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1 (i) B 8 [1]

(ii) 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 [1]

(iii)

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|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 114 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| – 93 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

[2]

2 (a) (i) Any **one** from:

- amplitude of sound wave taken at different points in time
- measurement of value of analogue signal at regular time intervals/a point in time [1]

(ii) Any **one** from:

- bit depth/sampling resolution sufficient for good quality sound
- higher bit depth/sampling resolution would mean bigger files
- ...hence less (music) content on each CD
- can represent dynamic range of about 90 dB
- 90 dB is basically the maximum dynamic range of human hearing
- compromise between quality and reasonable file size [1]

(iii) Any **two** from:

- resolution is the number of distinct values available to encode/represent each sample
- specified by the number of bits used to store/record each sample
- sometimes referred to as bit depth
- the higher the sampling resolution, the smaller the quantization error
- a higher sampling resolution results in less distortion of the sound
- usually 8 bit, 16 bit, 24 bit or 32 bit [2]

(iv) **1 mark** for benefit and **1 mark** for drawback.

benefit

- allows for larger dynamic ranges
- ...as dynamic range is approximately six times the bit depth
- more accurate representation/crisper sound quality

drawback

- bigger files/occupies more memory/storage
- longer to transmit data/download music
- greater processing power needed [2]

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(b) Any **two** from:

- edit start time, stop time and duration of any sound/timeline
- extract/delete/save part of a clip
- frequency, amplitude, pitch alteration
- fade in/out of a clip
- mix/merge multiple sound sources/tracks
- combine different sources at various volume levels
- pan between tracks/channels
- use of filters
- playback to speakers, processors or recording medium
- conversion between different audio file formats
- etc...

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(c) Any **three** from:

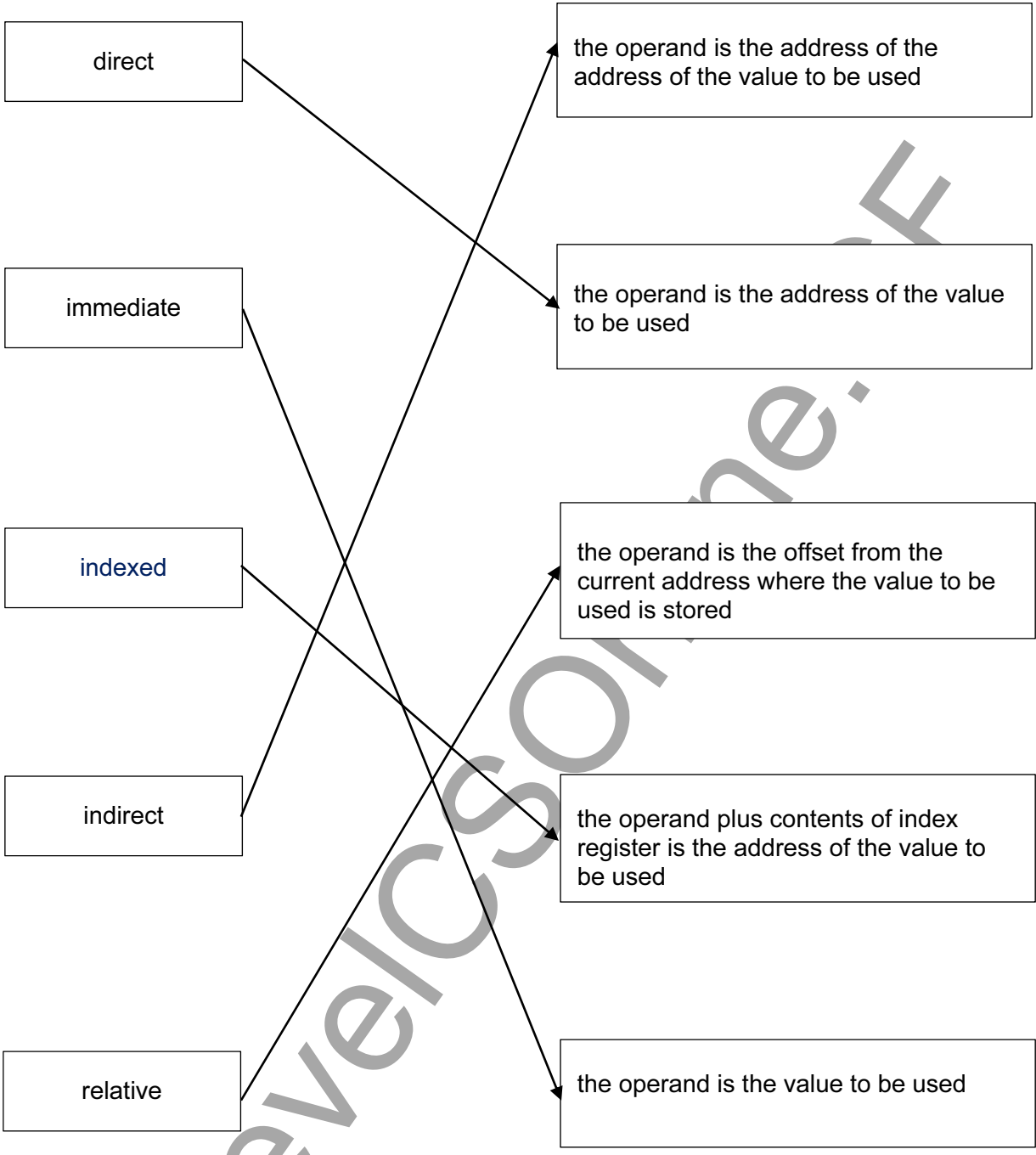
For full marks both techniques must be mentioned.

- lossless designed to lose none of the original detail/lossless allows original file to be recreated exactly
- lossless technique based on some form of replacement
- mention of type of replacement, for example RLE, FLAC etc.
- by example: e.g. 000–1111–222222–333 = 3–0, 4–1, 6–2, 3–3 etc.
- maximum compression about 50%
- lossy may result in loss of detail compared to original file/lossy does not allow original file to be re-created exactly
- lossy techniques make decision about what parts of sound/sound file are important and discards other information
- only keeps sounds human ear can process/discards sounds most people cannot hear
- ... then applies lossless technique, for further reduction
- lossy compression can reduce to about 10%
- an example of jpeg, mp3 or other correct examples of compressed formats.

No double credit to opposite answers, e.g. lossless maintains detail, but lossy loses detail just one mark.

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4 (a) answer requires a **different sensor** for each part, **1 mark** for each part

(i) temperature/thermistor [1]

(ii) moisture, humidity, light/photodiode, temperature, pH [1]

(iii) sound/acoustic, infrared, pressure, motion, microwave [1]

(b) **1 mark** for name + **3 marks** for description

parity check

- uses even or odd parity which is decided before data sent
- each byte has a parity bit
- parity bit is set to 0 or 1 to make parity for byte correct
- after transmission, parity of each byte re-checked
- if it is different, then an error is flagged
- any reference to use of parity blocks/parity byte to (identify position of incorrect bit)

checksum

- a calculation is carried out on the data to be sent (checksum)
- the result is sent, along with data to recipient
- checksum is re-calculated at receiving end
- if both sums are the same, no error has occurred
- if the sums are different, the data has been corrupted during transmission
- request is sent to re-send data

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5 (a)

| Description | Conventional telephone using PSTN | Internet-based system |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| connection only in use whilst sound is being transmitted | | ✓ |
| dedicated channel used between two points for the duration of the call | ✓ | |
| connection maintained throughout the telephone call | ✓ | |
| encoding schemes and compression technology used | | ✓ |
| lines remain active even during a power outage | ✓ | |

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(b) **maximum of two marks** for Internet references and **maximum of two marks** for world wide web references

Internet

- massive network of networks/interconnected network of computer devices
- Internet stands for Interconnected Networks
- uses TCP/IP protocol

World Wide Web (www)

- is a collection of (multimedia) web pages/documents
- ...stored on websites
- http/protocols used to transmit data
- web pages are written in HTML
- URLs specify the location of the web pages
- web documents are accessed using browsers

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- (c)
- (i) router [1]
 - (ii) gateway [1]
 - (iii) server [1]

6 (a)

| Description of use | Input or output device |
|--|----------------------------------|
| input of credit card number into an online form | Keyboard/keypad/numberpad |
| selection of an option at an airport information kiosk | touch screen |
| output of a single high quality photograph | ink jet printer |
| output of several hundred high quality leaflets | laser printer |
| input of a hard copy image into a computer | scanner |

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(b) (i) Any **two** from:

- frequent (or equivalent) backup EITHER to secondary media/to 3rd party server/cloud/removable devices/continuous backup OR stored remotely
- disk-mirroring strategy/RAID
- UPS (uninterruptable power supply)/backup generator

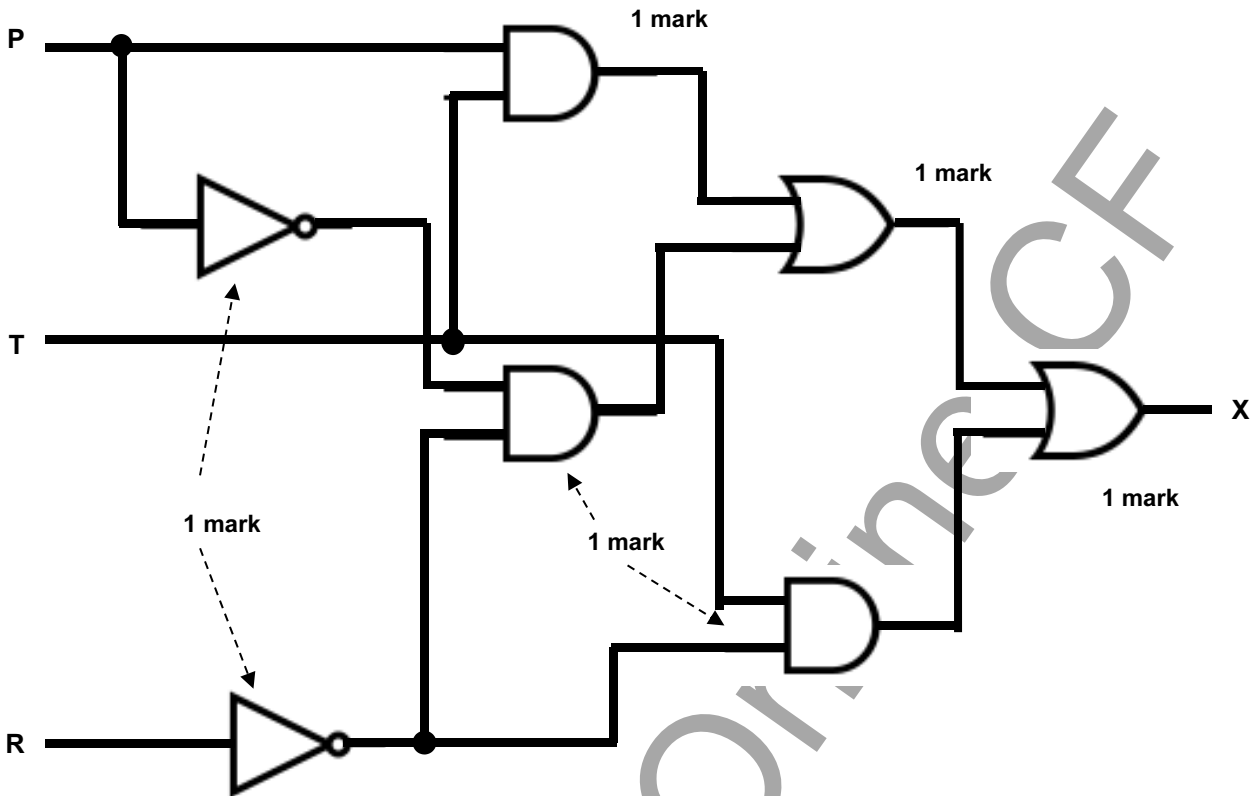
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(ii) Any **one** from:

- protection of data (or equivalent) with passwords/using password and username for logging on include e.g. fingerprint scanning
- encryption
- installation and use of up to date anti-malware/anti-virus
- give different access rights to different users
- use a firewall,
- physical methods/lock doors and use secure entry devices/CCTV

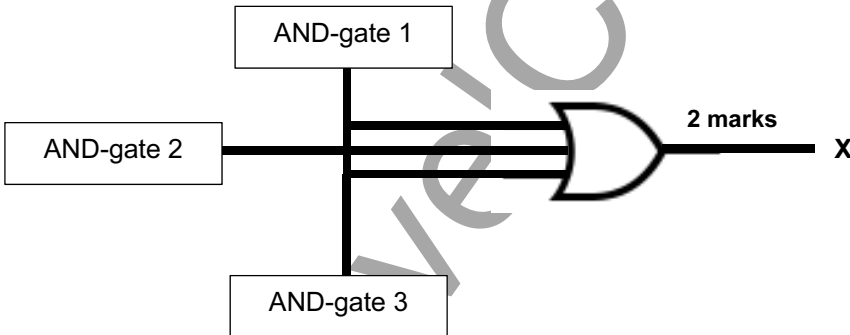
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7 (a) Since it is possible to simplify the original conditions, at least 3 possible answers exist for the logic circuit.

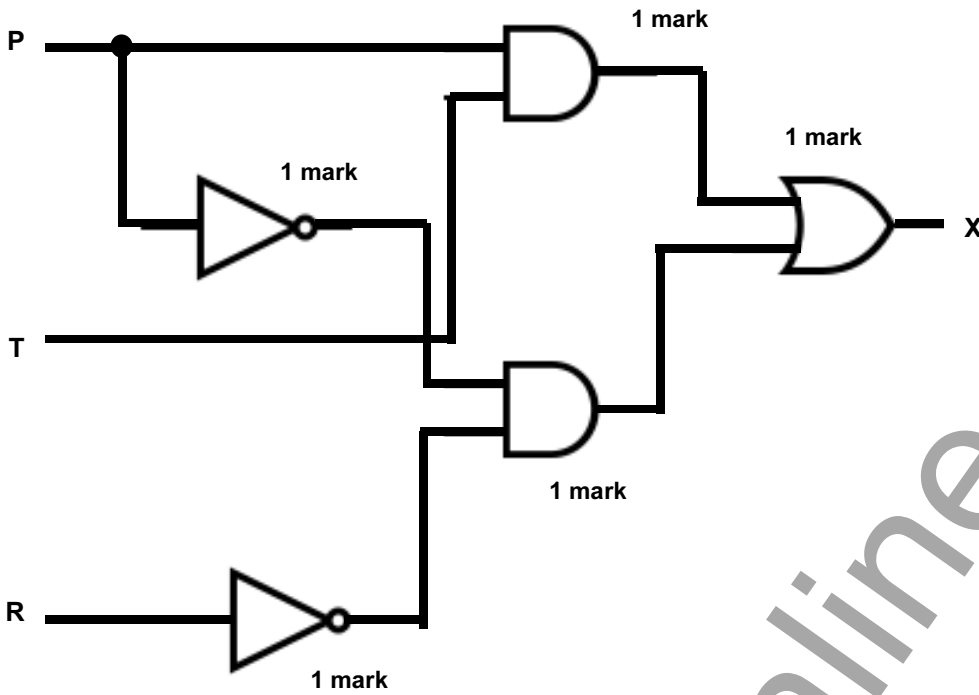


Note: input T has 2 cross overs that should not be connections

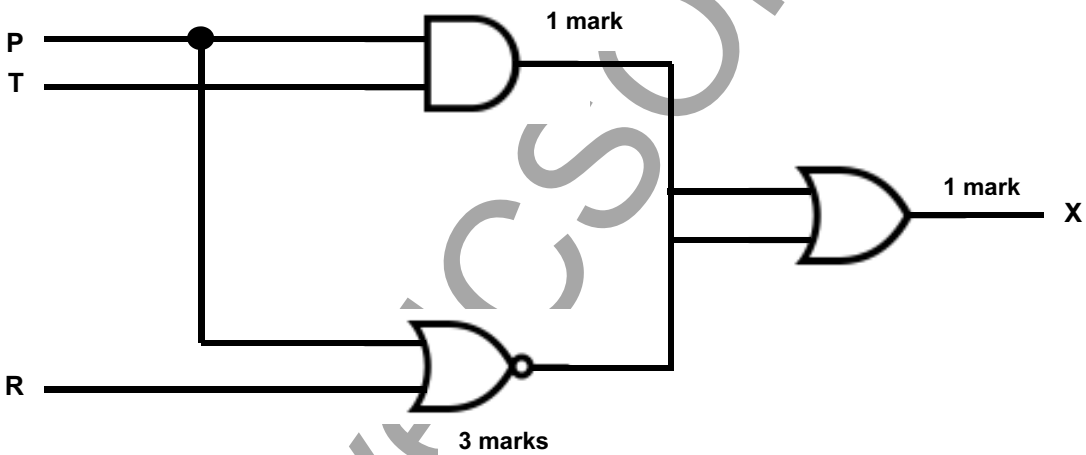
Note: it is possible to use a 3-input OR gate rather than the two 2-input OR gates on the top right:



Alternative solution 1:



Alternative solution 2:



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Note: other solutions may be possible depending on how simplification of the original statement is done

(b)

| P | T | R | Workspace | X | |
|---|---|---|-----------|---|----------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | } 1 mark |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | | 1 | } 1 mark |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | } 1 mark |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | | 1 | } 1 mark |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |

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8 (a) **maximum of 2 marks** for data bus width and **maximum of 2 marks** for clock speed

data bus width

- the width of the data bus determines the number of bits that can be simultaneously transferred
- increasing the width of the data bus increases the number of bits/amount of data that can be moved at one time (or equivalent)
- ...hence improving processing speed as fewer transfers are needed
- By example: e.g. double the width of the data bus moves 2x data per clock pulse

clock speed

- determines the number of cycles the CPU can execute per second
- increasing clock speed increases the number of operations/number of fetch-execute cycles that can be carried out per unit of time
- ...however, there is a limit on clock speed because the heat generated by higher clock speeds cannot be removed fast enough

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(b) Any **two** from:

- devices automatically detected and configured when first attached/plug and play
- it is nearly impossible to wrongly connect a device
- USB has become an industrial standard
- supported by many operating systems
- USB 3.0 allows full duplex data transfer
- later versions are backwards compatible with earlier USB systems
- allows power to be drawn to charge portable devices

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(c)

| Description of stage | Sequence number |
|---|-----------------|
| the instruction is copied from the Memory Data Register (MDR) and placed in the Current Instruction Register (CIR) | 3 |
| the instruction is executed | 6 |
| the instruction is decoded | 5 |
| the address contained in the Program Counter (PC) is copied to the Memory Address Register (MAR) | 1 |
| the value in the Program Counter (PC) is incremented so that it points to the next instruction to be fetched | 4 |
| the instruction is copied from the memory location contained in the Memory Address Register (MAR) and is placed in the Memory Data Register (MDR) | 2 |

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9 (a) Any one from:

- (ShopSales) table has repeated group (of attributes)
- each sales person has a number of products
- FirstName, Shop would need to be repeated for each record

[1]

(b) One mark for SalesPerson table

table: SalesPerson

| FirstName | Shop |
|-----------|------|
| Nick | TX |
| Sean | BH |
| John | TX |

table: SalesProducts

| FirstName | ProductName | NoOfProducts | Manufacturer |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Nick | television set | 3 | SKC |
| Nick | refrigerator | 2 | WP |
| Nick | digital camera | 6 | HKC |
| Sean | hair dryer | 1 | WG |
| Sean | electric shaver | 8 | BG |
| John | television set | 2 | SKC |
| John | mobile phone | 8 | ARC |
| John | digital camera | 4 | HKC |
| John | toaster | 3 | GK |

(1 mark for FirstName column + 1 mark for remainder of table)

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(c) (i) Any two from:

- primary key of SalesPerson table is FirstName
- links to FirstName in SalesProducts table
- FirstName in SalesProductsS table is foreign key [2]

- (ii)
- There is a non-key dependency
 - Manufacturer is dependent on ProductName, (which is not the primary key of the SalesProducts table) [2]

(iii) SalesPerson (FirstName, Shop)
 -SalesProducts (FirstName, ProductName, NoOfProducts) **OR**
 SalesProducts (SalesID, FirstName, ProductName, NoOfProducts)

-Product (ProductName, Manufacturer)

1 mark for correct attributes in SalesProducts and Product tables and **1 mark** for correct identification of both primary keys [2]

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