

1. Look at the following advert for a computer system

Dell Inspiron 570, Sempron 140, 4GB, 320GB, Int X4500, Win 7 Desktop



a) How much memory does this computer come with?

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b) What does the “320GB” mean?

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c) Name 1 piece of software that is included with the computer.

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2. Complete the following table, marking which category each of the following devices falls into.

Device	Input	Output	Storage	Processing	Communication
Keyboard					
Touchscreen					
USB stick					
Modem					
CPU					
Scanner					

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3. Paul takes his computer to a local computer shop complaining that it is too slow when playing games. The computer has an 800MHz processor, 512MB of RAM, a CD-ROM drive and a 40GB hard disc.

a) Explain the purpose of RAM.

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b) Suggest two components Paul could upgrade to make his computer run faster and explain how it will make the computer run quicker:

i. Component:
Reason:
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ii. Component:
Reason:
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c) The computer shop recommends that Paul buys a new computer instead, but Paul is concerned about the environmental impact of throwing his old computer away.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of buying a new computer instead of upgrading an old one and advise Paul what he should do. You should focus on the environmental impact and the cost.

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4. Phyllis is learning about the CPU

a) Explain the purpose of the CPU.

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b) Explain why increasing each of the following will make a computer system faster.

i. Clock speed.

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ii. Cache size.

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iii. Number of cores.

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a) Give 2 differences between RAM and ROM.

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b) A computer system has an 8MB cache and 2GB of memory.

i. Does the computer have more cache or more memory?

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ii. Explain the purpose of the cache

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iii. Explain what is meant by “Virtual Memory”

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6. Kevin needs to make a backup of his photography portfolio. He also needs to be able to send copies of his work to potential clients.

a) Explain why keeping a backup is important.

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b) Give 1 example for each of the following storage technologies.

i. Optical

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ii. Magnetic

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iii. Solid State

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c) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the storage technologies above and advise Kevin on what storage method to use for each of his two problems.

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