

Section A: Computational Thinking and Problem Solving – Paper 1

1. Computational Thinking Techniques

- Key terms:
 - **Decomposition:** Breaking a problem into smaller parts.
 - **Abstraction:** Removing unnecessary details to focus on the core problem.
 - **Evaluation:** Assessing the solution's effectiveness.
- Benefits of using subprograms:
 - Reusability and modular design.
 - Simplifies debugging and maintenance.

2. Algorithms

- Reading and interpreting pseudocode.
- Identifying loops (condition-controlled and count-controlled) and selection structures.
- Sorting and searching algorithms:
 - **Binary search** (divide and conquer).
 - **Bubble sort** (comparison-based).
- Efficiency in algorithms:
 - Impact of the number of comparisons on sorting execution time.

3. Error Types in Programming

- Syntax errors: Violations of programming language rules.
- Runtime errors: Errors during execution, such as division by zero or accessing out-of-bounds array elements.

4. Operators

- Arithmetic and relational operators.
- Understanding modulus (//) and integer division.

Section B: Data Representation and Manipulation

5. ASCII and Unicode

- ASCII:
 - Uses 7 or 8 bits to represent characters.
 - How ASCII codes correspond to characters (e.g., code 65 = 'A').
- Unicode and its expanded range for global characters.

6. Binary Operations

- Logical and arithmetic shifts.
- Overflow errors: Results requiring more bits than available.
- Binary conversions:
 - Positive integers to binary.
 - Two's complement for negative integers.

7. Sound and Image Representation

- Sound:
 - Concepts of sampling intervals and resolution.
- Images:
 - Calculating image size:
 - $\text{Size} = \text{Width} \times \text{Height} \times \text{Color depth}$

8. Units of Measurement

- Data size conversions:
 - Bytes to tebibytes ($1 \text{ TiB} = 2^{40} \text{ bytes}$).
- Addressing limitations:
 - E.g., an 8-bit address bus can access $2^8 = 256$ addresses.

Section C: Networks

9. Network Types

- Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN).
- Characteristics of wireless networks:
 - Signal range and interference.

10. Network Topologies

- Disadvantages of bus networks:
 - Single point of failure.
 - Reduced performance with high traffic.

11. Security

- Penetration testing:
 - Identifying vulnerabilities by simulating attacks.

Revision Resources

1. BBC Bitesize - Computer Science
2. [W3Schools - Algorithms](#)
3. [Khan Academy - Computing](#)
4. [GCSEPod - Computer Science](#)
5. [Teach-ICT - GCSE Resources](#)