX questions.*

*Answer any FOUR of the SIX questions in the answer booklet provided.*

*Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

**This paper consists of 3 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**

1. (a) (i) Outline **two** roles of input devices during computerized data processing. (2 marks)  
 (ii) Describe **two** categories of computers based on purpose. (4 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between **portability** and **compatibility** as used in software selection. (4 marks)
- (c) Damaris, a salesperson, has the following tasks as part of her work:
- Prepare customized documents for various clients;
  - Prepare weekly reports;
  - Take notes during meeting.
- (i) Suggest the most appropriate type of application software she could use for all the mentioned tasks justifying your answer. (2 marks)
- (ii) Explain **two** limitations of using the application software in (i). (3 marks)
2. (a) Outline **four** options for the **change case** feature used in document creation. (4 marks)
- (b) (i) Real-time processing has gained ground in many sectors. Describe **two** areas where this type of data processing is applied. (4 marks)
- (ii) Explain **two** advantages of distributed data processing. (3 marks)
- (c) Differentiate between **compression** and **defragmentation** of files as used in operating systems. (4 marks)
3. (a) State **eight** examples of special keys that move the cursor on a standard computer keyboard. (4 marks)
- (b) Outline **four** functions used to manipulate date and time in worksheets. (4 marks)
- (c) (i) Explain **two** roles of RAM in computers. (3 marks)
- (ii) Floppy disks have become obsolete. Explain **two** limitations of these disks that could have contributed to this fact. (4 marks)
4. (a) (i) Explain the term **editing** as used in documents creation. (2 marks)
- (ii) Peter intends to create a new document using a word processing program. Explain **two** methods he could use to achieve the objective. (4 marks)
- (b) Figure 1 shows an extract of a worksheet. Use it to answer the questions that follow.

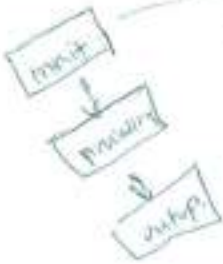
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	<b>SALES FOR FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2016</b>					
ITEM	QUANTITY					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		
Exercise Books	1000	300	150	80		
Pens	600	240	300	500		
Manilla papers	100	60	30	120		
Rubbers	450	200	230	170		

Figure 1

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- (i) Identify **four** formatting features applied in the worksheet. (2 marks)
- (ii) Suggest the most appropriate type of chart that could be used to represent the trend of the different items justifying your answer. *Column Chart* (3 marks)
- (c) The management at Theort Transporters Ltd have resolved to use a database system. Explain **two** typical functionalities expected of the system. *Search, space, durable* (4 marks)
5. (a) Computer laboratories should be designed with a health factor of the users. Explain **two** ergonomic measures that should be put in place. *Proper ventilation, proper light* (3 marks)
- (b) (i) Differentiate between *transitions* and *animations* as used in presentation programs. (3 marks)
- (ii) With the aid of a diagram, describe a *slider sorter* as used in presentation programs. (3 marks)
- (c) Doap Petroleum Ltd intends to connect computers in its branches across a town. Explain **three** factors it should consider when deciding on the type of network topology. *bus, ring, star* (6 marks)
6. (a) Greg would like to protect his presentation file by changing the open behavior of the file. Describe **two** options he could use to achieve his objective. *password, encryption* (4 marks)
- (b) Internet technology is growing at a very fast rate, Explain **two** ways in which companies are coping with this emerging trend. *use internet to send information, use internet to gather* (4 marks)
- (c) (i) With the aid of a diagram describe the data processing cycle. (3 marks)
- (ii) Figure 2 shows icons in a typical email software. Explain the function of each of the tools labeled (I) and (II). (4 marks)



(II)  
Figure 2

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insert date and time  
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