## MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 75

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| 2(a) | Description <br> Most parallel computer <br> systems use this architecture. <br> Computer <br> architecture$\|$ | 4 |
| 2(b) | Only one (separate) processor / not many separate processors (is not massively parallel) <br> Quad core computer system // processing units share the same bus 1 <br> 1 mark for each point, max 2 | 2 |
| 2(c) | Split into blocks of code .... <br> ... that can be processed simultaneously ... <br> ... instead of sequentially <br> Each block is processed by a different processor <br> which allows each of the many processors to simultaneously process <br> the different blocks of code independently <br> Requires both parallelism and co-ordination <br> 1 mark for each point, max 2 | 2 |
| 2(d) | 1 mark for identification of hardware issue, for example: <br> Communication between the different processors is the issue <br> 1 mark for further explanation from: <br> Each processor needs a link to every other processor Many processors require many of these links Challenging topology | 2 |


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| 3(a)(i) | There should be a colon before the '=' sign | 1 |
| 3(a)(ii) | The second operand should be an unsigned integer and not a variable | 1 |
| 3(a)(iii) | A32 is not a variable, as a variable should be a letter followed by a single digit | 1 |
| 3(b) | ```<assignment_statement> ::= <variable> := <variable> <operator> <unsigned_integer> <variable> ::= <letter> <digit> <unsigned_integer> ::= <digit> \| <digit> <unsigned_integer> <letter> ::= A | B | C ``` | 6 |
| 3(c) | Variable <br> Syntax diagram shows one or two letters Syntax diagram shows zero, one or two digits | 2 |
| 3(d) |  | 2 |


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| 4(a)(i) | A (known) set of rules <br> Agreed/standard method for data transmission // governs how two devices communicate | 2 |
| 4(a)(ii) | Max 2 marks for purpose: <br> Purpose of TLS is to provide for secure communication (over a network) <br> maintain data integrity <br> additional layer of security <br> Max 2 marks for further explanation from: <br> TLS provides improved security over SSL <br> TLS is composed of two layers / record protocol and handshake protocol <br> TLS protects this information by using encryption Also allows for authentication of servers and clients | Max 3 |
| 4(b) | The client validates (the server's) TLS Certificate <br> The client sends its digital certificate (to the server if requested) Client sends an encrypted message to the server using the server's public key <br> The server can use its private key to decrypt the message ... ... and get data needed for generating symmetric key <br> Both server and client compute symmetric key (to be used for encrypting messages) // session key established <br> The client sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session <br> The server sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session <br> 1 mark for each point, max 3 points | 3 |
| 4(c) | Applications, for example: <br> online banking <br> private email <br> online shopping <br> online messaging etc. <br> 1 mark for each point, Max 2 | 2 |


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| $5(\mathrm{a})(\mathrm{i})$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | 1 |  |
|  | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |



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| 5(d) | A flip-flop can store either a 0 or a 1 <br> Computers use bits to store data <br> Flip-flops can therefore be used to store bits (of data) <br> Memory can be created from flip-flops $\quad \mathbf{1}$ mark for valid point, max 2 | $\mathbf{2}$ |



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| 6(c)(iii) | Load the contents of LOWREG into ACC <br> Check bit position in LOWREG <br> For each of the least significant 6 bits <br> Use AND operation / mask to isolate a bit <br> Jump to code corresponding to bit being looked at <br> if value of bit is 1 <br> Send signal to appropriate actuator to turn on the heater <br> 1 mark for valid point, max 3 3 | $\mathbf{3}$ |

