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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Paper 3 Advanced Theory

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## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 70.
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1 Contrast the characteristics of local area networks (LANs) and wide area networks (WANs).

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2 Two impacts on individuals of the use of social networking are ideological polarisation and stereotyping.

**(a)** Ideological polarisation is the separation of political attitudes into extremes.

Describe ways in which the use of social networking may lead to the ideological polarisation of individuals.

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- (b) Stereotyping is having a set idea of what a person or group of people is like even though that idea may be wrong.

Describe ways in which the use of social networking may lead to the stereotyping of individuals.

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- (c) Many businesses now use social networking for marketing their products.

Justify the use of social networking by businesses for marketing products.

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- 5 On-screen input forms are used by office workers to enter data into computer systems. A well-designed input form will collect good-quality input so that good-quality output can be produced.

Explain how a well-designed on-screen input form helps prevent users from making mistakes when entering data.

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6 Microwave transmission is used to send data between devices at different locations.

(a) Explain how microwaves are used to transmit data between devices.

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(b) Describe **four** ways that microwave transmission is used in communication systems.

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7 The `prompt()` method is used in JavaScript to provide a popup dialog box for users to interact with web pages.

(a) Explain how the result of the user interaction from `prompt()` is used by a programmer to collect the input from a user.

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(b) Explain **two** limitations of using the `prompt()` method of user interaction.

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