

Q Will I need a calculator for the exam?

Yes a calculator is highly recommended, although theoretically you could do the calculations by hand, you will save yourself a lot of time if you use a calculator, but remember to check that your answer is a realistic one before you commit it to the answer paper.

Q How do I work out how much time to spend on each question?

As a rough guide, the rate is around about 1 minute per mark.

Q Are there any topics guaranteed to come up in the exam?

Nothing is guaranteed, but a careful study of past paper questions is the best guide. There are almost always questions on processor structure and performance, standard algorithms, parameter passing and the software development process.

Q Should I write in sentences?

Always recommended, but if you are short of time its better to get the facts down that you need to.

Q How do I know how much to write for a question?

If there are two marks available for a question then your answer will need two pieces of information or a combination such as a name and a description. When you see the word “**describe**” in a question, then remember that just naming the feature is not enough. If you are asked to provide information for a 4 mark question you may find it helpful to set out your answer as a table to make certain that you have answered the question fully.

Q Some questions seem to have a long complicated description of a situation before the actual questions. How important is the description?

The examiner is expecting you to relate your answers to the scenario in the question, so read it carefully before you start.

Q I can't get access to the Scholar website to use the activities?

If you are registered with your school to sit the exam, then you should have a Scholar ID and password. Ask your teacher or at the school office. If you have access to some of your subjects, but not others, then probably your details have not been updated, so again, check with your teacher.