

QUESTION 1.



5 Parity checks are often used to check for errors that may occur during data transmission.

(a) A system uses **even parity**.

Tick (✓) to show whether the following three bytes have been transmitted correctly or incorrectly.

| Received byte | Byte transmitted correctly | Byte transmitted incorrectly |
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| 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 | | |
| 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 | | |
| 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 | | |

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(b) A parity byte is used to identify which bit has been transmitted incorrectly in a block of data.

The word “F L O W C H A R T” was transmitted using nine bytes of data (one byte per character). A tenth byte, the parity byte, was also transmitted.

The following block of data shows all ten bytes received after transmission. The system uses **even parity** and column 1 is the parity bit.

| | letter | column 1 | column 2 | column 3 | column 4 | column 5 | column 6 | column 7 | column 8 |
|-------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| byte 1 | F | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| byte 2 | L | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| byte 3 | O | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| byte 4 | W | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| byte 5 | C | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| byte 6 | H | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| byte 7 | A | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| byte 8 | R | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| byte 9 | T | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| parity byte | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

(i) **One** of the bits has been transmitted incorrectly.

Write the byte number and column number of this bit:

Byte number

Column number

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(ii) Explain how you arrived at your answer for **part (b)(i)**.

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(c) Give the denary (base 10) value of the byte: **1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0**

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(d) A parity check may not identify that a bit has been transmitted incorrectly.

Describe **one** situation in which this could occur.

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QUESTION 2.



4 (a) Nikita wishes to print out some documents and connects her printer to the one of the USB ports.

(i) Identify what type of data transmission is being used.

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(ii) Give **three** reasons for using a USB port.

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(iii) The printer runs out of paper while it is printing the documents. A signal is sent to the processor to request that the problem is dealt with.

Name this type of signal.

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(b) State **one** suitable application for **each** printer below. A different application must be given for each printer.

Inkjet printer

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3D printer

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(c) Name another type of printer and describe **one** way in which it is different from the printer named in **part (b)**.

Give an application for this printer.

Type of printer

Description

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Application

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QUESTION 4.



7 Computer A is communicating with computer B.

(a) Draw an arrow or arrows to show simplex, duplex and half-duplex data transmission. **direction** of the data transmission must be fully **labelled**.

Simplex data transmission



Computer A



Computer B

Duplex data transmission



Computer A



Computer B

Half-duplex data transmission



Computer A



Computer B

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(b) State a use for the following data transmission methods. The use must be different for each data transmission method.

Simplex

Duplex

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(c) A computer includes an Integrated Circuit (IC) and a Universal Serial Bus (USB) for data transmission.

Describe how the computer uses these for data transmission, including the type of transmission used.

IC

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USB

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(c) When a customer enters the website, a message is displayed:

“RockICT makes use of cookies. By continuing to browse you are agreeing to cookies.”

Explain why the music company uses cookies.

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(d) The music company is concerned about the security of its website.

The company uses a proxy server as part of its security system.

Describe the role of a proxy server in the security system.

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QUESTION 6.



4 A company transmits data to external storage at the end of each day.

(a) Parity checks can be used to check for errors during data transmission.

The system uses **odd parity**.

(i) Tick (✓) to show for each of the received bytes whether they have been **transmitted correctly** or **transmitted incorrectly**.

| Received byte | Transmitted correctly (✓) | Transmitted incorrectly (✓) |
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| 10001011 | | |
| 10101110 | | |
| 01011101 | | |
| 00100101 | | |

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(ii) State **one** other method that could be used to check for transmission errors.

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(b) Data can be transferred using parallel or serial data transmission.

(i) Describe what is meant by parallel data transmission.

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(ii) Give **one** application of parallel data transmission.

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(iii) Explain why serial data transmission is normally used for transferring data over a long distance.

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(c) Data transferred over a network is encrypted to improve data security.

The system uses 64-bit symmetric encryption.

(i) Explain how encryption improves data security.

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(ii) Explain **one** method that could be used to increase the level of security provided by the encryption.

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QUESTION 7.



8 Leonard has a new laser printer to print letters for his business.

Leonard connects his printer to his computer using the USB port.

(a) Give **three** benefits of using the USB port to connect the printer to the computer.

Benefit 1

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Benefit 2

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Benefit 3

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(b) State **two** benefits and **one** drawback of Leonard using a laser printer, instead of an inkjet printer, to print the letters.

Benefit 1

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Benefit 2

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Drawback

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(c) An interrupt signal is sent from the printer to the computer.

(i) Give **two** examples of when a printer would generate an interrupt signal.

Example 1

Example 2

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(ii) Many devices send interrupt signals.

Identify the software in the computer that will receive and manage all interrupt signals.

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QUESTION 9.

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8 Four descriptions about compilers and interpreters are shown below.

Draw lines to indicate which descriptions refer to a compiler and which descriptions refer to an interpreter.

Description

It is more difficult to debug the code since one error can produce many other associated errors.

The speed of execution of program loops is slower.

It produces fast, executable code that runs directly on the processor.

It is easier to debug the code since an error is displayed as soon as it is found.

Compiler

Interpreter

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(b) Identify and describe **two** methods of error checking that can be used to make data stored after transmission is accurate.

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Method 2

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QUESTION 11.

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8 Kamil correctly answers an examination question about a number of internet terms.

Six different terms have been removed from Kamil's answer.

Complete the sentences in Kamil's answer, using the list given. Not all terms in the list need to be used.

- browser
- connection
- domain name server (DNS)
- Internet
- Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- IP address
- MAC address
- network
- protocol
- uniform resource locator (URL)
- webpages
- hypertext mark-up language (HTML)

A is a program that allows a user to view

An is a company that provides a connection to access the

The main that governs the transmission of data using the Internet is http.

The is provided by the network, and given to each device on the network.

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QUESTION 12.

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9 (a) Computers can transmit data using different methods.

Describe the **three** data transmission methods given.

(i) Serial data transmission

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(ii) Parallel data transmission

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(iii) Duplex data transmission

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(b) Data can sometimes be corrupted when it is transmitted from one computer to another, causing errors to be present in the data.

Identify and describe **three** methods of error detection that could be used to see if an error has occurred.

Error detection method 1

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Error detection method 2

Description

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Error detection method 3

Description.....

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QUESTION 13.

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4 The MAC address of a device is represented using hexadecimal.

A section of a MAC address is shown. Each pair of hexadecimal digits is stored using 2 bytes.

(a) Complete the table to show the 8-bit binary equivalents for the section of MAC address. The first number has already been converted.

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| 6A | FF | 08 | 93 |
| 01101010 | | | |

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(b) Explain why data is stored as binary in computers.

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5 Data can be transferred using half-duplex serial transmission.

(a) Describe serial transmission.

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(b) Give **one** application of serial data transmission.

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(c) Describe half-duplex data transmission.

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QUESTION 16.

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5 The contents of three binary registers have been transmitted from one computer. **Parity** has been used as an error detection method.

The outcome after transmission is:

- **Register A** and **Register B** have been transmitted **correctly**.
- **Register C** has been transmitted **incorrectly**.

Write the appropriate **Parity bit** for each register to show the given outcome.

| | Parity bit | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Register A | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Register B | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Register C | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

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6 Jesse is taking his Computer Science examination. He answers **five** questions about ethics.

(a) For the first question, he writes the answer:

“This type of software can be copied and shared without the permission of the owner.”

State what Jesse is describing.

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(b) For the second question, he writes the answer:

“With this type of software, the owner still retains the copyright for the software, but he gives away copies of it for free.”

State what Jesse is describing.

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(c) For the third question, he writes the answer:

“This type of software is often a trial version of the full software. To use the full version the user normally needs to pay a fee.”

State what Jesse is describing.

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