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**9713 APPLIED INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

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Paper 3 (Written B), maximum raw mark 80

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1 (a) Four descriptions from, e.g.:

Health services:

- With details of medicines
- Details of common ailments and how to treat/cure them
- Names and contact details of doctors/hospitals/health centres
- Comparisons of waiting lists allowing choices for treatment to be made
- Facilities for booking appointments with doctors

Employment Services:

- Show location of job centres/employment agencies
- Online training services
- Online recruitment facilities
- Search for employment opportunities

Educational Services:

- Educational opportunities/availability of courses/training
- Allowances paid to students

Legal Services:

- Crime prevention information
- Local crime statistics

Motoring Services:

- Driver licencing/permits
- Driving tests/driver training
- Taxing vehicles
- Roadworthy tests on vehicles

Community Services:

- Information on local amenities/services
- Online voting registration/services

Financial Services:

- Taxation, e.g. information/payments/property taxes/rate of taxation/publically owned utilities
- Benefits/grants
- Financial advice

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(b) (i) Two from:

Perceived/worrying gap between people who have access and those who do not have access to IT services
 Skilled IT users and unskilled/no-skills IT users **[2]**

(ii) Ways include, e.g.:

Improved communications coverage/infrastructure for Internet access and mobile/cell phones
 Provision of public access to Internet facilities in, e.g. government buildings/libraries/schools and Internet kiosks
 Provision of (cheap) laptops/PCs to, e.g. elderly/poor/school children
 Provision of (cheap) mobile or cell phones to, e.g. elderly/poor/school children
 Recycling of discarded PCs/laptops
 Recycling of used/second hand mobile or cell phones
 ...for use by underprivileged/disenfranchised
 Provision of training services/sessions
 ...free of charge/reduced rates/in government centre/in local communities **[6]**

2 (a) Descriptions from:

Register with auction site/set up account
 Setting up user ID and password
 Set up security question
 Use 'captcha'/authentication process
 Accept conditions
 Set up categories of goods to sell
 Display good details/descriptions with images and price
 Set auction time limit with 'buy now' price and shipping costs
 Payment options
 Returns policy with contact details
 Confirmation options
 Allow feedback and comments **[5]**

(b) Three from:

Log in details may be accessed and used by others to bid on goods
 Personal contact details may be stolen and misused/used in identity theft
 Financial/credit card detail may be stolen and used to purchase goods/in fraudulent transactions
 Website may carry malware so, e.g. Trojans/viruses/spyware/adware may be downloaded to the computer, log in details may be accessed and used by others to bid on goods
 Personal contact details may be stolen and misused/used in identity theft
 Details may be used for advertising/spam emails **[3]**

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(c) **Benefits** from, e.g:

- Can buy/bid at any time
- Can buy/bid from any location
- Can use any Internet-enabled device
- Can compare Ahmed's prices with other sellers' prices
- No need to spend money on travelling to shop
- No need to waste time travelling to shop

Drawbacks from, e.g:

- Cannot actually examine the goods/must rely on seller's description
- Must have credit/debit/suitable payment method available
- Must wait for seller to despatch goods/goods to arrive
- Seller may not be reliable/may not send goods
- Limited protection by consumer legislation against fraud or faulty goods or misrepresentation
- Owners of auction site may not support claims against seller

Max 6 marks for all benefits or all drawbacks **[8]**

3 (a) (i) Two from:

- Private computer network
- Using Internet protocols/IP
- To share company information/data/files securely **[2]**

(ii) Two protocols from, e.g.:

- FTP/file transfer protocol
 - for uploading data/files/pages to web server
- HTTP/hypertext transfer protocol
 - for accessing web pages
- HTTPS/hypertext transfer protocol secure
 - for secure data transfer
- SMTP
 - for email
- IMAP
 - for email
- TCP/IP
 - for packet transmission
- SSH
 - for secure access **[4]**

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(b) Four from, e.g:

Download user profile to desktop
 Email between employees/managers
 Electronic diaries to co-ordinate/arrange meetings
 Video conferencing
 Store company templates and company information/data securely/with no public access
 Inform employees/managers about company initiatives/news
 Share files projects between employees
 Forums for discussions
 (Web)blogs for projects
 Have internal website for hotel/company only

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(c) Three benefits from:

Can access company documents from anywhere in company (as and when needed)
 Increase in workforce productivity as employees can locate company documents/templates/data (using web browser)
 No need to send/produce hardcopy to every employee
 ...can use email/instant messaging between employees
 Increase in collaboration between employees
 ...with all information available, saving time
 Company/corporate knowledge/information easily updated sent to/available to all employees
 Reduced costs as employees view online compared to hardcopy
 Can restrict access to outside network/Internet
 ...greater productivity
 Data/company information is more secure
 ...because intranet is private
 Can restrict/control access to content on intranet
 ...restrictions to content
 ...restrictions to who can view/access content, e.g. level of responsibility

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4 Five from, e.g. :

Search for hotels in Brazil/example of search
 Choose language
 Select dates start/end date/duration of stay
 Select number of rooms
 Select number of occupants
 Select facilities/options
 Enter personal details such as home/contact details
 Enter payment details credit/debit card to guarantee/pay for rooms
 Confirmation of booking print/save at once/via email

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5 (a) Explanations from:

Physically disabled people could have difficulty in using mouse/keyboard
 ...for site navigation
 Visually impaired with difficulty in reading text
 ...due to, e.g. font
 Visually impaired with difficulty in understanding images
 ...due to colour/contrast
 Hearing impaired with difficulty in following commentaries/audio instructions/movie or video soundtracks
 ...e.g. speed of information flow/background noise levels
 People with cognitive impairment/learning difficulties have difficulty understanding instructions/booking process
 ...so create an incorrect booking/unable to complete booking **[4]**

(b) Four from, e.g.:

Use of alt tags/alternative text for images
 Simplify complex language into simpler words/sentence constructs
 Audio instructions can be downloaded
 Alternative telephone line dedicated to accessibility issues staffed by trained personnel
 Increase in font size
 Zoom/magnifying feature
 Use of different background colours **[4]**

6 (a) Three from:

Streamed/downloaded video/audio content from remote server
 Distributed by IPTV over a network
 Use of menu to select content
 Viewer can watch/listen at their own convenience/when they want to
 Use of pause/rewind/fast forward
 Received by set top box/computer/mobile device **[3]**

(b) Four from:

MP3 uses compression/CD audio uncompressed
 MP3 players use hard disks/flash memory/CD audio stored on optical media
 MP3 players have large capacity/store more songs/tracks than CD media/CD media limited to 70/80 minutes
 MP3 player content can be changed/deleted/CD content cannot be changed **[4]**

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7 Descriptions from:

Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing where both interviewer and interviewee are together in same room

- Questions are put by the computer program
- Interviewer asks questions as prompted by computer program
- An interviewer keys in responses from interviewee directly into a purpose-built computer program on a small device or on a laptop

Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing where interviewer is usually in a call centre

- Computer dials number from a database of potential customers
- Using software based systems to make calls and then connect interviewer with interviewee
- Interviewer asks questions as prompted by the computer program
- Keys in responses from interviewee directly into a purpose-built computer program

Computer Aided Web Interviewing where interviewee accesses online questionnaire

- Interviewees need access to Internet and web browser
- Questions are multiple choice
- Computer used responses to one question to choose next question to ask
- Use of branching logic statements to choose which questions to ask
- Interview guests in room/after visit
- Track use while guests in room
- Analyse data and display in graphs/reports/summary tables

Interview guests in room/after visit

- Track use while guests in room
- Analyse data and display in graphs/reports/summary tables

Use questionnaires to collect information from guest

- Left in room/checkout
- Sent by email

One mark for the method, one mark for the description.

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8 (a) Three from:

Wireless fidelity
 Wireless networking
 Using radio waves
 Use of shared spectrum/different frequency
 Requires wireless NIC
 Used by mobile devices to connect to network

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(b) Three comparisons from:

No need for sockets at all/guest can use anywhere in room with WIFI/sockets need to placed where convenient for guest with cables
 Range may be limited/poor connection in some rooms/parts of room with Wifi/connection is always good with cables
 Connection must be secure with Wifi/no need for secure connection with cables
 Limited bandwidth/data transfer rate with WiFi/greater bandwidth with cables
 Can connect more than one device with WiFi/only one device can be connected per socket with cables
 WiFi can be cheap/easy to install/cables need proper installation/can be expensive to wire all rooms
 High power consumption with WiFi/low power consumption with cables
 Interference from other devices with WiFi/little interference with cables
 Low data transmission rates with WiFi/high data transmission rates with cables

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