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ETHICAL, LEGAL, CULTURAL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS OF DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGY
TOPIC WISE EXAM QUESTIONS

ANSWERS



2023

5	d	I	1 mark each: e.g. Authors can earn moneyby selling for a fee // using licences to stop unauthorised use No-one can see the codeusers cannot edit/change the software // by example inserting malwareso it cannot be copied/resold/shared More control over intellectual property // by example e.g. restrict users, restrict what can be done with the software without permission	4	Benefit is to artist and programmer – not user. Mark the answer as a whole. Do not award reference to ownership/copyright because both allow copyright of the code/program.
5	d	II	1 mark for point, 1 for expansion: e.g. Users can view/edit the (source) code // Users can edit the program/softwareto tailor/improve/adapt it to do what they need/wantso errors can be fixed (by anyone)users can learn how the software works Freely accessibledo not have to paycan redistributewith changes	2	Benefit to users not artist and programmer
6			Mark Band 3–High Level (6-8 marks) The candidate demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of a wide range of considerations in relation to the question; the material is generally accurate and detailed. The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly and consistently to the context provided. Evidence/examples will be explicitly relevant to the explanation. The candidate is able to weigh up both sides of the discussion and includes reference to the impact on all areas showing thorough recognition of influencing factors. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Mark Band 2-Mid Level (3-5 marks) The candidate demonstrates reasonable knowledge and understanding of a range of considerations in relation to the question; the material is generally accurate but at times underdeveloped.		The following is indicative of possible factors/evidence that candidates may refer to but is not prescriptive or exhaustive: Indicative Content: Some points may cover more than one 'issue'. Legal issues: DPA needs to be followed or company could be fined e.g. Customers informed the system is used Data held for specified

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	The candidate is able to apply their knowledge and understanding directly to the context provided although one or two opportunities are missed. Evidence/examples are for the most part implicitly relevant to the explanation. The candidate makes a reasonable attempt to discuss the impact and most are showing reasonable recognition of influencing factors. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence. Mark Band 1-Low Level (1-2 marks) The candidate demonstrates a basic knowledge of considerations with limited understanding shown; the material is basic and contains some inaccuracies. The candidate makes a limited attempt to apply acquired knowledge and understanding to the context provided. The candidate provides nothing more than an unsupported assertion. The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear. O marks No attempt to answer the question or response is not worthy of credit	time/reasons Data kept secure Centre is private property so customers can choose not to enter Can be used to identify people committing crimes e.g. theft, used as evidence, make sure the correct people are caught. Ethical issues: Users feel safer because they know any actions are being monitored and help/action will be taken if needed If users have not done anything then there is no reason to be tracked/recorded so should not impact them Users feels unsafe because they are being watched Users may be unaware they are being recorded - need to be informed, give consent Users do not know where the videos/data about them and their
		movements is stored/how it is used - DPA reference Privacy issues:
		Users may feel it is an
		 Users may feel it is an invasion of privacy Users are in a public place and can be legally recorded by anyone anyway Users may feel like they are being watched all the time Users have not given their permission to be tracked Users may not know the system exists

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		Event	The Data Protection Act (2018)	Computer Misuse Act (1990)	Copyright Designs and Patents Act (1988)	
		A company transmits personal data to another company without the individual's permission	_			
		A school publishes their student's addresses on the school website.	~			
		The interface for a piece of software is replicated by a rival company			~	
		A user leaves a computer logged on and another person leaves them a message on their desktop		~		
		A student guesses their teacher's password and accessing computer account		~		

SAMPLE

10	0	d	Action	Data Protection Act 1998	Computer Misuse Act 1990	Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988	6 (AO1 1b)	1 mark for each tick in the correct box. 0 marks for a row with more than one
			Using a picture for the law company's new logo without the original creator's	1998	1990	✓		tick.
			permission A secretary accessing a lawyer's personal email account without permission		~			
			Making a copy of the latest Hollywood blockbuster movie and sharing it with a client			~		
			Storing customer data insecurely	✓				
			A lawyer installing a key logger on the secretary's computer		✓			
			Selling client's personal data to a marketing company without their permission	✓				
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0 marks
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and Asia)

- Toxic waste released into land, ground water, air (in this country and/or abroad, e.g. Africa and Asia)
- Waste of resources
- Precious metals in phones

Ethical issues

- Contributes to ill health
- Contributes to the digital divide
- Contributes to social divide
- Problem of confidential data stored on the devices
- Puts social pressure on parents to pay for their children to upgrade
- Puts social pressure on the public to upgrade
- Can lead to bullying of those who cannot afford the latest technology
- Phone manufacturers intentionally designing fragile phones so they need to be replaced more often
- High cost of new devices.

2021

2	С	benefit e.g. other people can improve the program drawback e.g. cannot charge a fee // other people can use her code	2	Need to be benefit/drawback to developer
3	a	1 mark per bullet to max 2 e.g. • old devices may just be thrown •increasing pollution / e-waste •that will not degrade • new equipment uses up natural resources • new equipment increases distribution pollution • new devices may run more efficiently • other people can use the old ones second hand instead of more resources being used	2	
3	b	mark per bullet to max 2 e.g. people may feel their devices are out-of-date increased cost social pressure to keep up-to-date increase digital divide more second hand become available for people who cannot afford new technology Increase employment where the devices are being built	2	
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8		mark for each Copyright Designs and Patents Act Computer Misuse Act Freedom of Information Act Computer Misuse Act Data Protection Act // GDPR	5	Allow minor errors in names

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Mark Band 3-High Level (6-8 marks)

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Mark Band 2-Mid Level

(3-5 marks)

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Indicative Content: Ethical

Replacing people with machines

- Loss of jobs
- Community will suffer
- Work will be completed faster
- May find a cure faster
- More reliable calculations
- Save more lives

Legal

- More secure than people seeing personal data
- May be at risk if not backed up
- May be at risk of threats e.g. hackers
- Who is responsible if there is an error

Cultural

- Removal of people from workforce
- Change in demand for skills
- Need people to manage the hardware/software instead of medical expertise
- Skills may be lost

2019

6	a 1 mark per bullet Benefits of not providing physical copies e.g. • Less/no plastic/paper/raw materials used in manufacture // no need for packaging // less waste • Less electrical power needed to manufacture • No petrol used to distribute/collect •smaller carbon footprint • Fewer disks need to be manufactured • Fewer factory emissions // less pollution • Old versions will be thrown away Drawbacks of still creating a physical copy (sold online) e.g. • Plastic/paper are used in manufacture • Increase in waste • Old versions will be thrown away • Uses petrol / creates emissions to distribute				Could be read as still physically creating but not putting in shops. Do not accept more use of computers/electricity to download.
6			2 AO2 1b(2)	Accept in reverse for why open source is not	
	Protects/copyrights her source code so it can't be copied/modified/redistributed			appropriate, but do not award same MP twice	

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