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(ii) 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1

(iii)

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]**

(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
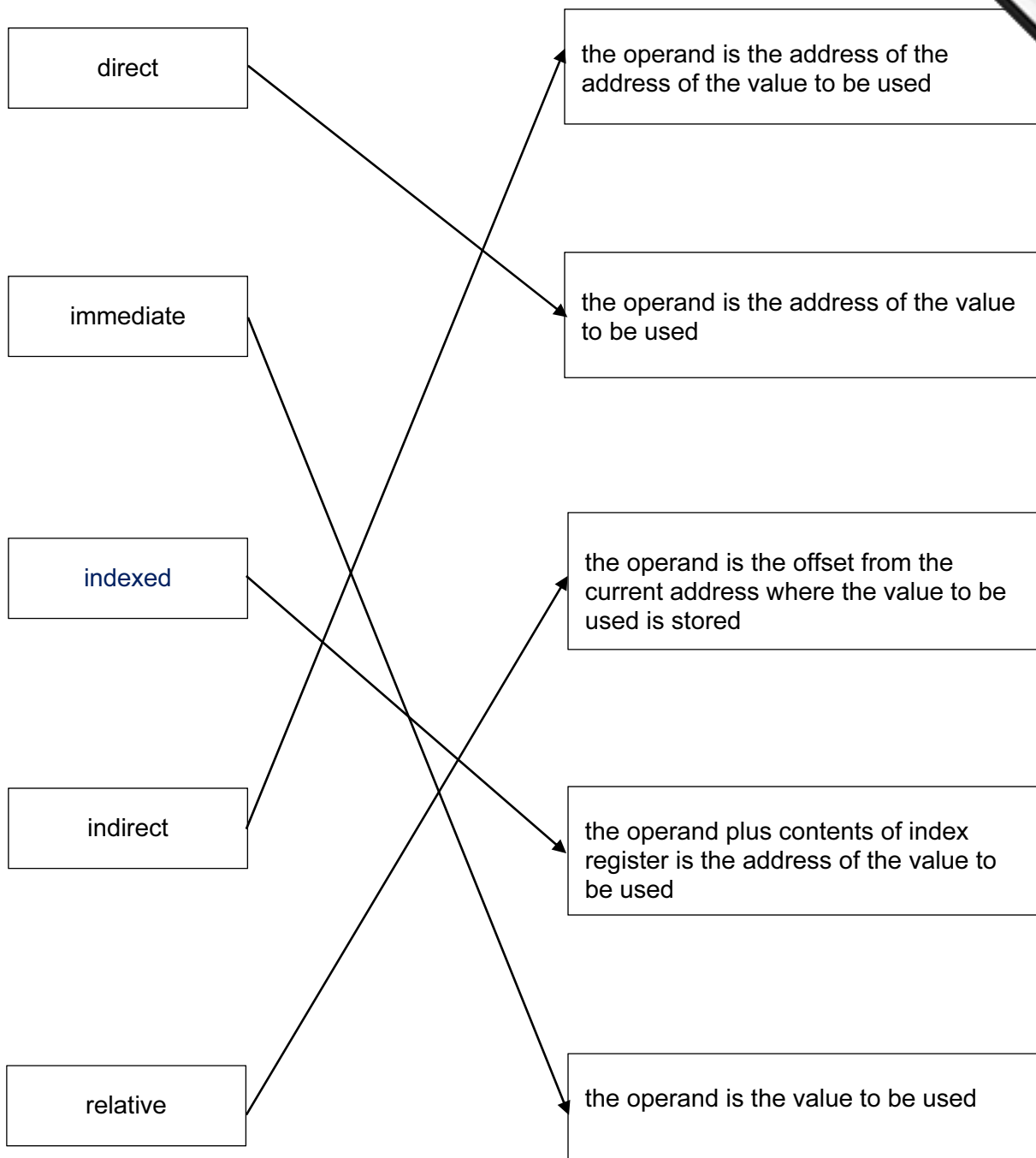- etc... **[2]**

(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.

[3]

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direct	the operand is the address of the address of the value to be used
immediate	the operand is the address of the value to be used
indexed	the operand is the offset from the current address where the value to be used is stored
indirect	the operand plus contents of index register is the address of the value to be used
relative	the operand is the value to be used

[4]

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

    (i)   temperature/thermistor

   (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

  <u>**parity check**</u>

- 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)

  <u>**checksum**</u>

- 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

                                                                            [4]

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	✓	

[5]

(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   [3]

(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 singe 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**

[5]

(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 [2]

(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 [1]

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

P

1 mark

1 mark
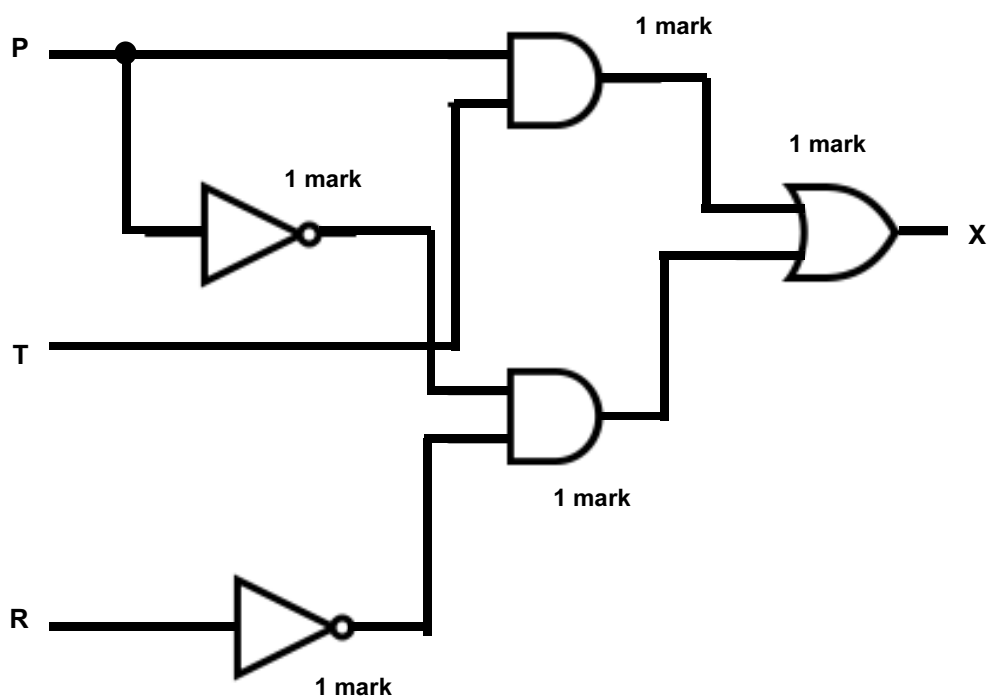
T

X

1 mark

1 mark

1 mark

1 mark

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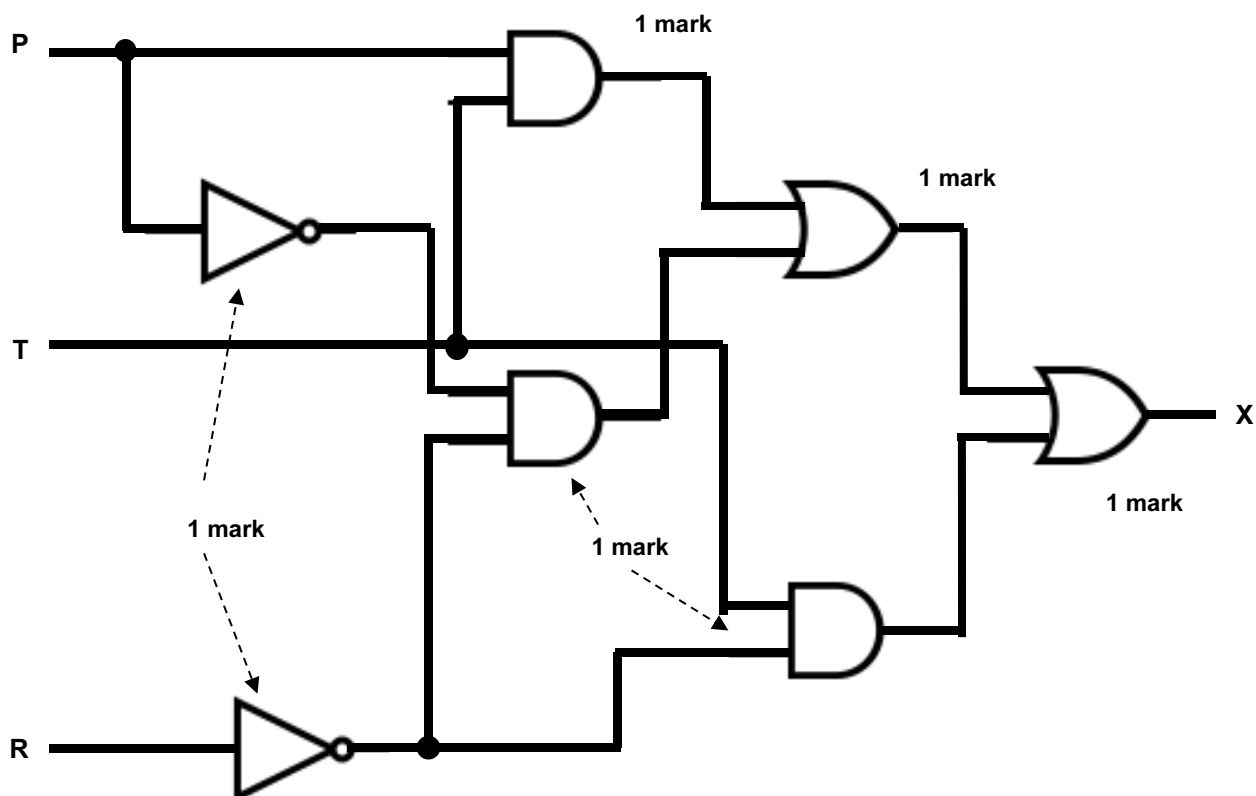
Note: input T has 2 cross overs that should not be connections

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

AND-gate 1

2 marks

AND-gate 2

X

AND-gate 3
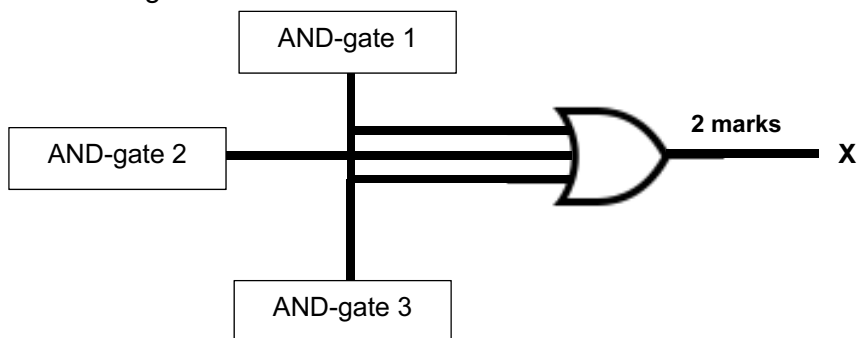
Alternative solution 1:

Alternative solution 2:
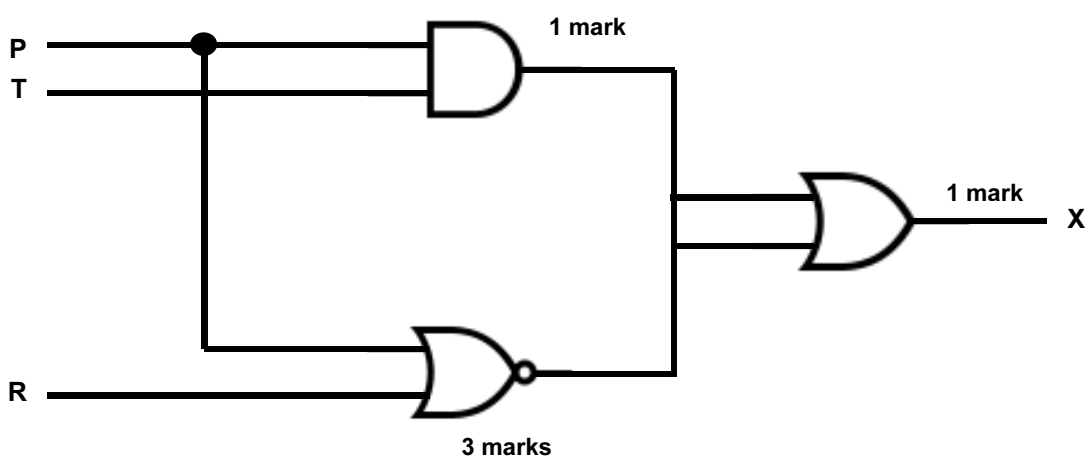
[5]

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	

[4]

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 [3]

(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 [2]

(c)

Description of stage	Sequen 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

[6]

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)

[3]

(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 (`<u>`FirstName`</u>`, Shop)`
`-SalesProducts (`<u>`FirstName`</u>`, `<u>`ProductName`</u>`, NoOfProducts)` **OR**
  `SalesProducts(`<u>`SalesID`</u>`, FirstName, ProductName, NoOfProducts)`

`-Product (`<u>`ProductName`</u>`, Manufacturer)`

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