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PRACTICE PAPER INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY PAPER 1 (SECTION A)

(2 hours for both Sections A and B)

INSTRUCTIONS

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- 5. You should mark only **ONE** answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will receive **NO MARKS** for that question.
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There are 40 questions in this paper. Choose the most suitable answer.

- 1. After editing a document file, Jenny sends it to Peter for further editing. They use different word processors. In order to keep the document format the same, which of the following file formats should Jenny use?
 - A. TXT
 - B. PDF
 - C. RTF
 - D. TIF
- 2. Mary wants to convert an audio file, abc.way, to mp3 format. What should she do?
 - A. Use audio editing software to export the file in mp3 format.
 - B. Rename the file as abc.mp3.
 - C. Open the file with audio recognition software and save it as another file, abc.mp3.
 - D. Copy the file to an mp3 player.
- 3. A colour photo is scanned using a scanner with 24-bit colours instead of 8-bit colours. This means that, in the chosen scanner,
 - (1) the resolution is higher.
 - (2) the file size is larger.
 - (3) more different colours can be scanned.
 - A. (1) and (2) only
 - B. (1) and (3) only
 - C. (2) and (3) only
 - D. (1), (2) and (3)
- 4. A machine adopts two's complement for the representation of 4-bit integer. Which of the following calculations is more likely to have an overflow error?
 - A. 3 + 3 + 2 4
 - B. 2-4+3+3
 - C. 3 + 3 4 + 2
 - D. -4-2-2
- 5. Which of the following statements about character representation is/are correct?
 - (1) GB code supports both traditional and simplified Chinese characters.
 - (2) Unicode represents more characters than GB code does.
 - (3) The concept of ASCII is no longer applicable because of the use of Unicode.
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (2) only
 - C. (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only
- 6. Peter wants to extract records with a data item within a range of values from a database. Which of the following SQL operators should he use?
 - A. LIKE
 - B. IN
 - C. DISTINCT
 - D. BETWEEN

Answer Questions 7 and 8 with reference to the following spreadsheet.

	A	В	С	D	E
1	Full name	Last name	First name	Date of birth	Age
2	CHAN TAI MAN	CHAN	TAI MAN	14/03/1980	31.0
3	CHEUNG MEI LAI	CHEUNG	MEI LAI	20/06/1978	32.7
4	SO SIU MING	SO	SIU MING	15/12/1985	25.5

- 7. Which of the following formulae is used in C2?
 - A. = A2 B2
 - B. = LEFT(A2, LEN(A2)-LEN(B2)-1)
 - C. =MID(A2, LEN(A2)-LEN(B2)+1, 1)
 - D. =RIGHT(A2, LEN(A2)-LEN(B2)-1)
- 8. Which of the following formulae can be used to calculate the approximate age in E2?
 - A. =NOW(1980,3,14)
 - B. =NOW(1980,3,14)/365
 - C. = (NOW()-D2)/365
 - D. = DATE(1980, 3, 14) NOW()
- 9. Some sales records are stored in spreadsheet software, as shown below:

Product	Month	Quantity
DVD	2	5
Mobile Phone	2	4
DVD	1	23
DVD	2	13
•	•	•
•	•	•
TV	3	8

A pivot table is generated based on the sales records, as shown below:

Sum of Quantity	Product			
Month	DVD	Mobile Phone	TV	Grand Total
1	43	18	5	66
2	18	20	6	44
3	15	18	9	42
Grand Total	76	56	20	152

What are the settings of the fields?

Row Field Column Field

A. Month Product

B. Product, Month Quantity

C. Quantity Product, Month

D. Product Month

10. Ms Lee wants to find students in Class 1A from a list of all students stored in a spreadsheet.

Class	Name
1A	CHAN TAI MAN
2C	CHEUNG MEI LAI
1A	SO SIU MING
3В	LI KA MAN
4D	YIP HIU YEE
1A	WONG HO YIN
•	•

Class	Name
1A	CHAN TAI MAN
1A	SO SIU MING
1A	WONG HO YIN
:	:

Which of the following functions should she use?

- A. Copy and paste
- B. Delete
- C. Filter
- D. Find
- 11. Peter wants to replace the short form, 'LAN', with the full name, 'Local Area Network' in a document, as shown below.

Before: "The High Land School wants to build a LAN to ..."

"The High Land School wants to build a Local Area Network to ..."

Which of the following search options in the REPLACE function of a word processor should Peter choose?

- (1) Use wildcards
- (2) Find whole word only
- (3) Match case
- (4) Sounds like
- A. (2) and (3) only
- B. (2) and (4) only
- C. (1), (2) and (4) only
- D. (1), (3) and (4) only
- 12. Which of the following are common ways of showing record information in a database report?
 - (1) Records in a particular order
 - (2) Records that meet certain criteria
 - (3) Records with a table of contents
 - (4) Summary information of records
 - A. (2) and (3) only
 - B. (1) and (3) only
 - C. (1) and (4) only
 - D. (1), (2) and (4) only

13. Which of the following attributes of an object will be saved when using Object Linking and Embedding with a document?

	Object Linking	Object Embedding
A.	Path of the object	Path of the object
B.	Object content	Path of the object
C.	Path of the object	Object content
D.	Object content	Object content

- 14. In which of the following hardware components can files be accessed in direct access mode?
 - (1) Flash memory card
 - (2) DVD-RW
 - (3) Hard disk
 - (4) Magnetic tape
 - A. (1) and (3) only
 - B. (2) and (4) only
 - C. (3) and (4) only
 - D. (1), (2) and (3) only
- 15. A device is installed in a vehicle to record the traffic using a camera. Which file format and storage medium are appropriate for the device?

	File format	Storage medium
A.	AVI	DVD-RW
B.	AVI	Flash memory card
C.	WMA	DVD-RW
D.	WMA	Flash memory card

- 16. Which of the following programs is used to improve the access time of files in a hard disk?
 - A. Virus checker
 - B. Defragmentation program
 - C. Backup program
 - D. File encryption program
- 17. In a commercial building, the security system will activate the alarm if one of the main doors is opened between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. What kind of system is this?
 - A. Batch processing system
 - B. Real-time system
 - C. On-line interactive system
 - D. Multi-user system
- 18. Which of the following data will be stored in the program counter in a machine cycle?
 - A. Memory address
 - B. Memory data
 - C. Instruction
 - D. Number of instructions

19.	Which of the following are the main functions of a CPU?
	(1) Performing arithmetic and logical operations.
	(2) Storing system data permanently.
	(3) Executing instructions of computer programs.
	(4) Providing an interface between user and system.
	A. (1) and (3) only
	B. (2) and (3) only
	C. (2) and (4) only
	D. (1), (3) and (4) only
20.	Which of the following statements about registers in a CPU is/are correct?
	(1) They are 8 bits long.
	(2) Cache memory is a kind of register.
	(3) Accumulator is a kind of register.
	A. (1) only
	B. (1) and (2) only
	C. (3) only
	D. (2) and (3) only
21.	If the Government establishes an 'Anti-drugs Authority' in Hong Kong, which of the following domain names would be appropriate for it?
	A. ada.com.hk
	B. ADA.idv
	C. ADA.edu.hk
	D. ada.gov.hk
22.	A company establishes a WAN instead of a LAN mainly because of the
	A. cost
	B. coverage
	C. data transmission rate
	D. number of users supported
23.	When browsing a simple web page over the Internet, how will the content of the web page normally be transmitted?
	A. The content will be divided into several packets that are probably sent through a single physical path.
	B. The content will be divided into several packets that are probably sent through different physical
	paths.
	C. The content will be encrypted and sent through a single physical path.D. The content will be encrypted and sent through different physical paths.
24.	A company subscribes for a 10M leased line instead of a 10M broadband connection because
	A. the maximum data transfer rate is higher
	B. it is cheaper
	C. it is more secure
	D. it is for commercial use only

- 25. Which of the following statements about the use of video streaming technology is/are correct?
 - (1) The data transfer rate can be increased.
 - (2) The video can be watched before the file is completely downloaded.
 - (3) The video quality can be enhanced.
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only
- 26. Which of the following statements about constructing traditional frames in a web page is/are correct?
 - (1) More than one HTML file is needed.
 - (2) A table with more than one column or row is needed.
 - (3) More than one background colour is needed.
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (1) and (2) only
 - C. (2) and (3) only
 - D. (3) only
- 27. Tom wants to upgrade the bandwidth of a school network from 100 Mbps to 10 Gbps. Which of the following upgrade plans do you suggest?

Current
Suggested upgrade

A. Internal network interface card
B. wired connection
C. CAT 5 cable
D. switch
Suggested upgrade
USB network interface card wireless connection
Optical fibre
hub

- 28. A research company estimates that in 2012 China has over 500 million Internet users. China's Internet population becomes the largest in the world. Which of the following statements about China is/are correct?
 - (1) The growth in e-commerce will be greatly accelerated.
 - (2) The number of computers per person is the largest in the world.
 - (3) The broadband quality is the best in the world.
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (1) and (3) only
 - C. (2) and (3) only
 - D. (2) only

- 29. P and Q represent $A \ge 18$ and $A \le 60$ respectively. For which of the following values of A will the Boolean expression, NOT (P AND Q), be true?
 - (1) 0
 - (2) 18
 - (3) 30
 - (4) 80
 - A. (3) only
 - B. (2) and (3) only
 - C. (1) and (4) only
 - D. (1), (2) and (4) only
- 30. What kind of information is stated in the user manual of a software package?
 - A. Algorithm design
 - B. Algorithm testing
 - C. Source codes
 - D. System requirements
- 31. Which of the following sequences of tasks in problem solving procedures is correct?
 - (1) Outline the input and output requirements of the problem.
 - (2) Define the scope of the problem.
 - (3) Evaluate the output of the solution to the problem.
 - (4) Complete the testing and debugging.
 - A. $(1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (4)$
 - B. $(1) \to (2) \to (4) \to (3)$
 - C. $(2) \to (1) \to (3) \to (4)$
 - D. $(2) \to (1) \to (4) \to (3)$
- 32. What is the final value of A in the following pseudo codes?

$$A \leftarrow 5$$

 $B \leftarrow 10$
IF (2×A) > 8
THEN IF A > (5+B)
THEN A \leftarrow B
ELSE B \leftarrow A
ELSE A \leftarrow A + 8

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 10
- D. 13

33. Consider the following pseudo codes.

$$S \leftarrow 1$$
 INPUT A WHILE (S < 10) $S \leftarrow S + A$

Which kind of input values will prevent the occurrence of an infinite loop?

- A. Any integer
- B. Negative number
- C. Zero
- D. Positive number
- 34. A web site adopts an encryption key 2048 bits long instead of 1024 bits long. Why does this increase the security level?
 - A. Hackers take more time to crack the system.
 - B. The time for data transmission increases.
 - C. It is more difficult to memorise the key.
 - D. The size of an encrypted data packet increases.
- 35. Which of the following examples can effectively reduce theft of digital intellectual property?
 - (1) Use of digital watermarks
 - (2) Setting up firewalls
 - (3) Updating virus definition files frequently
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only
- 36. In the following HTML code, what are the six digits after '#'?

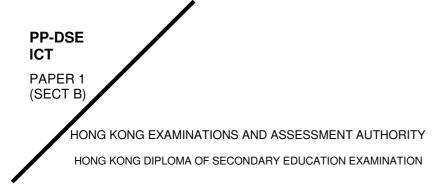
- (1) They represent three values for the colours red, green and blue.
- (2) They are used to transfer to DNS for web browsing.
- (3) They refer to three hexadecimal values.
- A. (1) only
- B. (2) only
- C. (1) and (3) only
- D. (2) and (3) only

- 37. Mrs Lee does not allow her son to use Bit Torrent freeware on her home computer because
 - (1) her son may download illegal software.
 - (2) it is illegal to use the software.
 - (3) his school does not install this software.
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (1) and (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only
- 38. Which of the following equipment can help to minimise repetitive strain injury to fingers and wrists during typing?
 - A. A footrest
 - B. An armrest
 - C. A large screen
 - D. A large desk
- 39. The disconnected security token illustrated below is commonly used for online authentication. Which of the following statements about such authentication is correct?



- A. No username and password are needed.
- B. The six-digit number changes regularly.
- C. Once the button is pressed, a six-digit number is imported from a server to the token.
- D. Digits are used because they can be converted into ASCII code.
- 40. Computer Assisted Diagnosis (CADx) helps doctors interpret medical images of the human body. It combines the elements of artificial intelligence and digital image processing. Which of the following domains of knowledge is the most important to CADx?
 - A. Office automation software
 - B. Web authoring
 - C. Algorithm design
 - D. Machine organisation

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PRACTICE PAPER INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY PAPER 1 (SECTION B) Question-Answer Book

(2 hours for both Sections A and B) This paper must be answered in English

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1 and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on Pages 1, 3 and 5.
- (2) **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.** Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer book. Do not write in the margins. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
- (3) Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number, mark the question number box and stick a barcode label on each sheet, and fasten them with string **INSIDE** this book.
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1. Mr Wong is responsible for setting up an inventory system in a supermarket. He creates a database table, INVENTORY, to store the information on products for sale. Part of INVENTORY is shown below:

TNVENTORY

GAR	CODE	NAME OF THE PARTY	DDTGE	O EN I
CAT	CODE	NAME	PRICE	QTY
(Category)	(Product code)	(Product Name)	(Price of product)	(Number of items in stock)
Beverage	B163	BEST juice	10.0	10
Snack	S968	좋은감자칩	12.2	40
Noodle	N042	乐乐浓汤鸡面	20.2	20
Beverage	B482	FRESH tea	25.9	80
Noodle	N091	QQ noodle	8.4	50

- (a) Which field, CAT, CODE, NAME, PRICE or QTY, should be used as a key field? _____(1 mark)
- (b) The data type of QTY is integer. Judy, Mr Wong's colleague, suggests changing it to real number or string. Mr Wong disagrees with Judy's suggestion. Why?

(2 marks)

 $(c) \ \ \text{For storing data under} \ \ \text{NAME}, which character encoding system is most suitable? Explain briefly.$

(2 marks)

(d) (i) Mr Wong writes the following SQL command. Based on the five given records in INVENTORY above, what is the query result?

Select CODE, PRICE from INVENTORY where PRICE > 10 and QTY < 40

(ii) INVENTORY is imported into a spreadsheet file. Describe, with steps, how to use the functions of spreadsheet software to extract the same data as the query result in (d)(i).

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(d)	(i) State two possible ways that the computer virus can be spread to other computers throu Internet.
	(ii) Sometimes even state-of-the-art antivirus software cannot remove some computer viruses. E briefly why this is the case.
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	san suggests that Patrick, a technician in the company, install photo editing shareware with a 30-daiod on the office computers.
(e)	(i) Before the installation, what copyright issue should Patrick know about? What document sho read?
	(ii) Susan downloads and installs a pirated copy of photo editing software on her computer. What possible legal consequence of her action?
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(f)	Patrick installs a software package on all computers such that the system in each computer value automatically restored to its original state on every reboot. Give one advantage and one disadvanthis software package.

Answers written in the margins will not be marked.

- 3. Mr Law develops a computer system with the help of Ada and Ben. The system is used to find the equivalent grade for an input mark.
 - (a) Ada uses the following pseudocode to represent her algorithm.

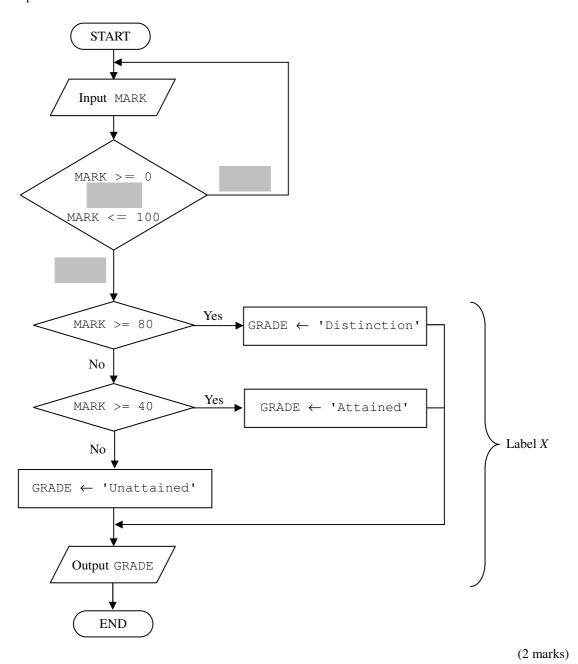
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Step 1: Input a value into MARK
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- Step 5: Output GRADE
- (i) What is the value of GRADE for each of the following values of MARK?

(1)
$$MARK = 40$$
 $GRADE =$

- (ii) Ada modifies the pseudocode by applying iteration control structure in Step 1 so that the value of MARK is between 0 and 100 inclusive as shown below.
 - Step 1: Repeat the input of values into MARK when the value of MARK is smaller than 0 or larger than $100\,$
 - (1) Other than 0 and 100, give another test datum that can be used to identify the boundary cases of the algorithm.
 - (2) Which type of iteration control structure, pre-test, post-test or for loop, is used by Ada?

(4 marks)

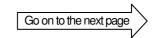


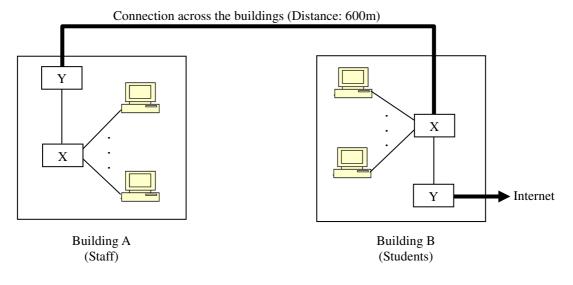
(c) Compare the algorithm indicated by Label X with Ada's algorithm. Which one is more efficient? Explain briefly.

(2 marks)

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(d)	A w	orkstation in the system provides a virtual keyboard on the screen which can be used to enter the ks.
	(i)	Give one advantage and one disadvantage of this design.
		Advantage:
		Disadvantage:
	(ii)	Suggest a common way to connect a keyboard to the workstation other than using a USB port.
		Mr Law wants to connect a USB printer to the workstation but the connection fails. What is the potential software problem?
		(4 marks)





,	(a)	١ ١	(i)	What	network	connecting	devices	are X	and	V 9
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X:	 Y:	

- (ii) Suggest a suitable type of network cable for the connection across the buildings and justify your answer.
- (iii) Instead of using a wired connection, Mr Li wants to connect two networks by installing microwave dishes on the roofs of the buildings. State **two** disadvantages of this approach.

(5 marks)

(b) Mr Li subscribes to an Internet connection. A cable modem is needed to connect the campus network to the Internet. What is the function of the cable modem?

(2 marks)

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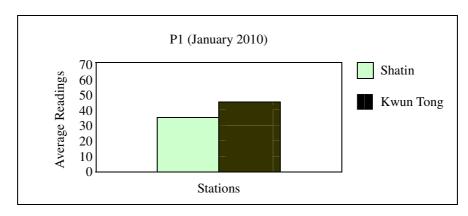
	(c)	Mr Li sets up an email server in the university and offers an email account to each student. In each of the following cases, which email protocol for accessing email boxes is preferable? Justify your answer.
		(i) Each email box only has 5 MB storage space.
		(ii) Students can access their email boxes through any computer with Internet access.
		(4 marks)
5.		er wants to study the air quality in Shatin and Kwun Tong. He downloads the air quality monitoring data in the website of the Environmental Protection Department, as shown below:
		Environmental Protection Department
		Air Quality Monitoring Data
		You have selected the <i>Shatin</i> Station. Data is available from 1-7-2008 to 30-9-2010.
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		Display Download Reset
	(a)	(i) In the web page above, how can the use of drop-down lists help with data input?
		(ii) There should be two validation rules for checking the input data. Give two different sets of invalid data to illustrate the need for the rules.
		Set 1 Day Month Year Day Month Year
		From: To:
		Set 2 Day Month Year Day Month Year
		From: To: (3 marks)

The readings of air pollutants, P1, P2 and P3, are collected every 6 hours. Peter downloads the data collected at Shatin and Kwun Tong in January 2010 and stores them in two worksheets of a spreadsheet file, *Sheet1* and *Sheet2*, respectively. *Sheet1* is shown below.

	А	В	С	D	E	F	G
1				T	ime		
2	Date	Pollutant	00 00	06 00	12 00	18 00	Average
3	1-1-2010	P1	14	12	11	9	
4	1-1-2010	P2	116	103	102	78	
5	1-1-2010	P3	28	20	21	29	
6	2-1-2010	P1	25	18	18	26	
7	2-1-2010	P2	87	90	86	63	
8	2-1-2010	P3	10	9	9	2	
9	3-1-2010	P1	86	83	83	7	
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94	31-1-2010	P2	37	15	7	82	
95	31-1-2010	P3	4	6	12	3	
96							
97						P1 average:	

- (b) Peter wants to find the average reading of P1 at Shatin in January 2010.
 - (i) To find the daily average readings of the pollutants everyday, a formula is entered into G3 and is then copied into G4 to G95. Write the formula in G3.
 - (ii) Write the formula in G97 to find the average reading of P1 at Shatin in January 2010.

(4 marks)



(i) Describe, with major steps, how to create the chart.

(ii) Peter copies the chart into his presentation file. Afterwards he updates some readings of P1 on Sheet1. Will the chart in the presentation file change accordingly? Explain briefly.

(5 marks)

END OF PAPER

Reserved Words and Functions

Database (SQL commands - based on SQL-92 Standard)

Constants	FALSE, TRUE
Operators	+, -, *, /, >, <, =, >=, <=, <>, %, _ , ' , AND, NOT, OR
SQL	ABSOLUTE (ABS), AVG, INT, MAX, MIN, SUM, COUNT ASC, AT, CHAR (CHR), CHAR_LENGTH (LEN), LOWER, TRIM, SPACE, SUBSTRING (SUBSTR/MID), UPPER, VALUE (VAL) DATE, DAY, MONTH, YEAR ADD, ALL, ALTER, ANY, AS, ASC, BETWEEN, BY, CREATE, DELETE, DESC, DISTINCT, DROP, EXISTS, FROM, GROUP, HAVING, IN, INDEX, INNER JOIN, INSERT, INTEGER, INTERSECT, INTO, LEFT [OUTER] JOIN, LIKE, MINUS, NULL, RIGHT [OUTER] JOIN, FULL [OUTER] JOIN, ON, ORDER, SELECT, SET, TABLE, TO, UNION, UNIQUE, UPDATE, VALUES, VIEW, WHERE

Electronic Spreadsheet

Constants	TRUE, FALSE
Operators	+, -, *, /, <, >, =, <>, <=, >=
Functions	ABS, INT, MOD, QUOTIENT, RAND, ROUND, ROUNDUP, ROUNDDOWN, SQRT, TRUNC, AND, NOT, OR CHAR, CODE, CONCATENATE, EXACT, ISBLANK, LEFT, LEN, LOWER, MID, PROPER, RIGHT, TEXT, TRIM, UPPER, VALUE AVERAGE, COUNT, COUNTA, COUNTBLANK, COUNTIF, LARGE, MAX, MIN, RANK, SMALL, SUM, SUMIF, SUMPRODUCT, SUMSQ, FREQUENCY DATE, NOW FIND, HLOOKUP, VLOOKUP, LOOKUP, SEARCH, CHOOSE IF