

Examiner Report	
Qualification Name	Higher Education Qualification
Qualification Level	Diploma
Date/ Series	April 2026
Module	Computer Networks
Question no.	comments
A1	This question was not attempted by many candidates. Part a) - For part a, most candidates achieved a limited number of marks due to focusing on defining the protocols rather than comparing and contrasting them. Part b) - For part b, candidates mostly identified the key characteristics of CDNs and P2P however limited discussion was provided which limited marks awarded.
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A2	This question was a popular one among candidates. Parts a.) and Part b.) were attempted by all candidates with a good level of marks awarded for correct identification of characteristics and devices. Part c.) was not attempted by many candidates. Part d.) Candidates identified packet switching correctly however limited marks were awarded in most cases due to limited discussion of its advantages.
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A3	All parts of the question were attempted by most candidates. a limited number of marks were awarded in Part a.) due to limited characteristics being defined. Part b.) and Part c.) were attempted more broadly with most candidates identifying QoS parameters for Part b.) however marks awarded were limited for Part c.) by table entries being incorrect.
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B4	This question was a popular one among candidates. For Part a.) most candidates correctly explained errors however some did not provide a specific example.

	For Part b.) most candidates were able to identify single bit and burst errors however marks were limited due to limited detail being provided in examples for each. For Part c.) candidates tended to focus on specific actions of error detection codes rather than describing other approaches which limited marks awarded.
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<i>B5</i>	For Part a.) most candidates received a high number of marks due to correct identification of types of addresses, those that didn't identified some private ranges as public or vice versa. For Part b.) most candidates identified the 128-bit benefits of IPv6 however limited marks were awarded in total due to other benefits not being identified such as improved header structure etc.
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<i>B6</i>	This question was a popular one among candidates. Part a.) & Part b.) were well answered by most candidates with correct identification of cable types, advantages and disadvantages. Some candidates mixed fibre and co-axe connections. Part c.) was attempted by less candidates, those that did attempt it correctly identified the meaning of PLC however marks were limited due to limited description of narrowband and broadband versions.