

## FORM TWO COMPUTER STUDIES HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT APRIL, 2024

| Describe the following three components of the computer system.                           |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| a) Hardware   | [1marks]   |  |
| b) Software   | [1mark]  |  |
| c) Liveware   | [1mark]  |  |
| <sup>2</sup> Define the following terms as used in computer system:                       |  |  |
| a) System   | [1mark]  |  |
| b) Computer system  | [1mark]  |  |
| c) Firmware   | [1mark]  |  |
| Differentiate between input stage and output stage.                                       | [2mark]  |  |
| $\leq$ a) What is a peripheral device.  | [1mark]  |  |
| b) The following are common examples of peripheral devices. Give the function(s) for each |  |  |
| component.  |  |  |
| i) Keyboard   | [1mark]  |  |
| ii) Mouse   | [1mark]  |  |
| iii) Monitor  | [1mark]  |  |
| iv) Printer   | [1mark]  |  |
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5. Describe the five generations of computers in terms of hardware technology used. [5mark]

| Generation        | Hardware technology used |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| First generation  |                          |
| Second generation | cher.co.ke               |
| Third generation  |                          |
| Fourth Generation |                          |
| Fifth Generation  |                          |

| 6.    | Dust and smoke damage the surface of the hard disk and other moving parts of a computer s |          |          |
|-------|---|----------|----------|
|       | State <b>three</b> ways dust can be avoided in a computer laboratory.                     |          | [3mark]  |
| 7. •  | Give four factors one needs to consider before acquiring computer software                | e        | [4mark]  |
| 8.    | a) Define the term operating system.  |          | [2mark]  |
|       | b) List three resources that are managed and controlled by the operating sy               | stem.    | [3mark]  |
|       | c) Differentiate between single-user OS and multi-user OS.                                |          | [2 mark  |
| 9.    | a) What is a scanning device?   |          | [2marks] |
|       | b) Give two ways of classifying scanning devices.   |          | [2marks] |
| four  | factors to consider when purchasing a printer.  | [4marks] |          |
| a) De | a) Define a file.   |          | arks]    |
|       | b) Briefly describe three parts of a Windows10 taskbar                                    |          | [3marks] |

