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COMPUTER SCIENCE **0478/13**

Paper 1 Theory **October/November 2018**

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

No calculators allowed.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of this page.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
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DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.
No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.

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At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

The maximum number of marks is 75.

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1 There are **six** output devices and **six** descriptions shown.

Draw a line to connect each output device to the most appropriate description.

Device	Description
Laser Printer	Uses a high-intensity beam of light shone through three layers of changing pixels
LCD Projector	Uses millions of micro mirrors to reflect light through a lens
Digital Light Projector (DLP)	Uses plastic, resin or powdered metal to generate a physical output
Inkjet Printer	Uses a static electric charge on a rotating drum to generate a physical output
3D Printer	Uses liquid ink to generate a physical output
2D Cutter	Uses a high-power laser to generate a physical output

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2 Parity checks and Automatic Repeat reQuests (ARQ) can be used to check for errors during data transmission and storage.

(a) A system uses **even parity**. Write the appropriate parity bit for each byte.

Parity Bit							
	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

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(b) Explain how Automatic Repeat reQuests (ARQ) are used in data transmission and storage.

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(c) State **one** other method that could be used to check for transmission errors.

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3 An elevator (lift) has a maximum weight limit of 2400 kg. The weight carried is monitored by a sensor and a microprocessor.

Describe how the sensor and the microprocessor are used to make sure the maximum weight limit is not exceeded.

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4 The MAC address of a device is represented using hexadecimal.

A section of a MAC address is shown. Each pair of hexadecimal digits is stored using 8-bit binary.

(a) Complete the table to show the 8-bit binary equivalents for the section of MAC address. The first number has already been converted.

6A	FF	08	93
01101010			

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(b) Explain why data is stored as binary in computers.

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5 Data can be transferred using half-duplex serial transmission.

(a) Describe serial transmission.

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(b) Give **one** application of serial data transmission.

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(c) Describe half-duplex data transmission.

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6 Sarah stores data electronically.

Describe **three** methods that she could use to avoid loss of stored data.

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Method 2 .....

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Method 3 .....

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7 David is writing a program using a high-level language. The program will be published and sold for profit.

(a) David uses an interpreter when creating the computer program.

State **three** features of an interpreter.

Feature 1 .....

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Feature 2 .....

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Feature 3 .....

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(b) David compiles the program when he has completed it.

Explain **two** benefits of compiling the program.

Benefit 1 .....

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Benefit 2 .....

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(c) David needs to send a large section of the programming code as an email attachment.

He uses lossless compression to reduce the file size.

Explain how the file size is reduced.

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8 Alice enters a URL into a web browser to access a webpage.

(a) State what URL represents.

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(b) Explain how the web browser uses the URL to access the webpage.

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9 Describe **two** differences between Read Only Memory (ROM) and Random Access Memory (RAM).

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Difference 2 .....

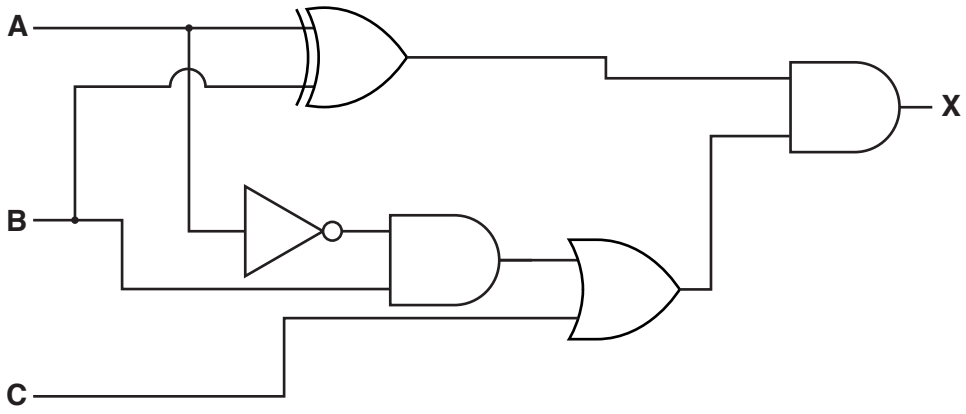
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10 A logic circuit is shown:



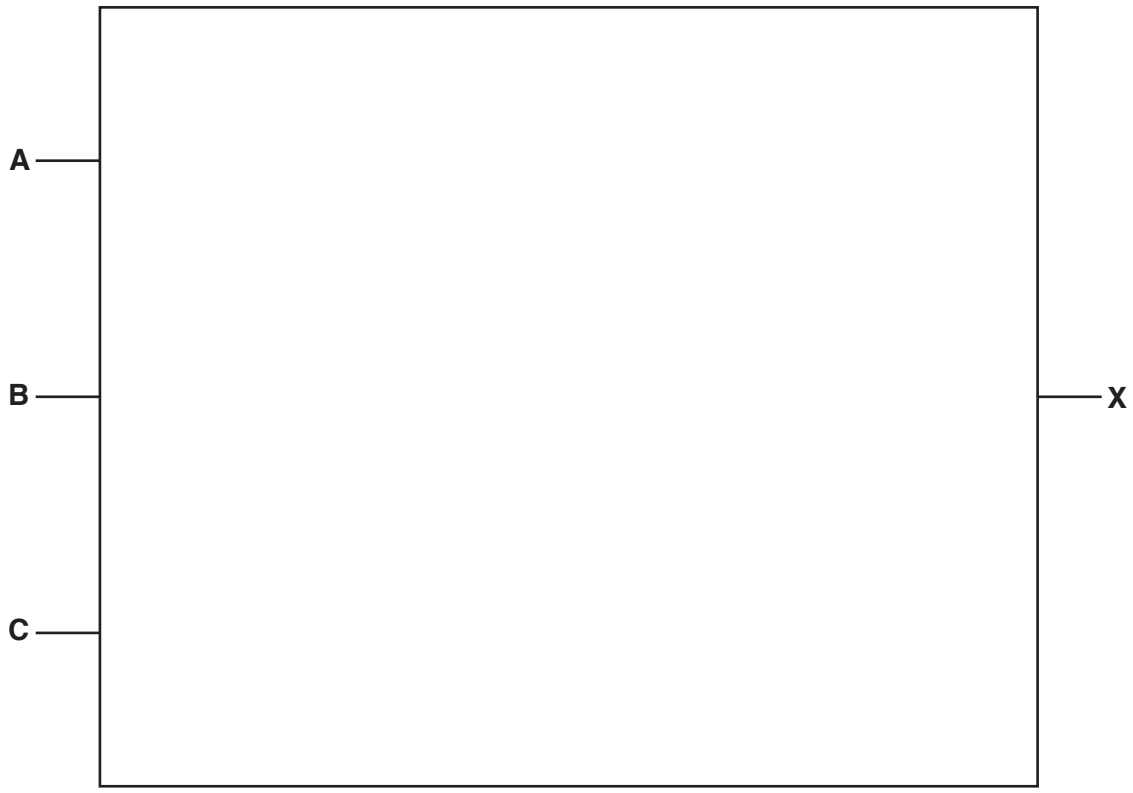
(a) Complete the truth table for the given logic circuit.

A	B	C	Working space	X
0	0	0		
0	0	1		
0	1	0		
0	1	1		
1	0	0		
1	0	1		
1	1	0		
1	1	1		

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(b) Draw a logic circuit corresponding to the logic statement:

X = 1 if ((A is 1 AND B is 1) AND (A is 1 OR C is NOT 1)) OR (B is 1 AND C is NOT 1)



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11 The fetch-execute cycle make use of registers.

(a) Describe the role of the Program Counter (PC).

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(b) Describe the role of the Memory Data Register (MDR).

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12 Explain the difference between a Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) file and a MP3 file.

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13 State which types of storage device or media would be most suitable for these scenarios.

For each device or media, justify your choice.

(a) Creating a backup of 150 GB of data.

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Justification .....

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(b) Storing applications on a tablet device.

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Justification .....

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(c) Storing a 1200 MB high-definition promotional movie about a new car. The movie is to be given to people who are interested in buying a new car.

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Justification .....

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