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Unit 1.2 The Main Components of Computer Systems

MARKS SCHEME 1

Four from: ROM Read Only Memory Non-volatile//Data is not lost when the computer is switched off Used to store the startup instructions/BIOS	4	
RAM Random Access Memory Volatile//Data is lost when the computer is turned off Stores the current running program/instruction RAM can be written to and read from		
To gain full marks the description must have correct answers for both ROM and RAM		

MARKS SCHEME 2

Four from:	4
An item of hardware	
It carries out the instructions of a computer program	
It performs basic arithmetic calculations	
It performs logical operations	
It performs input/output operations of the computer	
It contains the internal storage/control unit	

MARKS SCHEME 3

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	Six from:	6
	Internal storage examples RAM and ROM	
	Internal storage is chip based	
	Backing storage can be solid state, optical or magnetic	
	Backing storage is permanent storage	
	RAM loses memory when computer is turned off	
	RAM contains current instruction	
	ROM contains instructions to boot up the computer	
	Backing storage has slower access speeds	
	More storage in backing storage	

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MARKS SCHEME 4

	ALU (√)	Control Unit (√)	Main memory (√)
This is the immediate access storage			✓
This carries out the calculations	✓		
This carries out logical decisions	✓		
This directs the input and output flow in the CPU		✓	

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MARKS SCHEME 5

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	Any four from:	4
	 ROM can only be read from whereas RAM can be read and written to 	
	ROM is non-volatile whereas RAM is volatile	
	 ROM stores the start-up instructions / boot file whereas RAM stores the 	
	current instruction	
	 ROM is needed on boot up, whereas RAM is needed during processing / 	
	storing data	

MARKS SCHEME 6

	TRUE (^)	FALSE (^)
A mouse is an output device		✓
The Control Unit is part of the Central Processing Unit	✓	
The Arithmetic and Logic Unit is part of the Central Processing Unit	*	
A temperature sensor is an input device	✓	

⁴ correct answers – 2 marks 2 or 3 correct answers – 1 mark 1 correct – 0 marks

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MARKS SCHEME 7

	true (✓)	false (√)
ROM is Real Optical Memory.		<
RAM stores the instructions you are currently working on.	~	
ROM stores the BIOS.	~	
RAM allows the user to read and write data.	~	

4 correct answers – 2 marks 2 or 3 correct answers – 1 mark 0 or 1 correct answer – 0 marks [2]