

# **CS FOUNDATION LEVEL**

# INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

#### THURSDAY: 24 April 2025. Afternoon Paper.

Time Allowed: 3 hours.

This paper consists of seven (7) questions. Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equal marks. Do NOT write anything on this paper.

# **QUESTION ONE**

Explain the following features of the fifth-generation computers: (a)

| (i)     | Artificial intelligence (AI).              | (2 marks) |
|---------|--|-----------|
| (ii)    | Parallel processing.                       | (2 marks) |
| (iii)   | Quantum computing.                         | (2 marks) |
| Outline | e FOUR input devices used in a smartphone. | (4 marks) |

(b) Outline FOUR input devices used in a smartphone.

Ping Ltd., a social media company in Kenya collects user data to improve targeted advertisements. However, it (c) sells the data to third parties without informing the users.

With reference to the above scenario, examine FIVE ethical principles violated by Ping Ltd. in its handling of user data. (10 marks) (Total: 20 marks)

# **QUESTION TWO**

| (a)  | Distinguish between "embedded computers" and "integrated computers".   | (4 marks)                                       |
|------|--|---|
| (b)  | Discuss FOUR techniques used to measure the effectiveness of system maintenance.   | (8 marks)                                       |
| (c)  | Examine FOUR roles of Integrated Development Environments (IDEs) in Information Cor<br>Technology (ICT) development. (Total  | nmunication<br>(8 marks)<br><b>I: 20 marks)</b> |
| OUES | TION THREE   |   |
| (a)  | Differentiate between "indexed sequential files organisation" and "direct file organisation".  | (4 marks)                                       |
| (b)  | Highlight <b>FIVE</b> factors to consider when selecting a transmission media.   | (5 marks)                                       |
| (c)  | Opiyo Odoyo wishes to create a presentation for his company's annual general meeting (AGM). Opiy never created a presentation before using PowerPoint application. | o Odoyo has                                     |
|      | Explain THREE ways that Opiyo Odoyo could use to create a new presentation in PowerPoint.  | (6 marks)                                       |
| (d)  | Summarise FIVE negative consequences of instituting information systems in an organisation. (Total   | (5 marks)<br>I: 20 marks)                       |

#### **OUESTION FOUR**

(b)

Explain the following validation terms: (a)

| (i)   | Presence check.                 | (2 marks) |
|-------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| (ii)  | Range check.                    | (2 marks) |
| (iii) | Data type check.                | (2 marks) |
| Outli | ne SIX roles of search engines. | (6 marks) |

Maliki Mission Hospital, located in Western Kenya, offers both curative and preventive health services mainly (c) targeting elderly people. During the integration of Maliki Health System with the recently introduced Social Health Authority (SHA) system, the hospital's information system was hacked, leading to exposure of patients' medical records.

#### **Required:**

|              | Examin                    | The FOUR legal obligations that the hospital has towards its clients.          | (8 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)       |
|--------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| QUES'<br>(a) | <b>TION FI</b><br>Outline | VE<br>e TWO effects of each of the cases below:                                |                                      |
|              | (i)                       | Low hanging bulbs in a computer laboratory.                                    | (2 marks)                            |
|              | (ii)                      | Having taps and sinks in the computer laboratory.                              | (2 marks)                            |
| (b)          | Explain                   | n the following concepts in system theory:                                     |                                      |
|              | (i)                       | Equifinality.  | (2 marks)                            |
|              | (ii)                      | Entropy.   | (2 marks)                            |
| (c)          | Examin                    | ne SIX roles of the Internet of Things (IoT) in modern networks.               | (12 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)      |
| QUES<br>(a)  | TION SI<br>Descrit        | X be FOUR applications of management information systems (MIS) in enhancing of | operational efficiency.<br>(8 marks) |

(b) With regards to Accounting Information Systems (AIS), discuss SIX roles that encryption of data plays in securing financial transactions. (12 marks) (Total: 20 marks)

#### **QUESTION SEVEN** .

| (a) | Disting | (2 marks)   |                                |
|-----|---------|---|--------------------------------|
| (b) | Explain | FOUR components of the task bar.                                  | (8 marks)                      |
| (c) | (i)     | Explain the term "WLAN" as used in relation to computer networks. | (2 marks)                      |
|     | (ii)    | Discuss FOUR features of WLANs.                                   | (8 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
|     |         |   |                                |



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|             | This paper has seven (7) questions. Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equal marks. Do NOT write anything on this paper. |  |  |  |
| QUES<br>(a) | STION ONE<br>Highlight FOUR ways of recovering data lost through accidental erasure.   | (4 marks)  |  |  |
| (b)         | Describe FOUR activities that are carried out during information system implementatio  | n phase. (4 marks)   |  |  |
| (c)         | Outline SIX ways in which the internet can be used in banking and finance.   | (6 marks)  |  |  |
| (d)         | Examine <b>SIX</b> challenges businesses face when integrating enterprise applications for bu  | usiness process integration.<br>(6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |  |  |
| QUES        | STION TWO  |  |  |  |
| (a)         | Explain <b>TWO</b> process management activities of an operating system.   | (4 marks)  |  |  |
| (b)         | Explore <b>FOUR</b> roles of edge computing in Internet of Things (IoT).   | (4 marks)  |  |  |
| (c)         | Highlight <b>FOUR</b> measures that could be used to minimise unethical Information Co (ICT) practices in an organisation.           | ommunication Technology<br>(4 marks)                           |  |  |
| (d)         | Discuss FOUR steps carried out during system requirements elicitation process.   | (8 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)                                 |  |  |
| QUES        | STION THREE  |  |  |  |
| (a)         | Outline FOUR potential risks of using outdated software.   | (4 marks)  |  |  |
| (b)         | Highlight FOUR environmental impacts of Information Communication Technology (I  | CT) in business. (4 marks)                                     |  |  |
| (c)         | Discuss THREE roles of source document integration in computerised accounting syste  | ems. (6 marks)   |  |  |
| (d)         | Examine SIX reasons why an operating system is deemed crucial for the proper function  | ning of a computer system.<br>(6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)   |  |  |
| QUES        | STION FOUR   |  |  |  |
| (a)         | Describe FOUR ways in which an information system supports decision-making   | g within an organisation.<br>(4 marks)                         |  |  |
| (b)         | Explain FOUR benefits of using goal seek in financial analysis.  | (4 marks)  |  |  |
|             |  |  |  |  |

(c) Examine **THREE** benefits of prototyping in identification and clarification of user requirements. (6 marks)

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| Currently, the use of wireless data transmission media has increased. However, it still faces many challenges.                             |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Evaluat  |  | (6 marks)<br>I <b>l: 20 marks)</b>   |
|  |  | (3 marks)  |
| Explain  | FIVE reasons why a non- impact printer may be better than an impact printer in an office   | environment.<br>(5 marks)  |
| One of   | the common e-commerce security issues is lack of trust in the privacy and e-commerce securi  | ty.  |
| Explain  | <b>THREE</b> methods attackers use to compromise e-commerce security.  | (6 marks)  |
| Describ  |  | (6 marks)<br>al: 20 marks)   |
|  |  |  |
| (i)  | Security challenge.  | (2 marks)  |
| (ii)   | High competition challenge.  | (2 marks)  |
| (iii)  | High customer acquisition costs.   | (2 marks)  |
| (iv)   | Challenges in maintaining customer trust.  | (2 marks)  |
| Identify   | <b>FOUR</b> features to look for when selecting an accounting software for use in an organisation.   | (4 marks)  |
| Highlig  | ht FOUR potential benefits of implementing Internet of Everything (IoE) in businesses.   | (4 marks)  |
| Examine FOUR benefits of conducting a post-implementation review (PIR) of an information system project.<br>(4 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |  |  |
|  |  | (4 marks)  |
| Disting  | uish between "incremental backup" and "differential backup".   | (4 marks)  |
| Maureen Bett was required to outline system specifications to be used in a proposed information system.                                    |  |  |
| Describ  | e THREE typical contents of the specification document.  | (6 marks)  |
| Citing a   |  | (6 marks)<br>al: 20 marks)   |
|  | Evaluat<br>FION FT<br>Explain<br>Explain<br>One of<br>Explain<br>Describ<br>TION ST<br>Outline<br>(i)<br>(ii)<br>(ii)<br>(iv)<br>Identify<br>Highlig<br>Examin<br>TION SE<br>Outline<br>Disting<br>Mauree<br>Describ | Evaluate THREE such challenges. (Tota<br>FION FIVE<br>Explain THREE benefits that would accrue to a business as a result of using mobile applications.<br>Explain THREE benefits that would accrue to a business as a result of using mobile applications.<br>Explain THREE methods attackers use to compromise e-commerce security.<br>Describe THREE maintenance utilities in an operating system. (Tota<br>FION SIX<br>Outline TWO strategies to overcome each of the following challenges in electronic commerce:<br>(i) Security challenge.<br>(ii) High competition challenge.<br>(iii) High competition challenge.<br>(iv) Challenges in maintaining customer trust.<br>Identify FOUR features to look for when selecting an accounting software for use in an organisation.<br>Highlight FOUR potential benefits of implementing Internet of Everything (IoE) in businesses.<br>Examine FOUR benefits of conducting a post-implementation review (PIR) of an information sy<br>Tota<br>FION SEVEN<br>Outline FOUR features that should be considered when choosing a presentation software.<br>Distinguish between "incremental backup" and "differential backup".<br>Maureen Bett was required to outline system specifications to be used in a proposed information syste<br>Describe THREE typical contents of the specification document.<br>Citing an example in each case, explain THREE methods of linking worksheets in a spreadsheet. |

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|     | paper has seven (7) questions. Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equal marks. De<br>ning on this paper.                                   | o NOT write   |
| QUE | STION ONE  |   |
| (a) | Explain the function of an operating system in job accounting.   | (2 marks)   |
| (b) | Highlight <b>THREE</b> ways in which operating systems authenticate users.   | (3 marks)   |
| (c) | Outline FOUR functions of user documentation during the development of an information system.  | (4 marks)   |
| (d) | Enumerate <b>FIVE</b> factors to consider when designing an information system output.   | (5 marks)   |
| (e) | Information Communication Technology (ICT) has heightened ethical issues and exerted pressure on exis social arrangements.                             |   |
|     | Discuss <b>THREE</b> technological trends that are responsible for the above issues. (Tota   | (6 marks)<br>I <b>I: 20 marks)</b>                    |
| QUE | STION TWO  |   |
| (a) | Explain <b>TWO</b> benefits of using pivot tables in a spreadsheet software.   | (4 marks)   |
| (b) | Outline <b>FOUR</b> applications of mobile computing in the financial sector.  | (4 marks)   |
| (c) | Describe FOUR ways in which the Internet of Things (IoT) impacts our daily lives.  | (4 marks)   |
| (d) | Examine <b>FOUR</b> ways on how an organisation should handle sensitive data in order to ensure conservent unauthorised access and data misuse. (Total | onfidentiality,<br>(8 marks)<br>I <b>: 20 marks</b> ) |
| OUE | STION THREE  |   |
| (a) | Highlight <b>THREE</b> important factors to consider when choosing a network topology.   | (3 marks)   |
| (b) | An organisation processes and stores large volumes of data in an information system.   |   |
|     | Explain <b>THREE</b> data security goals that the organisation might aim to achieve in the above scenario.   | (3 marks)   |
| (c) | (i) Examine <b>TWO</b> challenges of e-commerce infrastructure.  | (4 marks)   |
|     | (ii) Describe <b>FOUR</b> ways that could be used to secure an e-commerce infrastructure.  | (4 marks)   |
| (d) | Using an appropriate scenario, demonstrate how you would solve a business problem using spread   | lsheet solver.<br>(6 marks)                           |

(Total: 20 marks)

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# **QUESTION FOUR**

| <b>QUES</b><br>(a) | <b>STION FOUR</b><br>Explain <b>TWO</b> circumstances that would necessiate an organisation to use the outsourcing method to information system.            | o acquire an<br>(4 marks)                      |
|--------------------|---|--|
| (b)                | Highlight FOUR limitations of cloud computing.  | (4 marks)                                      |
| (c)                | Explain <b>THREE</b> circumstances that could necessitate setting up of a Local Area Network (I organisation.   | LAN) in an<br>(6 marks)                        |
| (d)                | Highlight SIX measures that could be used to minimise unethical ICT practices in an orgnisation. (Total   | (6 marks)<br><b>: 20 marks)</b>                |
| •                  | STION FIVE  |  |
| (a)                | State <b>TWO</b> factors that determine the choice of data collection method.   | (2 marks)                                      |
| (b)                | List THREE deliverables produced during the systems analysis phase of an information system d   | evelopment.<br>(3 marks)                       |
| (c)                | Examine <b>THREE</b> ways that prototyping helps to identify and clarify user requirements.   | (3 marks)                                      |
| (d)                | Giving TWO examples in each case, differentiate between an "application suite" and an "integrated   | d software".<br>(6 marks)                      |
| (e)                | Examine THREE factors that could be used to determine the capabilities of a data transmission (Total  | on medium.<br>(6 marks)<br><b>: 20 marks</b> ) |
| QUES               | TION SIX  |  |
| (a)                | Outline <b>THREE</b> characteristics of mobile cloud computing application.   | (3 marks)                                      |
| (b)                | Explain FOUR services offered by an Internet Service Provider (ISP).  | (4 marks)                                      |
| (c)                | Highlight <b>FOUR</b> circumstances that would necessitate an organisation to use mail merge feature processing program.                                    | e in a word<br>(4 marks)                       |
| (d)                | List FOUR disadvantages of prototyping in systems analysis and design.  | (4 marks)                                      |
| (e)                | Describe <b>FIVE</b> major activities of an operating system with regard to process management. (Total  | (5 marks)<br>: 20 marks)                       |
| QUES               | STION SEVEN   |  |
| (a)                | Discuss <b>THREE</b> activities involved during information system requirements elicitation process.  | (6 marks)                                      |
| (b)                | Outline FOUR activities of an operating system in regard to management of secondary storage.  | (4 marks)                                      |
| (c)                | Describe FOUR environmental impact of ICT in business.  | (4 marks)                                      |
| (d)                | The introduction of new information technology raises new ethical, social, and political issues that n with on an individual, social, and political levels. | nust be dealt                                  |
|                    |   | (6 marks)<br><b>: 20 marks</b> )               |
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| -           | paper has seven (7) questions. Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equaing on this paper.                    | al marks. Do NOT write                 |
| -           | STION ONE   |  |
| (a)         | List <b>TWO</b> limitations of mobile computing.  | (2 marks)                              |
| (b)         | Identify SIX factors to consider in the selection and acquisition of a computer operating                               | system. (6 marks)                      |
| (c)         | Every organisation, regardless of its size or industry needs to prioritise the implementati controls.                   | on of robust data security             |
|             | Explain FOUR types of data security controls.   | (8 marks)                              |
| (d)         | Quick Response (QR) codes have gained significant popularity in recent years, bec technology for various purposes.      | oming a widely adopted                 |
|             | Outline FOUR reasons for the popularity of QR codes.  | (4 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)         |
| QUES<br>(a) | <b>TION TWO</b><br>The emergence of mobile communication applications has revolutionised how people of with each other. | communicate and interact               |
|             | Explain FOUR essential features of a communication application.   | (8 marks)                              |
| (b)         | Outline SIX moral dimensions associated with information systems.   | (6 marks)                              |
| (c)         | A company uses cloud computing technology for data storage.   |  |
|             | Explain <b>THREE</b> ethical challenges the company might face while using this technology                              | . (6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)       |
| -           | TION THREE  |  |
| (a)         | An increase in online data processing has led to increased rate of computer crimes.                                     |  |
|             | Describe THREE control measures that could be put in place to reduce computer cri                                       | me rate in organisations.<br>(6 marks) |
| (b)         | Explain THREE circumstances that would necessitate the use of pilot approach dur  | ing system change over.<br>(6 marks)   |
| (c)         | Explain the following functions as used in spreadsheet application:   |  |
|             | (i) SUMIF.  | (2 marks)                              |
|             | (ii) PMT.   | (2 marks)                              |

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| (d)         | An organisation installed an inhouse developed application software to support their operations.  |  |
|-------------|---|--|
|             | State FOUR advantages they would gain by using this software. (Total:   | (4 marks)<br>: <b>20 marks)</b>                |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION FOUR<br>Describe TWO reasons that would necessitate the use of water mark on a word processing   | document.<br>(4 marks)                         |
| (b)         | Explain FOUR circumstances when batch operating system would be most appropriate.   | (4 marks)                                      |
| (c)         | Explain THREE types of feasibility studies that are conducted during the development of an informat   | tion system.<br>(6 marks)                      |
| (d)         | Highlight SIX challenges of e-commerce in developing countries. (Total  | (6 marks)<br>: <b>20 marks)</b>                |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION FIVE<br>Outline SIX core processes for software development.   | (6 marks)                                      |
| (b)         | Explain TWO reasons why a major operating system must evolve over time.   | (4 marks)                                      |
| (c)         | Examine <b>THREE</b> methods that could be used to prevent social engineering related attacks.  | (6 marks)                                      |
| (d)         | Explain TWO advantages and TWO disadvantages of digital wallets as an ecommerce payme   | ent method.<br>(4 marks)<br>: <b>20 marks)</b> |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION SIX<br>Explain TWO reasons for multi-booting.  | (2 marks)                                      |
| (b)         | Implementation is an importance phase in the development of an information system.  |  |
|             | Describe THREE activities carried out in this phase.  | (6 marks)                                      |
| (c)         | Business owners looking to manage financial data tend to embrace two primary options; spread accounting software.   | lsheets and                                    |
|             | Evaluate THREE reasons why businesses prefer using accounting softwares.  | (6 marks)                                      |
| (d)         | Explain THREE differences between "word processing software" and "desktop publishing software". (Total:   | (6 marks)<br>: <b>20 marks)</b>                |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION SEVEN(i)Identify FOUR security threats in mobile applications.   | (4 marks)                                      |
| (u)         | <ul><li>(ii) Propose an appropriate measure to mitigate each of the threats identified in (a) (i) above.</li></ul>  | (4 marks)                                      |
| (b)         | Social concerns in information systems are a crucial aspect of the development and implem information systems. These concerns are related to ethical, social, political and moral issues that ari use of information systems. | entation of                                    |
|             | Examine FOUR social issues in Information Systems.  | (8 marks)                                      |
| (c)         | Describe FOUR events that might spark an iterative process in software development. (Total:   | (4 marks)<br>: <b>20 marks)</b>                |
|             |   |  |

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|                                      | aper has seven (7) questions. Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equal<br>ng on this paper. | marks. DO NOT write                     |  |
| QUES                                 | TION ONE  |   |  |
| (a)                                  | Highlight <b>TWO</b> benefits of linking worksheets in a spreadsheet program.                           | (2 marks)                               |  |
| (b)                                  | Outline FOUR qualities of a good system documentation.  | (4 marks)                               |  |
| (c)                                  | Explain <b>THREE</b> desirable features of e-commerce websites that could enable customers              | find products quickly.<br>(6 marks)     |  |
| (d)                                  | Examine FOUR challenges associated with cloud storage.  | (8 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)          |  |
| OUES                                 | ΤΙΟΝ ΤΨΟ  |   |  |
| (a)                                  | Citing <b>TWO</b> examples, explain the term "mobile operating system".                                 | (4 marks)                               |  |
| (b)                                  | Using an example, explain the use of the "IF" function in a spreadsheet application.                    | (4 marks)                               |  |
| (c)                                  | Explain <b>THREE</b> ways in which a transaction processing system helps in improving opera             | ations of an organisation.<br>(6 marks) |  |
| (d)                                  | Analyse <b>THREE</b> factors that should be considered when creating a computer network.                | (6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)          |  |
| OUES                                 | TION THREE  |   |  |
| (a)                                  | Differentiate between pilot implementation methodology and parallel information methodologies.          | systems implementation (2 marks)        |  |
| (b)                                  | Highlight FOUR benefits of a network operating system to an organisation.                               | (4 marks)                               |  |
| (c)                                  | Outline FOUR roles of an Information Systems Analyst.   | (4 marks)                               |  |
| (d)                                  | Explain TWO technical trends that generate ethical concerns.  | (4 marks)                               |  |
| (e)                                  | (i) Distinguish between systems analysis and systems design.  | (2 marks)                               |  |
|                                      | (ii) Citing <b>TWO</b> reasons, explain the purpose of the system development life cycle.               | (4 marks)                               |  |

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| QUES<br>(a) | <b>TION FOUR</b><br>Explain <b>TWO</b> circumstances that would necessitate the use of speaker notes during a presentation.                           | (4 marks)                                 |
|-------------|---|---|
| (b)         | Baraka Company limited networked their computers to enhance their operations.   |   |
|             | Outline FOUR methods they could use to maintain security for their information in the network.  | (4 marks)                                 |
| (c)         | Explain THREE ethical issues related to e-commerce for a business organisation.   | (6 marks)                                 |
| (d)         | Justify with THREE reasons why an organisation would install a tailor-made software. (Tota  | (6 marks)<br><b>l: 20 marks)</b>          |
| QUES<br>(a) | <b>TION FIVE</b><br>Examine <b>TWO</b> obstacles/challenges that could be faced by organisations when implementing a information system.              | management<br>(4 marks)                   |
| (b)         | With respect to questionnaires, distinguish between open ended questions and closed ended question data collection.                                   | ns as used in (4 marks)                   |
| (c)         | Enumerate SIX ways to secure e-commerce transactions from various threats.  | (6 marks)                                 |
| (d)         | Highlight SIX benefits of post-implementation review of an information systems project. (Tota   | (6 marks)<br><b>l: 20 marks)</b>          |
| QUES        | TION SIX  |   |
| (a)         | Explain the term "proofreading" as used in a word processing program.   | (2 marks)                                 |
| (b)         | State the unit of measuring a computer's clock speed, RAM size, Hard disk size and monitor size.  | (4 marks)                                 |
| (c)         | Discuss THREE challenges associated with the use of external hard drives.   | (6 marks)                                 |
| (d)         | Examine FOUR legal issues associated with the use of information systems. (Tota   | (8 marks)<br><b>1: 20 marks)</b>          |
| -           | TION SEVEN  |   |
| (a)         | Highlight <b>TWO</b> bookkeeping capabilities of a computerised accounting software.  | (2 marks)                                 |
| (b)         | Explain FOUR application areas of "What if" analysis feature in spreadsheet application.  | (4 marks)                                 |
| (c)         | Outline SIX hindrances to the adoption and success of voice user interface technology.  | (6 marks)                                 |
| (d)         | Discuss FOUR ways in which an organisation could optimise the use of information systems to ens<br>productivity in a functional perspective.<br>(Tota | ure improved<br>(8 marks)<br>l: 20 marks) |



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(a) Explain how the following elements affect the processing power of a computer:

|     | (i)     | Cache memory.   | (2 marks)                      |
|-----|---------|---|--------------------------------|
|     | (ii)    | Data bus.   | (2 marks)                      |
|     | (iii)   | Type of processor.  | (2 marks)                      |
| (b) | List FC | <b>UR</b> limitations of star network topology.                       | (4 marks)                      |
| (c) | Highlig | ht FOUR salient features of a Computerised Accounting Software (CAS). | (4 marks)                      |
| (d) | Outline | SIX advantages of a pivot table report.                               | (6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |

# (a) Highlight **THREE** principles used to measure the integrity of data in an information system. (3 marks)

(b) Explain the significance of the following **FIVE** features of a presentation program. (5 marks)



| (c)            | Examine <b>THREE</b> w | avs in which an a | operating system | provides data security | v in a computer syst | em. (6 marks) |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| $(\mathbf{c})$ | Examine THREE W        | ays in which an o | sperating system | provides data securit  | y in a computer syst | (0  marks)    |

(d) Explain the impact of **THREE** technological trends that pose ethical challenges to organisations. (6 marks) (**Total: 20 marks**)

# **QUESTION THREE**

(c)

- (a) Highlight **TWO** ethical issues that need to be considered by an information systems development team. (2 marks)
- (b) Explain **TWO** types of computer networks under each of the following criterion:

| (i)    | Functionality.   | (4 marks) |
|--------|--|-----------|
| (ii)   | Ownership.   | (4 marks) |
| (iii)  | Transmission media.  | (4 marks) |
| Assess | THREE information system vulnerabilities and their respective countermeasures. | (6 marks) |

(Total: 20 marks)

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# **QUESTION FOUR**

| QUES<br>(a) | TION FO<br>Disting        | <b>DUR</b><br>uish between "Executive Support System (ESS)" and "Decision Support System (DSS)     | )". (2 marks)                  |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| (b)         | Highlig                   | tht SIX advantages of Conditional Formatting in a spreadsheet program.                             | (6 marks)                      |
| (c)         | Explair                   | THREE components of a computer network.  | (6 marks)                      |
| (d)         | Analys                    | e SIX benefits of developing a Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP).                                       | (6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION FI                   | VE<br>VE limitations of computer networking.   | (5 marks)                      |
|             |                           |  |                                |
| (b)         |                           | the FIVE reasons why an organisation may choose an off-the-shelf software package.                 | (5 marks)                      |
| (c)         | Highlig                   | ght FIVE benefits of cloud storage.  | (5 marks)                      |
| (d)         | Examir                    | ne FIVE major components of e-commerce infrastructure.   | (5 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION SI<br>(i)            | X<br>State TWO examples of Network Operating System (NOS) from different software                  | e manufacturers.               |
|             | ()                        |  | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (ii)                      | List TWO advantages and TWO disadvantages of Network Operating Systems (Network Operating Systems) | OS). (4 marks)                 |
| (b)         | Outline                   | FOUR reasons why Read Only Memory (ROM) is preferred for storing firmware.                         | (4 marks)                      |
| (c)         | Summa                     | arise FOUR ways in which a transaction processing system improves operations of an o               | organisation.<br>(4 marks)     |
| (d)         | A libra                   | ry management system is an example of an information system.                                       |                                |
|             | In relat                  | ion to the above statement, state TWO relevant examples of the following items in a lit            | brary system:                  |
|             | (i)                       | Data.  | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (ii)                      | Processing.  | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (iii)                     | Information.   | (2 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| QUES<br>(a) | <b>TION SH</b><br>Explain | EVEN<br>n TWO ways in which an operating system acts as a resource manager.                        | (4 marks)                      |
| (b)         | Highlig                   | ght FOUR benefits of Internet of Things (IoT) in smart home.                                       | (4 marks)                      |
| (c)         | Outline                   | SIX instances when you would recommend prototypes during system development.                       | (6 marks)                      |
| (d)         | Examir                    | ne SIX benefits associated with business processes integration.                                    | (6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
|             |                           |  |                                |



# **CS FOUNDATION LEVEL**

# INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

### WEDNESDAY: 26 April 2023. Afternoon Paper.

Time Allowed: 3 hours.

### Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equal marks. Do NOT write anything on this paper.

### **QUESTION ONE**

(a) Veronica and Simon have each bought a computer labelled Computer A and B respectively, with the following specifications:

| Computer A        | Computer B       |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 128GB Flash Drive | 512GB Hard Drive |
| 16GB RAM          | 8GB RAM          |
| 150DPI Screen     | 225DPI Screen    |
| 15 inch screen    | 13 inch screen   |

### **Required:**

Assuming that the cost of the two computers are the same, list **TWO** strengths of Computer A and **TWO** strengths of Computer B, describing the impact of each strength. (4 marks)

- (b) Explain **FIVE** ways of protecting yourself from identity theft. (5 marks)
- (c) Highlight **FIVE** activities that the operating system executes in relation to process management. (5 marks)
- (d) Highlight **THREE** ethical and **THREE** societal issues to the development and use of information technology.

(6 marks) (Total: 20 marks)

# **QUESTION TWO**

- (a) (i) Explain **THREE** reasons why most threats to an organisation's information system are contributed by insiders. (3 marks)
  - (ii) State **FOUR** ways of preparing against insider threats. (4 marks)
- (b) Explain **THREE** techniques for eliciting user requirements during information systems development. (6 marks)
- (c) David Omondi is the owner of a Home Appliances shop at the Douala Branch. Details of items sold by him during the month of March 2023 were given below:

|   | A               | В         | C           |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | ITEMS           | BRAND     | SALES PRICE |
| 2 | COLOUR TV       | SAMSUNG   | 28000       |
| 3 | WASHING MACHINE | LG        | 23000       |
| 4 | REFRIDGERATOR   | WHIRLPOOL | 24000       |
| 5 | WASHING MACHINE | LG        | 22000       |
| 6 | COLOUR TV       | WHIRLPOOL | 35000       |
| 7 | REFRIDGERATOR   | SAMSUNG   | 25000       |
| 8 | WASHING MACHINE | SAMSUNG   | 22000       |
| 9 | COLOUR TV       | LG        | 20000       |

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# **Required:**

Explain the steps required to prepare a pivot table with the above information to show the sales for each brand using a spreadsheet application such as LibreOffice Cac. Use proper cell references in your explanation.

(7 marks) (Total: 20 marks)

# **QUESTION THREE**

| QUEST        | FION TH              |  |                                      |
|--------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| (a)          | -                    | the rationale behind applying the systems development life cycle (SDLC) during the deve<br>tion systems.   | elopment of (2 marks)                |
| (b)          | Outline              | FOUR methods for controlling unethical behaviour in ICT.   | (4 marks)                            |
| (c)          | Bidii Co             | ompany has established that its information is being electronically eavesdropped through their   | servers.                             |
|              | Outline              | FOUR measures that the company could put in place to minimise this crime.  | (4 marks)                            |
| (d)          | Outline              | FOUR factors that could influence the choice of an information system.   | (4 marks)                            |
| (e)          | Explain              | THREE ways in which decision support systems are applied in an organisation. (Total:   | (6 marks)<br><b>20 marks)</b>        |
| QUEST<br>(a) | FION FO<br>Give TV   | OUR<br>WO reasons why an operating system must evolve over time.   | (4 marks)                            |
| (b)          | Explain              | THREE impacts of e-commerce on customers.  | (6 marks)                            |
| (c)          | (i)                  | Explain <b>TWO</b> basic control measures that organisations could take to improve security devices that employees connect to an organisation's network.   | on personal<br>(4 marks)             |
|              | (ii)                 | Describe THREE Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) security best practices in an organisation (Total:   | on.<br>(6 marks)<br><b>20 marks)</b> |
| QUEST<br>(a) | FION FI<br>Highlig   | VE<br>ht FIVE objectives of an information's system design.  | (5 marks)                            |
| (b)          | Explain              | FIVE possible reasons why an organisation may decide to replace an information system.   | (5 marks)                            |
| (c)          | Enumer               | rate FIVE reasons why memory management is required in a computer system.  | (5 marks)                            |
| (d)          |                      | e Ltd. is in the process of developing a new information system. A few managers are a the new information system.  | reluctant to                         |
|              | <b>Requir</b><br>(i) | ed:<br>Identify the most suitable method of system changeover to apply in the above scenario.  | (1 mark)                             |
|              | (ii)                 | Outline FOUR advantages associated with the method identified in (d) (i) above. (Total:  | (4 marks)<br>20 marks)               |
| QUEST<br>(a) | every o              | <b>X</b> td. invited an ICT consultant to set up a computer network. The consultant linked all the construction that the network. The nodes were connected to every other via a dedicated link so that a point-to-point connection to the opposite node. | -                                    |
|              | <b>Requir</b>        | ed:<br>State the type of network topology on the above scenario  | (1 mark)                             |

|     | (i)    | State the type of network topology on the above scenario.                       | (1 mark)  |
|-----|--------|---|-----------|
|     | (ii)   | Highlight <b>FIVE</b> benefits associated with the topology.                    | (5 marks) |
| (b) | Outlin | e FOUR benefits associated with the use of pivot tables.                        | (4 marks) |
| (c) | Evalu  | ate <b>FIVE</b> restoration procedures that could be used to recover lost data. | (5 marks) |
| (d) | Descr  | ibe FIVE features of time-sharing operating system.                             | (5 marks) |

(Total: 20 marks)

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### **QUESTION SEVEN**

(a) ABC Enterprises Limited has commenced the process of integrating its current business operations with an ERP.

#### **Required:**

| (') | Outline <b>TWO</b> ways the ABC Enterprises Limited could benefit from the integration. | (2 marks) |
|-----|---|-----------|
| (1) | Unifine I WU ways the ABC Enterprises Limited could benefit from the integration        | (/ marks) |
| (1) | outline I wo wuys the ribe Enterprises Entitled could benefit from the integration.     | (2 marks) |

- (ii) Highlight **THREE** challenges that could arise with such integration. (3 marks)
- (b) Citing **FOUR** reasons, justify why it is necessary for an organisation to sign a contract for the maintenance of computer hardware and software. (4 marks)
- (c) Complete the table below with appropriate name of the feature used in respective iOS and Android mobile operating systems:

| Feature         | iOS | Android |
|-----------------|-----|---------|
| Developer       |     |         |
| Default browser |     |         |

(4 marks)

(d) Explain SEVEN ethical issues associated with increased dependency on information systems. (7 marks) (Total: 20 marks)



# **CS FOUNDATION LEVEL**

# INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

# WEDNESDAY: 7 December 2022. Afternoon Paper.

# Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equal marks. Do NOT write anything on this paper.

# **QUESTION ONE**

| (a)         | State 1                 | FOUR disadvantages of implementing information systems in an organisation.   | (4 marks)  |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| (b)         | -                       | in <b>FIVE</b> computer hardware components that are required when establishing a multimedia merce.  | platform for<br>(5 marks)                        |
| (c)         | Using                   | an example, explain how one would use "Goal seek" function in a business.  | (5 marks)  |
| (d)         | Explai                  | in THREE problems that could be encountered when using a computerised accounting softwa  | are.   |
|             |                         | (Tota  | (6 marks)<br>l: 20 marks)                        |
| QUES<br>(a) | <b>TION T</b><br>Outlin | WO he the output products that result from the following systems development lifecycle stages:   |  |
|             | (i)                     | System initiation.   | (2 marks)  |
|             | (ii)                    | Requirement analysis.  | (2 marks)  |
|             | (iii)                   | Systems design.  | (2 marks)  |
|             | (iv)                    | System integration.  | (2 marks)  |
|             | (v)                     | Systems testing.   | (2 marks)  |
| (b)         | Expla                   | in <b>TWO</b> limitations of using "Internet of things" (IoT) technology.  | (4 marks)  |
| (c)         | Expla                   | ain THREE ways in which e-commerce could be used to optimise business opportunities in a   | large hotel.<br>(6 marks)<br><b>l: 20 marks)</b> |
| ~           | TION T                  | THREE  | ,  |
| (a)         | (i)                     | Differentiate between "Intranet" and "Extranet" as used in computer networks.  | (2 marks)  |
|             | (ii)                    | Outline FOUR limitations of using "extranet" as a computer network in an organisation.   | (4 marks)  |
| (b)         | Organ                   | isations use different types of information systems.   |  |
|             | <b>Requ</b> i<br>(i)    | ired:<br>List THREE types of information systems used by management.   | (3 marks)  |
|             | (ii)                    | State the input, processes and output of information systems used by management.   | (3 marks)  |
|             | (iii)                   | Explain <b>FOUR</b> enterprise information system characteristics that support unstructu making in organisations.                                      | red decision<br>(4 marks)                        |
| (c)         |                         | ica stored word processing files in a flash disk when working from a home desktop comp<br>ed that the files could no longer open at her place of work. | uter. She has                                    |
|             | Requi                   | ired:<br>est FOUR reasons why some files may not onen despite being visible on the flash disk  | (1 marks)  |

Suggest FOUR reasons why some files may not open despite being visible on the flash disk. (4 marks) (Total: 20 marks)

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Time Allowed: 3 hours.

# **QUESTION FOUR**

(a) Differentiate between an "accounting package" and a "spreadsheet" based on the following features:

|             | (i)               | Report generation.  | (2 marks)  |
|-------------|-------------------|---|--|
|             | (ii)              | Audit trail.  | (2 marks)  |
| (b)         | Giving            | g an example, explain the purpose of a mobile browser.  | (3 marks)  |
| (c)         | Expla             | in how cloud computing supports e-commerce operations.  | (4 marks)  |
| (d)         | Expla             | in FOUR social issues that may arise from the use of information systems.   | (4 marks)  |
| (e)         | Asses:<br>systen  | s FIVE ways in which general ICT controls ensure the reliability of data gene<br>ns.  | rated by information<br>(5 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| QUES<br>(a) | STION F<br>List F | IVE<br>OUR types of software used to enable e-commerce business.  | (4 marks)  |
| (b)         | Highli<br>tasks.  | ght FOUR types of skills that a system analyst is required to have in order to effecti  | vely carry out his/her<br>(4 marks)                    |
| (c)         | Asses             | s FOUR methods of controlling unethical behaviour in ICT.   | (4 marks)  |
| (d)         | Kibao             | Masetu, a system analyst, used the prototyping method to develop an information sy  | stem for Petoka Ltd.                                   |
|             | Expla             | in FOUR advantages of using this method.  | (8 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)                         |
| OUF         | STION S           | IX  |  |
| (a)         | (i)               | Highlight <b>TWO</b> features of a presentation program that are not available in program.  | a word processing<br>(2 marks)                         |
|             | (ii)              | Explain <b>THREE</b> contexts in which one would need to use a presentation program processing program.   | am instead of a word<br>(3 marks)                      |
| (b)         | Enum              | erate FIVE reasons why an organisation might opt to use subcontractors for its inform   | nation system needs.<br>(5 marks)                      |
| (c)         | Outlin            | e FOUR benefits of conducting a feasibility study during systems development.   | (4 marks)  |
| (d)         | Expla             | in <b>THREE</b> factors to consider when choosing an operating system for a computer.   | (6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)                         |
| OUE         | STION S           | EX / ENI  |  |
| (a)         |                   | in <b>TWO</b> characteristics of a "peer to peer" computer network.   | (2 marks)  |
| (b)         |                   | ght <b>TWO</b> legal issues and two ethical issues that may arise by use of information sy based supermarket.   | stems in a large-scale<br>(4 marks)                    |
| (c)         | Sugge             | st TWO strategies that a country could adopt to minimise the digital divide.  | (4 marks)  |
| (d)         |                   | has established an accounting firm in a busy town and employed seven assistants<br>is not enough to accommodate all the staff and he has approached you for assistance. | . However, the office                                  |
|             | Requi<br>(i)      | red:<br>Explain THREE modern ICT technologies that Simon could adopt to n<br>productivity despite space constraints.  | naximise employees'<br>(6 marks)                       |
|             | (ii)              | Explain <b>TWO</b> possible disadvantages that Simon could face in adopting any of th (i) above.  | he technologies in (d)<br>(4 marks)                    |

(Total: 20 marks)

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### **CS FOUNDATION LEVEL**

# INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

### WEDNESDAY: 3 August 2022. Afternoon paper.

Time Allowed: 3 hours.

#### Answer any FIVE questions. ALL questions carry equal marks. Do NOT write anything on this paper.

#### **OUESTION ONE**

Suggest the ethical issues resulting from each of the following technological trends: (a)

|      | (i)     | Doubling of computing power every eighteen (18) months.                    | (2 marks)         |
|------|---------|--|-------------------|
|      | (ii)    | Rapidly declining data storage costs.                                      | (2 marks)         |
|      | (iii)   | Advances in networking and the internet.                                   | (2 marks)         |
| (b)  | Outline | e four characteristics of an open system.                                  | (4 marks)         |
| (c)  | Descri  | be five moral dimensions of information systems.                           | (5 marks)         |
| (d)  | Outline | e three measurers that you could include in your business continuity plan. | (3 marks)         |
| (e)  | Explai  | n the purpose of HLOOKUP as used in spreadsheet applications.              | (2 marks)         |
| OUES | TION T  | WO   | (Total: 20 marks) |
| -    |         | an annual in and, and differentiate between tasks leader is a surround di  |                   |

| (a) | Giving an example in each case, differentiate between technological convergence and digital | convergence as used in                  |
|-----|---|---|
|     | information technology communication.   | (4 marks)                               |
|     |   | × , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |
| (b) | XYZ Company Ltd. intends to develop an information system for its operations.               |   |

Outline three strategies that the board could put in place to ensure the success of this project. (3 marks)

(c) A manager in an entertaining industry intends to use data driven decision support system to design a new product.

|     | Outline | three characteristics that the system should possess.                        | (3 marks) |
|-----|---------|--|-----------|
| (d) | Sugges  | t how a business could overcome each of the following e-commerce challenges. |           |
|     | (i)     | Payment fraud.   | (2 marks) |

- (ii) Lack of visitors to the business website. (2 marks) (iii) Theft of customer information. (2 marks)
- Using an illustration, explain a pivot table as used in spreadsheet applications. (e) (Total: 20 marks)

# **QUESTION THREE**

- Formulate four questions that would enable you to conduct stakeholder analysis in system development. (4 marks) (a) (b) Explain the bookmark feature in the context of the internet browsing. (2 marks)
- (c) Identify the type of cell referencing used in the spreadsheet expressions below:
  - (i) =RANK(\$C\$3:\$A\$10,0) (1 mark) (ii) =SUM(A\$3 : A12) (1 mark) CA16 & CS16 Page 1

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(4 marks)

| (d)                | Differentiate between sorting and filtering as used in worksheet data management.   | (2 marks)                        |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| (e)                | Differentiate between proofreading and formatting a document as used in word processing.  | (2 marks)                        |
| (f)                | A comprehensive backup plan is an essential tool for information security for the entire organisation the data on the corporate servers be backed up, but individual computers used throughout the organisat backed up. | •                                |
|                    | With reference to the above statement, discuss three components of a good backup plan.  | (6 marks)                        |
| (g)                | Explain each of the following terms as used in internet:  |                                  |
|                    | (i) Cookies.  | (1 mark)                         |
|                    | (ii) Blog.  | (1 mark)<br>Total: 20 marks)     |
| OUES               | STION FOUR  |                                  |
| (a)                | Citing three reasons, explain the importance of requirements gathering in system development.   | (3 marks)                        |
| (b)                | Justify why an information system is considered as an intellectual property.  | (4 marks)                        |
| (c)                | Explain the following features of a presentation package:   |                                  |
|                    | (i) Transition effects.   | (1 mark)                         |
|                    | (ii) Speaker notes.   | (1 mark)                         |
|                    | (iii) Templates.  | (1 mark)                         |
| (d)                | The organisation where you work intends to set up a local area network.   |                                  |
|                    | Advise your management team on three hardware components required to accomplish the above task.   | (6 marks)                        |
| (e)                | Outline four factors that could be used when selecting the best software development methodology for  | a specific project.<br>(4 marks) |
|                    | (   | Total: 20 marks)                 |
| <b>QUES</b><br>(a) | STION FIVE<br>Explain six reasons that would cause an information system project to fail during the implementation st   | age. (6 marks)                   |
| (b)                | In each of the following, explain how a spreadsheet program is used:  |                                  |
|                    | (i) Accounting.   | (2 marks)                        |
|                    | (ii) Forecasting.   | (2 marks)                        |
| (c)                | Describe each of the following ethical issues in regard to computer technology:   |                                  |
|                    | (i) Trade marks.  | (2 marks)                        |
|                    | (ii) Patent rights.   | (2 marks)                        |
| (d)                | Most organisations align their information systems functions to their business strategic plan.  |                                  |
|                    | Explain three benefits of this alignment.   | (6 marks)<br>Total: 20 marks)    |

# **QUESTION SIX**

(a) An insurance company has decided that it no longer requires a physical Head Office. Its strategic aim is to become a virtual organisation. The company's auditors have concerns that information held by the virtual company would lack security.

#### **Required:**

Describe three measures that could be adopted to ensure the information in the insurance company remain secure. (6 marks)

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| (b)  | Highli          | ght three challenges of prosecuting ICT cases in court.  | (3 marks)                            |
|------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| (c)  | Explai          | n four application areas of cloud computing technology in a governance/accounting services firm.   | (4 marks)                            |
| (d)  | Identif         | fy five major management challenges to building and implementing information systems within ar   | organisation.<br>(5 marks)           |
| (e)  | Outlin          | e two limitations of a touch screen as an input device. (1   | (2 marks)<br><b>`otal: 20 marks)</b> |
| OUES | TION S          | EVEN   |                                      |
| (a)  | Explai          | In three legal issues involved when a person who is a resident in Kenya or your country wants t<br>d for sale in Japan via a server in Hungary. Assume he is doing online purchase through e-Comme | 1                                    |
| (b)  | John I<br>compu | Mbululu intends to implement cloud computing in his organisation but he has several conce<br>tting.  | rns about cloud                      |
|      | Sugge           | st three possible concerns for John Mbululu.   | (3 marks)                            |
| (c)  | One te          | chnique for gathering requirements during system development is the use of workshops.  |                                      |
|      | Discus          | ss two advantages and two disadvantages of using workshops for requirements gathering.   | (4 marks)                            |
| (d)  | (i)             | To minimise resistance during system changeover, it is always necessary to involve users.  |                                      |
|      |                 | Identify four different ways of involving users in the system development process.   | (4 marks)                            |
|      | (ii)            | Explain four approaches used in system changeover.   | (4 marks)                            |
|      | (iii)           | Explain the significance of an information centre in an organisation.  | (2 marks)<br>Sotal: 20 marks)        |
|      |                 |  |                                      |



# **CS FOUNDATION LEVEL**

# INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

| WEDN        | NESDA'                 | Y: 6 April 2022. Afternoon paper.  | Time Allowed: 3 hours.         |
|-------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Answe       | r any F                | IVE questions. ALL questions carry equal marks. Do NOT write anything on th                        | is paper.                      |
| QUES<br>(a) | <b>TION C</b><br>Expla | <b>NE</b><br>In five factors to consider when selecting a spreadsheet software.                    | (5 marks)                      |
| (b)         | Expla                  | in the following terms as applied to data security in e-commerce.                                  |                                |
|             | (i)                    | Privacy.   | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (ii)                   | Integrity.   | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (iii)                  | Authentication.  | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (iv)                   | Non-repudiation.   | (2 marks)                      |
| (c)         | (i)                    | Outline two advantages of a professional code of ethics.   | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (ii)                   | Highlight two drawbacks of a professional code of ethics.  | (2 marks)                      |
| (d)         | Exam                   | ine three impacts of the internet on the education sector.   | (3 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION T<br>ABC          | WO<br>Ltd. has opted to adopt a decision support system in the restructure of its business proc    | cesses.                        |
|             | Requi<br>(i)           | <b>red:</b><br>State three moral dimensions the company would consider from this move.             | (3 marks)                      |
|             | (ii)                   | Outline three legal issues the company is likely to consider from this move.                       | (3 marks)                      |
| (b)         | Outlir                 | e four possible causes of ICT project failure during system implementation.                        | (4 marks)                      |
| (c)         | (i)                    | Explain the term "requirement elicitation" in relation to software development.                    | (2 marks)                      |
|             | (ii)                   | Explain two "requirements Elicitation" techniques.   | (4 marks)                      |
| (d)         | Highl                  | ght four features of a word processing of application package.                                     | (4 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| QUES<br>(a) | TION T<br>Discu        | <b>HREE</b><br>ss six reasons why a computer operating system is considered as a resource manager. | (6 marks)                      |
| (b)         | It is p                | ossible to lose a laptop, a mobile phone or a flash disk.  |                                |
|             | Discu                  | ss four ways you could protect the data in your device to minimise data breach.                    | (8 marks)                      |
| (c)         | The T                  | angaza County Government intends to establish information centres.                                 |                                |
|             | Expla                  | in two services that are likely to be offered at the centres.                                      | (4 marks)                      |
| (d)         | State                  | wo challenges of using computerised accounting software in an organisation.                        | (2 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
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| QUES        | STION FOUR   |   |
|-------------|--|---|
| (a)         | Discuss the importance of information security policies.   | (5 marks)   |
| (b)         | Explain four reasons why an organisation may prefer to install a peer to peer networking model.  | (8 marks)   |
| (c)         | Outline seven indicators of a successful information system.   | (7 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)                        |
| QUES        | STION FIVE   |   |
| (a)         | (i) Explain the term "smart home" as used in the world of technology.  | (1 mark)  |
|             | (ii) Describe the importance of the "Internet of Things" in the smart home.  | (4 marks)   |
| (b)         | Explain three reasons why organisations pursue business process integration.   | (6 marks)   |
| (c)         | E-commerce customers should be able to find the product they are looking for quickly.  |   |
|             | Identify three best practice features for e-commerce websites.   | (3 marks)   |
| (d)         | Examine the significance of carrying out stakeholder analysis before undertaking an information  | on systems project.<br>(6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| QUES        | STION SIX  |   |
| (a)         | Discuss three benefits that are provided by mobile devices and applications for health care profession   | als. (6 marks)  |
| (b)         | (i) Explain the term "Uniform Resource Locator (URL)".   | (2 marks)   |
|             | (ii) Using an example, explain the functions of each of the three key parts of a URL.  | (6 marks)   |
| (c)         | Assess three benefits of data backup and recovery procedures in a business.  | (6 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)                        |
| QUES<br>(a) | <b>STION SEVEN</b><br>The Internet of Things (IoT) has grown very rapidly and emerged to be a large part of how communicate and conduct business. While web-enabled devices are turning our global rights into a operating area, the implementation of IoT has several challenges. |   |
|             | Discuss four security challenges that accompany IoT.   | (8 marks)   |
| (b)         | Identify four benefits of requirements gathering process in an information system development.   | (4 marks)   |
|             |  |   |

- (ii) For each of the identified challenges in (c) (i) above, suggest a suitable solution that businesses could use to deal with it. (3 marks)
- Summarise two common challenges encountered while using the system development life cycle (SDLC) model. (d) (2 marks) (Total: 20 marks)

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# **CS FOUNDATION LEVEL**

# INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

| FRID | AY: 17 I       | December 2021. Ti   | me Allowed: 3 hours.   |
|------|----------------|---|--|
| Answ | er any Fl      | IVE questions. AI   | L questions carry equal marks.                                     |
| QUES | STION O        | NE  |  |
| (a)  | (i)            | Distinguish between the "e-wallets" and "bank transfers" e-commerce payment                               | nt methods. (4 marks)  |
|      | (ii)           | In an era of identity theft and impersonation, security is among the primary from engaging in e-commerce. | concerns that restrains consumers                                  |
|      |                | With respect to the above statement, examine three critical functions that are transaction (SET) system.  | performed by a secure electronic (6 marks)                         |
| (b)  | (i)            | Explain five benefits of a strategic information system to a business.                                    | (5 marks)  |
|      | (ii)           | Highlight five benefits of aligning an organisation's information communi business strategy.              | cation technology (ICT) with its<br>(5 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |
| -    | STION T        |   | <i></i>  |
| (a)  | Discus         | ss "sales and marketing systems" from a functional perspective.   | (5 marks)  |
| (b)  | Explai         | n five moral dimensions of the information age in the context of information syst                         | tems. (5 marks)  |
| (c)  | Alpha          | Limited is in the process of automating its operations.   |  |
|      | State f        | our types of office automation systems that the company should adopt.                                     | (4 marks)  |
| (d)  | ABC (          | Company intends to undertake an information systems project.  |  |
|      | Outlin         | e three challenges that the company is likely to face.  | (3 marks)  |
| (e)  | Explai         | n three goals of a transaction processing system to an organisation.                                      | (3 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)                                     |
| -    | <b>STION T</b> |   |  |
| (a)  | (i)            | Outline three models used in classifying e-commerce applications.   | (3 marks)  |
|      | (ii)           | Explain two security challenges encountered in digital marketing of e-comme                               | rce. (4 marks)   |
| (b)  | Most c         | companies have embraced the use of cloud technology though they are facing cha                            | llenges in its use.  |
|      | Explai         | n three such challenges.  | (3 marks)  |
| (c)  | Define         | e each of the following terms as used in systems theory.  |  |
|      | (i)            | Functional decomposition.   | (2 marks)  |
|      | (ii)           | Functional cohesion.  | (2 marks)  |
|      | (iii)          | Feed-forward.   | (2 marks)  |
| (d)  | Descri         | be four features of systems approach to information systems.  | (4 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks)                                     |
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| QUES<br>(a) | TION FO<br>Highlig | DUR<br>ght four characteristics of Internet of Things (IoT).   | (4 marks)                        |
|-------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| (b)         | Propos             | e four duties of an information centre in an organisation.   | (4 marks)                        |
| (c)         | ABC T              | ransport company has opted to train its users before a new system is implemented.                      |                                  |
|             | Sugges             | t four benefits of training users before implementing a new information system.                        | (4 marks)                        |
| (d)         | Outline            | e four advantages of using joint application design (JAD) technique in the design of an information sy |                                  |
| (e)         | (i)                | Define "cell referencing" in the context of spreadsheet applications.                                  | (4 marks)<br>(2 marks)           |
|             | (ii)               | Using an example, explain one type of cell referencing. (Total   | (2 marks)<br><b>1: 20 marks)</b> |
| QUES        | TION FI            | VE   |                                  |
| (a)         | Descrit            | be five challenges associated with the use of internet.  | (5 marks)                        |
| (b)         | (i)                | Define the term "system" in the context of information systems.  | (1 mark)                         |
|             | (ii)               | Distinguish between "physical systems" and "abstract systems".   | (2 marks)                        |
| (c)         | (i)                | Describe the job of a Systems Analyst.   | (1 mark)                         |
|             | (ii)               | Outline five tasks performed by a Systems Analyst.   | (5 marks)                        |
|             |                    |  |                                  |

(d) Study the worksheet given below and answer the questions that follow:

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|-------------|--|
| A B C D     | . E F <b>G</b>   |
| 1 2 8 10 10 | 15 15  |
| 2           |  |

# Required:

|              | (i)  | Interpret the function displayed in cell G1.  | (2 marks)                      |  |  |
|--------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
|              | (ii)   | State the value to be displayed in cell G1 on execution of the function.                | (2 marks)                      |  |  |
| (e)          | Veronica would like to display the progress of her project to a panel of examiners using a presentation application. |   |                                |  |  |
|              | Outline  | two ways in which she could display her presentation in slide show mode.                | (2 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |  |  |
| QUEST<br>(a) | ION SIX  | the impact of the internet on the following competitive forces:                         |                                |  |  |
| (a)          | Lvaluau  | the impact of the internet on the following competitive forces.                         |                                |  |  |
|              | (i)  | Threat of new entrants.   | (2 marks)                      |  |  |
|              | (ii)   | Suppliers' bargaining power.  | (2 marks)                      |  |  |
|              | (iii)  | Customers' bargaining power.  | (2 marks)                      |  |  |
|              | (iv)   | Substitute products or services.  | (2 marks)                      |  |  |
| (b)          | Outline  | eight activities carried out during systems analysis.                                   | (8 marks)                      |  |  |
| (c)          | Using a  | n example, demonstrate how you would use a formula to link data between two worksheets. | (4 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |  |  |
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# **QUESTION SEVEN**

| (a) | Describe each of the following types of information systems as used in organisations:             |   |                                |  |
|-----|---|---|--------------------------------|--|
|     | (i)   | Transaction processing system.  | (2 marks)                      |  |
|     | (ii)  | Management reporting system.  | (2 marks)                      |  |
|     | (iii)   | Decision support system.  | (2 marks)                      |  |
| (b) | XYZ Company Ltd. intends to implement a new information system.                                   |   |                                |  |
|     | Explain   | three organisational factors that should be considered to ensure success of the system. | (6 marks)                      |  |
| (c) | Explain three types of applications of Internet of Things (IoT) in the government sector. (6 mark |   | (6 marks)                      |  |
| (d) | Outline   | two features of a word processing program.  | (2 marks)<br>(Total: 20 marks) |  |
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# CS FOUNDATION LEVEL

# PILOT PAPER

# INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

December 2021.

#### Answer any FIVE questions.

# Time Allowed: 3 hours.

ALL questions carry equal marks.

# **QUESTION ONE**

#### (a) Consider the following data that exists in a spreadsheet format:

|    | А       | В          | С              | D           | E        | F        |
|----|---------|------------|----------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 1  | ITEM NO | TITLE      | SUPPLIED       | COVER PRICE | DISCOUNT | EXTENDED |
| 2  | 1       | Shaka      | 65             | 679.00      | 135.8    |          |
| 3  | 2       | Science II | 550            | 110.00      | 22       |          |
| 4  | 3       | P Maths    | 800            | 160.00      | 32       |          |
| 5  | 4       | Our World  | 320            | 350.000     | 70       |          |
| 6  | 5       | Maths III  | 430            | 640.00      | 128      |          |
| 7  | 6       | History    | 755            | 395         | 79       |          |
| 8  | 7       | History II | 200            | 1500        | 300      |          |
| 9  | 8       | P History  | 490            | 900.00      | 180      |          |
| 10 | 9       | War IT     | 540            | 1150.0      | 230      |          |
| 11 | 10      | Daily Star | 7 <del>9</del> | 420.00      | 84       |          |
| 12 | 11      | The People | 60             | 750         | 150      |          |

## **Required:**

(c)

(d)

- (i) Explain how you would format the column "COVER PRICE" to display values on the right-hand side with two decimal places. (2 marks)
- (ii) The "DISCOUNT" column needs to be calculated to display 20% discount if the supplied item cost Sh. 650 or higher, and 15% discount if an item costs less than Sh. 650. Explain how to achieve this.

(2 marks)

- (iii) The "EXTENDED" column needs to contain the cost of the item purchases after the discounts have been calculated. Explain how to achieve this (2 marks)
- (b) By stating an example in each case, explain the following cloud computing models:

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|-------|--|--------------------------------|
| (III) | Shon.  | (Total: 20 marks)              |
| (iii) | Shell.   | (2 marks)                      |
| (ii)  | Internal fragmentation.  | (2 marks)                      |
| (i)   | Thread.  | (2 marks)                      |
| Expla | in the following terms as used in operating systems:                                 |                                |
| Discı | uss the process of handling an interrupt that occurs during the execution of a progr | ram. (4 marks)                 |
| (ii)  | SaaS.  | (2 marks)                      |
| (i)   | IaaS.  | (2 marks)                      |

# **QUESTION TWO**

Patrick Baraza is seeking to automate the operations of his restaurant. For this purpose, he wishes to acquire computer hardware and software. He has come to you for advise regarding several aspects of this acquisition.

# **Required:**

| (a)   | Explain why it would be advantageous for Patrick Baraza to build rather than buy the computer   |  |  |
|-------|---|--|--|
| (b)   | Distinguish between the following sets of terms as they are applied to computer hardware:   | (3 marks)                                    |  |
|       | (i) PATA (IDE) and SATA hard disk interfaces.   | (2 marks)                                    |  |
|       | (ii) On-board devices and peripheral devices.   | (2 marks)                                    |  |
| (c)   | Describe the function of any three input/output ports.  | (3 marks)                                    |  |
| (d)   | Discuss the factors that Baraza should consider before purchasing software.   | (5 marks)                                    |  |
| (e)   | Discuss why Patrick Baraza will need to secure his computer network. (To  | (5 marks)<br>tal: 20 marks)                  |  |
| -     | <b>FION THREE</b>   | (1 montra)                                   |  |
| (a)   | Discuss any four differences between first and second generation of programming languages.  | (4 marks)                                    |  |
| (b)   | Discuss three basic types of information systems.   | (6 marks)                                    |  |
| (c)   | Describe the challenges that organisations can face when implementing information systems.  | (5 marks)                                    |  |
| (d)   | List two internet service providers in your country and discuss the criteria that would be used appropriate one. (To  | to decide the<br>(5 marks)<br>tal: 20 marks) |  |
| QUEST | <b>FION FOUR</b>  |  |  |
| (a)   | Explain the five components of an information system.   | (5 marks)                                    |  |
| (b)   | Discuss the process of gathering requirements for the purpose of developing an information system. (5 marks)  |  |  |
| (c)   | As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, most organizations have deployed a work-from-home structure where employees exchange company communication and data over the Internet. Discuss the positive and negative impacts of this mode of working on organizations and their employees. (10 marks) (Total: 20 marks) |  |  |
|       | FION FIVE   |  |  |
| (a)   | Explain the required qualities of each of the following people in the development of computer s   |  |  |
|       | (i) System analyst.   | (4 marks)                                    |  |
|       | (ii) Systems designer.  | (4 marks)                                    |  |
| (b)   | Mobile applications have in the recent years become very common. With reference to this, explain the following:   |  |  |
|       | (i) Bluetooth.  | (2 marks)                                    |  |
|       | (ii) WIFI.  | (2 marks)                                    |  |
|       | (iii) VOIP.   | (2 marks)                                    |  |
| (c)   | Identify any four common problems the developers of mobile applications face.   | (4 marks)                                    |  |
| (d)   | List two mobile operating systems. (To  | (2 marks)<br>t <b>al: 20 marks</b> )         |  |

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# **QUESTION SIX**

(a) Jipambe Beauty and Cosmetics has been operating since year 2013 and have expanded their business operations to the major cities where they have a chain of stores along major streets. The business manager is considering extending the business to an e-commerce platform.

#### **Required:**

- (i) Explain the business opportunities that could arise as a result of implementing an e-commerce venture. (4 marks)
- (ii) Discuss the factors that Jipambe Beauty and Cosmetics could consider when designing an e-payment system.
  (5 marks)
- (iii) Describe any three e-governance models. (6 marks)
- (b) Discuss any five ethical principles for judging conduct that could be used in conjunction with an ethical analysis in the use of ICT.
  (5 marks)
  (Total: 20 marks)

#### **QUESTION SEVEN** Discuss FOUR purposes of maintaining a backup in an organisation. (a) (4 marks) (b) Explain the following types of backups: (i) Full backup (2 marks) (ii) Incremental backup (2 marks) (iii) Differential backup. (2 marks) (c) Discuss four roles of accounting information systems to organisations. (4 marks) (d) Explain the following computer data terms: (2 marks) (i) Byte. (ii) File. (2 marks) (iii) Database. (2 marks) (Total: 20 marks)

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