

Hardware – 2020 O Level 2210

1.

An image of a smartphone is shown.



(a) Identify **one** input device that is part of the smartphone.

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(b) Identify **two** output devices that are part of the smartphone.

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[2]

(c) All smartphones have a MAC address.

(i) State what is meant by the term MAC address.

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(ii) Describe the structure of a MAC address.

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(d) A smartphone needs both RAM and ROM.

State why a smartphone needs RAM and ROM.

RAM

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ROM

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[2]

(e) Modern smartphones can be secured with a biometric system that is built into the phone.

(i) Identify **two** biometric systems that would be suitable for securing a smartphone.

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(ii) Explain why modern smartphones are secured with a biometric system.

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2. June/2020//Paper_11/No.2

Consider the logic statement:

$$X = (((A \text{ NAND } B) \text{ OR } (B \text{ XOR } C)) \text{ AND NOT } C)$$

(a) Draw a logic circuit to match the given logic statement.

All logic gates must have a maximum of **two** inputs. Do **not** attempt to simplify the logic statement.



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(b) Complete the truth table to represent the given logic statement.

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

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3. June/2020//Paper_11/No.5

Six components of a computer are given.

Some are part of the central processing unit (CPU) of the Von Neumann model for a computer system.

Tick (✓) to show if each component is a **CPU component** or is **Not a CPU component**.

Component	CPU component (✓)	Not a CPU component (✓)
Arithmetic logic unit (ALU)		
Hard disk drive (HDD)		
Memory address register (MAR)		
Random access memory (RAM)		
Solid state drive (SSD)		
Control unit (CU)		

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4. June/2020//Paper_11/No.6

Four scenarios are given.

Identify the most suitable sensor for each scenario.

A **different** sensor must be used for each scenario.

Sensor	Scenario
	Detecting when a person is approaching an automatic door system
	Monitoring the pollution level in a river
	Checking if a tropical aquarium is 25 degrees Celsius
	Counting the number of cars that cross a bridge

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5. June/2020//Paper_11/No.8

Benny is a photographer and prints his photos using an inkjet printer.

(a) Benny is printing some photos and the paper gets jammed in the printer.

A signal is sent to alert the computer about the paper jam.

State the name of this type of signal.

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(b) Identify **one** benefit and **two** drawbacks of Benny using an inkjet printer, instead of a laser printer, to print his photos.

Benefit

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Drawback 1

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Drawback 2

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[3]

(c) **Four** statements are given about printers.

Tick (✓) to show whether the statement applies to an **Inkjet** printer or a **Laser** printer.

Statement	Inkjet (✓)	Laser (✓)
Uses a rotating drum to transfer the image to the paper		
Uses powdered toner		
Uses nozzles to spray droplets on to the paper		
Uses a print head mechanism that moves side to side		

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6. June/2020//Paper_12/No.1

A Von Neumann model for a computer system has a central processing unit (CPU) that makes use of registers.

(a) Identify **three** registers that may be used.

Register 1

Register 2

Register 3

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(b) The CPU is responsible for processing instructions.

One stage of processing instructions is the decode stage.

(i) Identify the **two other** stages of processing instructions.

Stage 1

Stage 2

[2]

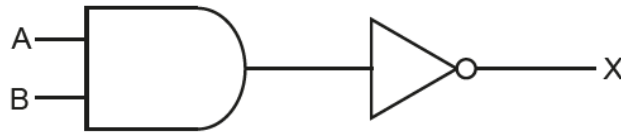
(ii) Identify the component of the CPU that is responsible for decoding instructions.

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7. June/2020//Paper_12/No.4

(a) Identify the name **and** draw the **single** logic gate that can replace the given logic circuits.

(i)



Name of gate:

Drawing of gate:



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(ii)



Name of gate:

Drawing of gate:



[2]

(b) Complete the truth table for the given logic statement:

$$X = (((A \text{ OR } C) \text{ AND } (\text{NOT } A \text{ AND } \text{NOT } C)) \text{ XOR } B)$$

A	B	C	Working space	X
0	0	0		
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1	0	1		
1	1	0		
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8. June/2020//Paper_12/No.6

Six statements are given about touch screen technology.

Tick (✓) to show if the statement applies to **Capacitive** or **Resistive** touch screen technology.

Statement	Capacitive (✓)	Resistive (✓)
Needs pressure to be applied to create a circuit		
May not register a touch if the user is wearing gloves		
More commonly used in smartphones		
More responsive to a touch		
Needs an electrical field to be changed to register a touch		
Cheaper to manufacture		

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9. June/2020//Paper_12/No.9

(a) Six statements are given about storage devices.

Tick (✓) to show if the statement applies to hard disk drive (**HDD**) storage or solid state drive (**SSD**) storage.

Some statements can apply to both.

Statement	HDD (✓)	SSD (✓)
It has a limited number of read/write cycles		
It uses magnetic properties to store data		
It has moving parts		
It is non-volatile storage		
It can be used as an external storage device to back up data		
It uses flash memory to store data		

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(b) Optical storage is another type of storage.

Give **two** examples of optical storage.

Example 1

Example 2

[2]

10. Nov/2020//Paper_12/No.3b,c

Alessandro has some important data stored on his computer.

He is concerned about accidental damage to his data.

(a) (i) Identify **three** ways that the data could be accidentally damaged.

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(ii) State what Alessandro could do to make sure that he can retrieve his data if it is accidentally damaged.

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(b) Alessandro uses an SSD to store his data.

Describe what is meant by an SSD and how it operates to store data.

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(c) Alessandro also uses off-line storage to store his data.

Three examples of off-line storage are Blu-ray, CD and DVD.

Six statements are given about off-line storage.

Tick (✓) to show if each statement applies to **Blu-ray**, **CD**, or **DVD**.

Some statements apply to more than one example of off-line storage.

Statement	Blu-ray (✓)	CD (✓)	DVD (✓)
A type of optical storage			
Has the largest storage capacity			
Can be dual layer			
Read using a red laser			
Has the smallest storage capacity			
Stores data in a spiral track			

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11. Nov/2020//Paper_12/No.4

Consider the logic statement:

$$X = (((A \text{ NAND } B) \text{ NOR } (B \text{ AND } C)) \text{ OR } C)$$

(a) Draw a logic circuit to match the given logic statement.

All logic gates must have a maximum of **two** inputs. Do **not** attempt to simplify the logic statement.



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(b) Complete the truth table for the given logic statement.

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12. Nov/2020//Paper_12/No.5

Tammy is buying a new computer that has an LED display.

(a) **Five** statements about LED displays are given.

Tick (✓) to show if each statement is **True** or **False**.

Statement	True (✓)	False (✓)
It is a flat panel display		
It creates images using red, green and blue diodes		
It is not very energy efficient and gives off heat		
It can be used in mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets		
It is a front-lit display		

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(b) Tammy connects the computer to her home network. The computer has a MAC address and an IP address.

A paragraph is given about MAC addresses and IP addresses.

Complete the paragraph using the list of terms given. Not all terms need to be used.

- compiled
- computer
- control
- dynamic
- identify
- packet
- principal
- protocol
- similar
- unique

A MAC address is a media access address.

A network device has a MAC address that can help the device in the network. An IP address is an Internet address. An IP address can be static or

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(c) Tammy uses a browser when accessing the Internet.

Describe the role of the browser.

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