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Answer **ALL** questions in the space provided.

Scenario

- 'Gaming Guru' is a gaming company.
- Although new, the company is steadily attracting clients.

Question 1

K-1 (4 marks)

- The directors of 'Gaming Guru' emphasise the importance of Health and Safety.
- Hence, they try to reduce the number of hazards present at the company's premises.

a) Identify the **TWO** hazards shown in the images below.

	Image	Hazard
i.	 (Source: https://www.istockphoto.com/)	(0.5)
ii.	 (Source: helptohealthchiropractic.co.uk)	(0.5)

b) List **ONE** risk for each hazard mentioned in Question 1a.

Risk from Hazard 1: _____ (0.5)

Risk from Hazard 2: _____ (0.5)

c) Outline **ONE** possible precaution which might be taken to minimise each of the risks listed in Question 1b.

Precaution for Risk 1: _____

_____ (1)

Precaution for Risk 2: _____

_____ (1)

Question 2

K-3 (4 marks)

'Gaming Guru' has just bought new computer systems for all its employees.

a) List **FOUR** different types of computer systems, except for laptop and desktop computer.

Computer System 1: _____ (0.25)

Computer System 2: _____ (0.25)

Computer System 3: _____ (0.25)

Computer System 4: _____ (0.25)

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- b) • One of the employees of 'Gaming Guru' is blind.
 • He is still capable of writing computer programs by using special computer hardware.
 • He then listens to the code which he has typed down.

From the box below, select an appropriate input and output device for this employee.

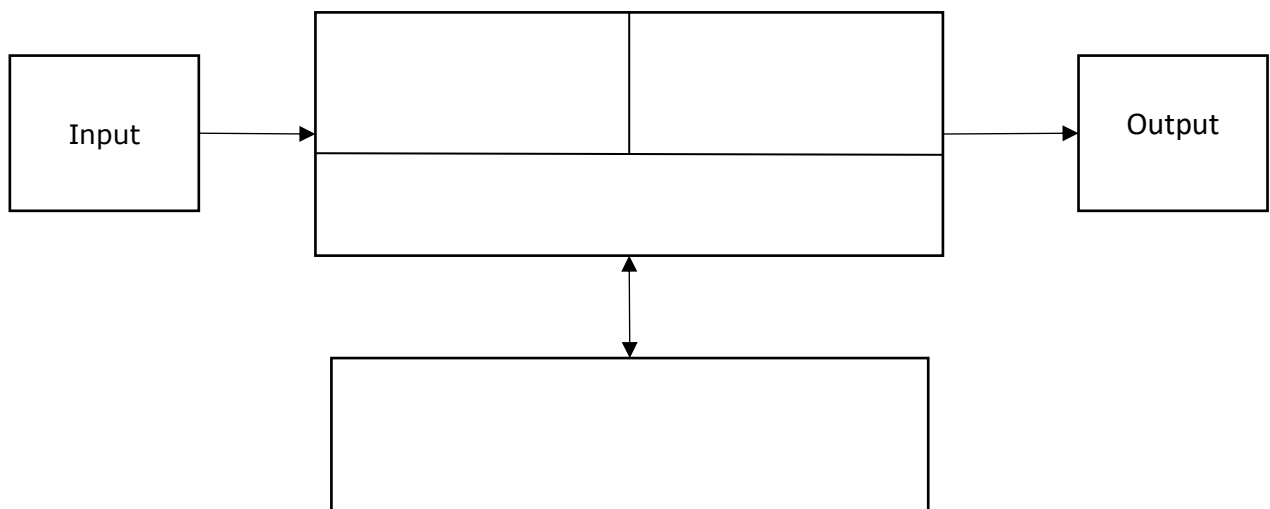
Trackball, Scanner, Braille keyboard, Barcode reader, Monitor, Projector,
 3D-scanner, Headphones, Keyboard

Input Device: _____ (0.5)

Output Device: _____ (0.5)

- c) • 'Gaming Guru' has employed some student workers.
 • One of the employees needs to show these student workers how data flows in a computer system.

Complete the following data flow diagram by filling in the empty blocks using appropriate words:



(2)

Question 3

C-2 (6 marks)

- a) • The directors of 'Gaming Guru' have given a laptop to some of their employees.
 • This computer system will be used both when working on premises as well as offsite.
 • It will be used mostly for programming new applications as well as sending emails.
 • The laptops shown in Table 1 were considered.

Table 1: Laptop Specifications

	Laptop A	Laptop B
Display	15.6"	15.6"
Processor speed	3.2 GHz	3.5 GHz
Cost	€1110	€1025

Justify why Laptop B was chosen rather than Laptop A in terms of speed and cost:

i. Speed: _____

 _____ (1)

ii. Cost: _____

 _____ (1)

- b) • A graphics tablet and a 2D-Printer were bought to be used by graphics designers.
 • They will be using them on their laptop to create images and logos.

i. Graphics Tablet B was bought. Justify this choice with respect to specifications and cost.

Table 2: Graphics Tablet Specifications

	Graphics Tablet A	Graphics Tablet B
Active area	152 x 95 mm	311 x 216 mm
Resolution	2540 lpi	5080 lpi
Pressure sensitivity	4096 levels	8192 levels
Cost	€130	€450

Justification in terms of specifications: _____

 _____ (0.5)

Justification in terms of cost: _____

 _____ (0.5)

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- ii. Printer B was also bought. Justify this choice with respect to connectivity and after-sales service.

Table 3: Printer Specifications

	Printer A	Printer B
Type	Inkjet	Laser
Colour output	Colour	Colour
Connectivity	USB	Wi-Fi, USB, Ethernet
Warranty	1 year	2 years

Justification in terms of connectivity: _____

_____ (0.5)

Justification in terms of after-sales service: _____

_____ (0.5)

- c)
 - The company backs up all its data on external Solid-State Drives (SSD).
 - Employees who had previous experience working in other companies stated that in their previous workplace, DVDs were used for backing purposes.

Justify why external Solid-State Drives are more appropriate than DVDs in terms of capacity and longevity of device.

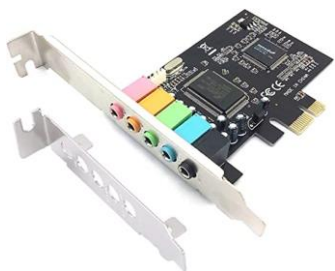
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Question 4**K-4 (4 marks)**

The directors of 'Gaming Guru' are considering upgrading the desktop computer used by the receptionist.

a) Label the following **FOUR** internal components.

	Image	Internal Hardware Component Name
i.	 (Source: https://www.amazon.com)	(0.25)
ii.	 (Source: https://ricondizionatoonline.com)	(0.25)
iii.	 (Source: https://en.wikipedia.org)	(0.25)
iv.	 (Source: https://www.technologyuk.net)	(0.25)

b) List **FOUR** reasons why a computer upgrade may be required.

Reason 1: _____
_____ (0.25)

Reason 2: _____
_____ (0.25)

Reason 3: _____
_____ (0.25)

Reason 4: _____
_____ (0.25)

c) Outline **TWO** implications related to computer upgrades.

_____ (2)

Question 5

K-6 (4 marks)

Some employees tried to install new internal hardware components on the receptionist's desktop computer, but the installation was unsuccessful.

a) List **TWO** issues which can cause a hardware installation to be unsuccessful.

Issue 1: _____ (0.5)

Issue 2: _____ (0.5)

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b) State **ONE** way which can be used to confirm each issue listed in Question 5a.

Way to confirm issue 1: _____
 _____ (0.5)

Way to confirm issue 2: _____
 _____ (0.5)

c) Outline **ONE** possible solution to solve each of the **TWO** issues listed in Question 5a.

 _____ (2)

Question 6

K-8 (4 marks)

It is important to write a documentation when installing internal hardware components.

a) Name **TWO** sections which form part of a Replacement/Installation/Upgrade (RIU) documentation apart from 'Reason for the RIU' and 'Solution Proposed'.

Section 1: _____ (0.5)

Section 2: _____ (0.5)

b) Outline the content of the **TWO** sections you named in Question 6a.

Content of section 1: _____

 _____ (0.5)

Content of section 2: _____

 _____ (0.5)

c) Describe **TWO** reasons why it is important to document the Replacement/Installation/Upgrade (RIU) of computer hardware.

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Question 7

K-9 (4 marks)

The directors of 'Gaming Guru' know that every installed product, being hardware or software, needs to be registered.

a) Define the term 'product registration'.

(1)

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b) Identify **TWO** methods used for registering products from the ones provided below:

via USB	online	by post	by a photo
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Method 1: _____ (0.5)

Method 2: _____ (0.5)

c) List **FOUR** advantages of product registration.

Question 8

K-10 (4 marks)

- 'Gaming Guru' emphasises the importance of carrying out regular computer maintenance.
- Some of the employees think that this is not beneficial.

a) State **TWO** reasons why computer maintenance is important.

Reason 1: _____ (0.5)

Reason 2: _____ (0.5)

b) Most employees have only heard about corrective and perfective maintenance. List **TWO** other types of computer maintenance.

Type of maintenance 1: _____ (0.5)

Type of maintenance 2: _____ (0.5)

c) Define the **TWO** types of computer maintenance you listed in Question 8b.

(2)

Question 9

C-5 (6 marks)

The type of computer maintenance that needs to be done on a computer system depends on the particular situation.

a) Situation 1: The management wants to make sure that no data is lost.

i. Identify the appropriate type of computer maintenance that should be used for this situation.

(1)

ii. Justify why you chose this type of computer maintenance.

(1)

iii. Explain the approach required to carry out this computer maintenance.

(1)

b) Situation 2: The primary hard disk drive of one of the laptops is not working.

- i. Identify the appropriate type of computer maintenance that should be used for this situation.

_____ (1)

- ii. Justify why you chose this type of computer maintenance.

_____ (1)

- iii. Explain the approach required to carry out this computer maintenance.

_____ (1)

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