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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.
You may use a pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Answer all questions.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
Mr George owns a number of garages that sell and service luxury cars. He is looking for ways to use ICT to improve the way the businesses operate and also make a profit.

Mr George wants to improve the servicing of cars.

(a) Describe one ICT device for the receptionist to register a customer bringing a car in for service.

(b) Describe how a customer could use the Internet to book their car into a garage for servicing.

(c) An expert system can be used to help diagnose a fault in a car during the service. Describe how the use of an expert system can have advantages and disadvantages for the company.
2 The car dealers use a driving simulator for customers and teenagers to test cars without going on the roads.

(a) Describe how this driving simulator could affect both customers and the garage company.

(b) The software for the simulator will be purpose built. Explain what is meant by this term.
3 Large supermarkets are being built in countries all over the world.

(a) Describe how stock control in a supermarket can be processed using a computer system.

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(b) Explain how a ‘Just in Time’ system could be used by supermarkets for obtaining goods from their suppliers. You should include an evaluation of the effects on the company.

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4 Companies, such as banks, are setting up Call Centres in the Far East to provide support to customers in the West.

(a) Describe how a computer based system, such as a bank enquiry help desk, can support a telephone call centre operator when dealing with a customer’s telephone call.

(b) Describe some of the effects on the individual and society a company of having call centres in the Far East.
Local Government offices are to have their LANs linked to form a WAN. Explain what is meant by these terms and discuss the hardware and software that would be required.
6 A bank is required to employ more disabled computer operators. This requires a new computer system for the processing of transactions.

(a) Explain three features of the new system must be in the systems specification.

(b) Discuss the implications of the use of ICT in an anti social manner for disabled and other people who work from home.
(c) Staff will need training before they can use the new system. Describe the benefits of computer based systems that can be used for this training.

Many companies use the World Wide Web in their business. Market Research is one area that is being developed.

Describe two ways that could be used by a company to research the market for a planned product using the World Wide Web.
8 Many people buy items using the World Wide Web. They can buy from shops or auction sites. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for someone shopping in this way.
9 There are divides between various groups in the world. There are those who have access to ICT and those who do not - this is called the digital divide.

(a) Describe a range of reasons to show how ICT can enable a physically disabled person to live a fuller life and join society.

(b) Local Governments can use the World Wide Web to interact with its clients such as disabled citizens. Explain how Local Government could use ICT with its stakeholders.

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