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### Question 1

- address (bus)
- control (bus)
- data (bus)

**Marks:** 3

### Question 2

2 marks for each type of storage

**Primary storage**
- RAM
- ROM

**Secondary storage**
- hard disk drive (HDD)
- solid state drive (SSD)

**Off-line storage e.g.**
- CD
- DVD
- Blu-ray
- Flash memory // USB storage
- removable / external / portable hard disk drive (HDD/SSD)
- SD card

**Marks:** 6

### Question 3

1 mark for each correct line to a max of 4 marks.
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<td>Two marks for each correct description</td>
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**Parity Check**
- Checks a byte of data
- Check is performed when data is received
- A parity bit is added (to the parity byte)
- Counts / checks number of 1’s // counts / checks to see if 1’s are even / counts / checks to see if 1’s are odd
- Can be even or odd
- If parity is incorrect, error is detected

**Check digit**
- A digit that is calculated from the data // uses modulo to calculate digit // valid description of modulo
- It is appended / added to the data
- Digit is recalculated when data is entered
- Digits are compared to check for error

**Checksum**
- A value is calculated from the data // Valid description of calculation
- It is transmitted with the data
- Value is recalculated after transmission
- Values are compared after transmission to check for error

**Automatic Repeat reQuest**
- Uses acknowledgement / request and time-out
- Error control protocol
- Check performed on receiving data // error is detected by e.g. parity check, check sum
- If error detected, request is sent to resend data // negative acknowledgement is used
- Resend request is repeated till data is sent correctly / requests time out / limit is reached
- Send acknowledgement that data is received // positive acknowledgement is used
- If acknowledgement not received in set time data is resent
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<td>1 mark for correct method, 1 mark for correct answer</td>
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|          | $32 + 16 + 8 + 1$  
|          | (00)111001 | |
| 5(b)     | registers must have leading zeros, allow follow through from 5(a) for an incorrect value  
|          | 1 mark for each correct register. | 2 |
|          | 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 | |
|          | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 | |
| 5(c)     | Two from: | 2 |
|          | • data  
|          | • ASCII value / Unicode value / character  
|          | • number  
|          | • part of image / small image  
|          | • a sound / sound sample / small sound track  
|          | • instruction | |
| 5(d)     | 3A | 1 |

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<td>1 mark for correct name of code, up to a further 3 marks for appropriate explanation</td>
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<td>• Barcode is captured / scanned / imaged, by a camera / scanner / barcode reader / QR code reader</td>
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|          | • Read using a laser  
|          | • Processed by an app  
|          | • Light is reflected back  
|          | • Black squares reflect less light than white squares  
|          | • Modules are used for orientation / alignment  
<p>|          | • Squares / data are decoded | |</p>
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(Direction of data is) one way only // unidirectional

(Direction of data is both ways) at same time / simultaneously / concurrently

(Direction of data is both ways) but at different times / not at the same time / not simultaneously / not concurrently
### Question 7(b)

1 mark each use, must be different.

**Example:**
- **Simplex** e.g.:
  - Microphone to computer
  - Sensor to computer
  - Computer to printer
  - Computer to speaker
  - Computer to monitor
  - Webcam to computer
  - Sending data to a device // sending data from a device

- **Duplex** e.g.:
  - Telephone call
  - Voice over IP
  - Computer to printer (only award once)
  - Instant messaging
  - Broadband connections
  - Video conferencing
  - Sending data to and from devices e.g. wireless technology

### Question 7(c)

2 marks for IC, 2 marks for USB

**IC**
- parallel transmission // description of parallel
- for sending data internally

**USB**
- serial transmission // description of serial
- for sending data externally (to and from peripherals / between devices)

### Question 8(a)

2 marks for SSL, 2 marks for Firewall

**SSL protocol**
Two from:
- uses encryption
- encryption is asymmetric / symmetric / both
- makes use of (public and private) keys
- data is meaningless (without decryption key / if intercepted)

**Firewall**
Two from:
- helps prevent unauthorised access // helps prevent hacking
- checks that data meets criteria // identifies when data does not meet criteria
- acts as a filter for (incoming and outgoing) data // blocks any unacceptable data // allows acceptable data through
### Question 8(b)

**Six from:**

- Encrypt the data …
  - … so it cannot be understood by those not entitled to view it
- Password protected / biometrics …
  - … to help prevent unauthorised access
- Virus checking software …
  - … helps prevent data corruption or deletion
  - … identifies / removes a virus in the system
  - … scans a system for viruses
- Spyware checking software …
  - … helps prevent data being stolen/copied/logged
  - … scans a system for spyware
- Drop-down input methods / selectable features …
  - … to reduce risk of spyware / keylogging
- Physical method e.g. locked doors / CCTV timeout / auto log off
  - … to help prevent unauthorised access
- Network / company policies // training employees
  - … to educate users how to be vigilant
- Access rights …
  - … allows users access to data that they have permission to view
  - … prevents users from accessing data that they do not have permission to view

**Marks:** 6

### Question 9

**Six from:**

- temperature sensor
- analogue data / temperature is converted to digital data (with an ADC)
- sensor sends signal to the microprocessor
- microprocessor compares input values with stored values/pre-set values …
  - … if the temperature value input is too high/low …
  - … a signal is sent from the microprocessor to turn on / off / up / down the cooling unit
  - … if temperature matches the stored values …
  - … no action is taken
- an actuator is used to turn the cooling unit on / off / up / down
- the process is a continuous loop

**Marks:** 6
### Question 10(a)

1 mark for each correct gate, with the correct input(s)

![Diagram](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

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### Question 10(b)

4 marks for 8 correct outputs
3 marks for 6 or 7 correct outputs
2 marks for 4 or 5 correct outputs
1 mark for 2 or 3 correct outputs

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<td>a web browser is used</td>
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<td>user enters the URL / web address (into the address bar) // clicks a link containing the web address // clicks an element of the webpage</td>
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<td>the URL / web address specifies the protocol</td>
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<td>protocols used are Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) / Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS)</td>
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<td>the URL / web address contains the domain name</td>
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<td>the Internet Service Provider (ISP) looks up the IP address of the company</td>
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<td>the domain name is used to look up the IP address of the company</td>
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<td>the domain name server (DNS) stores an index of domain names and IP addresses</td>
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<td>web browser sends a request to the web server / IP address</td>
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<td>Data for the website is stored on the company’s web server</td>
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<td>web server sends the data for the website back to the web browser</td>
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<td>web server uses the customer’s IP address to return the data</td>
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<td>the data is transferred into Hyper Text Mark-up Language (HTML)</td>
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<td>HTML is interpreted by the web browser (to display the website)</td>
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