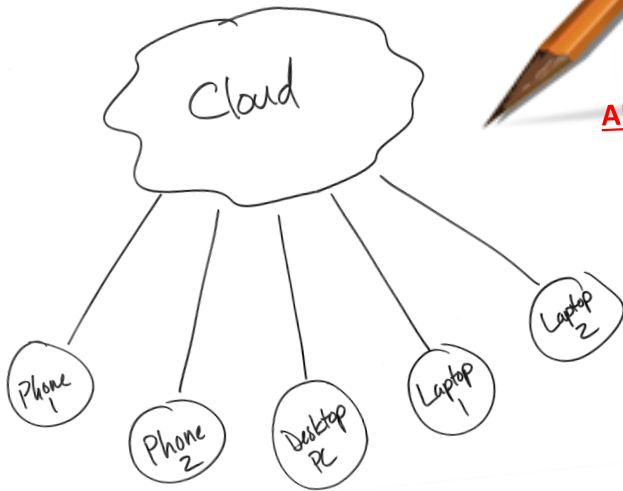


A STUDENT GUIDE TO

EXAM TIPS

It doesn't matter what you write outside the border...

Use blank space as much as you need for diagrams and extensions to your answers!



NEVER scribble out answers!

ALWAYS cross through work you don't want to be marked!

ANSWERS



You will **still** get marks for a correct answer that has been crossed out if it can be read and you haven't already left a second answer

Make sure your handwriting can be read by the examiner.
When in doubt, write in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

You are awarded for your **CORRECT ANSWERS** and **NOT** your use of literacy skill

- Write all questions worth more than 1 mark
- Use bullet points
- Write each point your making
- With a separate point
- Try to answer more points than the number of marks available— if you can—but don't make **shopping lists***
- Write your bullet points...
 - ...so they continue from the previous
 - Like a continuous sentence

If you write an answer that continue onto a different page...

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...The examiner won't see what you've written!

Always make reference to the scenario in your answer

You will be awarded for answers that aren't in the mark scheme—as long as the answers are correct!

All of these are secondary storage devices—even if some aren't in the mark scheme you will get marks for mentioning them in the exam



Questions that say 'your quality of written communication will be assessed in this question' can still be structured with **headings** and in **bullet points**

Examiner will first mark the technical content and then scale your answer based on your level of response and its spelling and grammar.

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When doing binary calculation: if you do an incorrect calculation in part i) of the question and use this in the next part, you will still get the mark for the second question—as long as the method is correct

Try **not** to repeat parts of the question in your answer

***Shopping lists** are where you create a list of answers with a large number of **incorrect** answers

In this example, the question would be asking for types of storage devices. The student has listed more storage devices rather than types of devices

If the examiner thinks you don't have an understanding of the question, you will get 0 marks

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...Leave directions so the examiner can find it easier!

<u>Types of Storage Device</u>	
Magnetic	✓
Solid State	✓
USB Stick	✗
Optical	✓
DVD	✗
Hard Disk Drive	✗
MP3 Player	✗