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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Paper 1 Theory

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1 hour 45 minutes

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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 70.
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- 1 Utility software is needed to maintain a computer system.

Explain why each of the following tasks is needed and how utility software performs each task:

(a) disk formatting

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(b) data compression

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(c) disk defragmentation

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2 Describe the following characteristics of mainframe computers:

(a) volume of input, output and throughput

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(b) security

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(a) Describe the following database relationships:

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(b) Describe how a many-to-many relationship could be created in a database.

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5 A scientist is going to use direct and indirect data sources to study the effects pollution is having on farmland.

(a) Explain what is meant by direct data sources. Your answer must include examples linked to the scenario.

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(b) Explain what is meant by indirect data sources. Your answer must include examples linked to the scenario.

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6 Explain the need for both validation and verification to ensure data is accurate.

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- 8 (a) Describe the purpose of **three** sensors that are needed in a microprocessor-controlled burglar alarm system.

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- (b) Explain how a microprocessor-controlled burglar alarm system works.

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11 Describe the effects of the different methods of compression on audio quality.

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