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Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
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Maximum	6	12	8	8	8	8	50

Answer **ALL** questions in the space provided. You may answer either in English or in Maltese.

Scenario

- 'Better Vision' produces and sells reading glasses and sunglasses.
- Joe is the manager of the company.
- He knows that computers are required for the day-to-day running of the business.
- Joe checks that the computer systems are up-to-date to ensure that an efficient service is provided to the clients.

Question 1

K-1 (6 marks)

a. List **FOUR** different types of computer systems, apart from laptop.

Computer System 1: _____ (0.5)

Computer System 2: _____ (0.5)

Computer System 3: _____ (0.5)

Computer System 4: _____ (0.5)

- b. • 'Better Vision' needs to project promotional adverts on the walls of the shop.
• Also, Joe would like to make use of the products barcode so that when a product is sold, its details are stored in the computer.

From the table below, select the most appropriate input and output device for this situation.

Scanner	Mouse	Projector	Barcode Reader	Speakers
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Appropriate Input Device: _____ (1)

Appropriate Output Device: _____ (1)

c. 'Better Vision' stores data on DVDs. Outline the following **TWO** properties of this storage device.

Storage technology: _____

_____ (1)

Portability: _____

_____ (1)

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Question 2

C-1 (12 marks)

- Joe needs to buy new laptops for his employees.
- He would like these laptops to be fast, but he does not want to spend a lot of money.
- Joe selected Laptop A from the following two options.

	Laptop A	Laptop B
RAM	8GB DDR4	6GB DDR4
CPU Speed	2.8 GHz	1.9 GHz
Cost	948 Euro	1121 Euro

a. Justify why Laptop A is appropriate for Joe’s business with respect to speed and cost.

Justification with respect to speed: _____

_____ (2)

Justification with respect to cost: _____

_____ (2)

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- Joe also needs to buy a new printer to print high quality documents.
- This printer will be placed in a common area so that it can be used by all employees who work in different offices.
- Out of the following options, Joe opted for Printer B.

	Printer A	Printer B
Type	Laser	Laser
Maximum Resolution	4800 x 1200 dpi	5760 x 1440 dpi
Connectivity	Wired	Wireless and USB
Warranty	2 years	3 years

i. Justify the selection of Printer B with respect to specifications and connectivity.

Justification with respect to specifications: _____

_____ (1)

Justification with respect to connectivity: _____

_____ (1)

- Joe also intends to buy some keyboards for those who prefer a stand-alone keyboard.
- Out of the following options, Joe opted for Keyboard A.

	Keyboard A	Keyboard B
Keycaps sound	Silent Keycaps	Keycaps make slight noise
Connectivity	Wireless	USB

ii. Justify the selection of Keyboard A with respect to specifications and connectivity.

Justification with respect to specifications: _____

_____ (1)

Justification with respect to connectivity: _____

_____ (1)

- Joe also intends to buy some secondary storage devices for storage purposes.
- These will be used to backup important data from each laptop on a daily basis.
- He decided to buy Solid-State Disks (SSDs) rather than magnetic tapes.

Justify the use of SSDs over magnetic tapes with respect to access speed and portability.

_____ (4)

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Question 3

K-2 (8 marks)

- Joe is worried that the environment is not safe for the workers.
- The images below show some hazards.

a. Identify the hazards represented in the below images:



(Source: <https://www.shutterstock.com/>)

Hazard 1: _____

(1)



(Source: <https://www.alamy.com>)

Hazard 2: _____ (1)

b. List **ONE** possible risk which might arise from each hazard identified in Question 3a.

Risk from Hazard 1: _____ (1)

Risk from Hazard 2: _____ (1)

c. While going around the working place, Joe noted some other hazards and possible risks.

Outline **ONE** possible precaution to minimise:

i. the risk resulting from not sitting properly on the computer chair: _____

_____ (2)

ii. the risk resulting from a fire caused by an electrical short circuit: _____

_____ (2)

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Question 4

K-4 (8 marks)

- One of the computers at 'Better Vision' is not working as expected.
- Joe asked the computer technician to replace the Hard Disk Drive (HDD).
- However, the RIU (Replacement/Installation/Upgrade) was not completely successful.

a. List **TWO** issues which can cause an RIU to be unsuccessful.

Issue 1: _____ (1)

Issue 2: _____ (1)

b. Describe **TWO** ways which can be used to test an RIU.

Way of testing 1: _____

_____ (1)

Way of testing 2: _____

_____ (1)

c. Outline **ONE** possible solution which can be used to solve each issue listed in Question 4a.

Solution for Issue 1: _____

_____ (2)

Solution for Issue 2: _____

_____ (2)

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Question 5

K-7 (8 marks)

After replacing the Hard Disk Drive (HDD), the technician needs to install software.

a. Name **TWO** different types of software.

Software Type 1: _____ (1)

Software Type 2: _____ (1)

b. List **TWO** different examples for each type of software named in Question 5a.

Examples for Software Type 1

Example 1: _____ (0.5)

Example 2: _____ (0.5)

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Examples for Software Type 2

Example 1: _____ (0.5)

Example 2: _____ (0.5)

c. Differentiate between the two types of software named in Question 5a. You are required to differentiate on **TWO** different aspects.

Difference 1: _____

_____ (2)

Difference 2: _____

_____ (2)

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Question 6

K-8 (8 marks)

- Different types of local user accounts are utilised by 'Better Vision'.
- Every employee has a particular user account depending on his/her role in the company.

a. List **TWO** different types of local user accounts, apart from standard.

Local User Account 1: _____ (1)

Local User Account 2: _____ (1)

b. Describe the purpose of each local user account listed in Question 6a.

Purpose of Local User Account 1: _____

_____ (1)

Purpose of Local User Account 2: _____

_____ (1)

c. Outline **TWO** advantages and **TWO** disadvantages of online user accounts.

Advantage 1: _____

_____ (1)

Advantage 2: _____

_____ (1)

Disadvantage 1: _____

_____ (1)

Disadvantage 2: _____

_____ (1)

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