

Computer Studies SG V1

QUESTION 1

We emphasize each year that there is a special way in which this question needs to be answered. Candidates still leave blank spaces or tick two blocks. They must be taught the method of elimination and the best way in which to approach this question

QUESTION 2

This question has mostly to do with definitions. Candidates had not learned the proper definitions. They must also be taught that you cannot have two of the same letters on the answer sheet.

QUESTION 3

- 3.1 Candidates do not understand the difference between primary and secondary memory. Teachers must ensure that candidates know the devices or parts of the computer, as well as what they are used for. Computer components cannot be referred to as “things”.
- 3.2 Correct terminology must be used for devices.
- 3.3 Candidates knew that the card has heat sinks and a fan, but they did not always know the purpose of each part.
- 3.4 A poorly answered question. It appeared that the functions of the CPU were not covered.
- 3.5 Candidates did not know the definition of “hot swopping”.

QUESTION 4

- 4.1 The way in which these questions was asked made it easier for the candidates to answer them. Functions of the operating system must be explained and understood properly.
- 4.2 Candidates could not distinguish between operating software and application software.
- 4.3 Multitasking was confused with what humans can do, whereas it refers to what computers can do.
- 4.4 A very poorly answered question. Some candidates left out this question, which involved merely having to state whether the statement was true or false.

QUESTION 5

5.1-5.2.3

The candidates did not read the scenario and they confused the role of a network administrator with that of a normal worker on a computer.

- 5.3 It appeared that the unbounded media section was not taught properly at most centres and candidates did not use the correct terminology.
- 5.4 Candidates lost marks because they did not read the question properly. They gave only the acronym and not the meaning of it.
- 5.5 Again, candidates did not use the correct terminology.

QUESTION 6

This was the most poorly answered question of all. It seems that teachers did not cover this section of the work, or else they have not kept up with the latest trends.