Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Digital Technologies (720)

Cyber Security (5220-043)

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Assessment Pack

Synoptic Assignment Pack

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General guidance for candidates

General guidance

This is a formal assessment that you will be marked and graded on. You will be marked on the quality and accuracy of your practical performance and any written work you produce. It is therefore important that you carry your work out to the highest standard you can. You should show how well you know and understand the subject and how you are able to use your knowledge and skills together to complete the tasks. This means you will usually have to write down your thinking and the reasons behind the way you have carried out the tasks and how/why you have made your decisions. This may be part of your planning, reflections, or evaluations.

Plagiarism

This is an assessment of your abilities, so the work must be all your own work and carried out under the conditions stated. You will be asked to sign a declaration that you have not had any outside help with the assessment.

Your tutor is allowed to give you some help understanding the assignment instructions if necessary, but they will record any other guidance you need and this will be taken into account during marking.

Plagiarism is the failure to acknowledge sources properly and/or the submission of another person's work as if it were your own. Plagiarism is not allowed in this assignment.

Where research is allowed, your tutor must be able to identify which work you have done yourself, and what you have found from other sources. It is therefore important to make sure you acknowledge all sources and clearly reference any information taken from them.

Timings and planning

Where you have to plan your time, you should take care to make sure you have divided the time available between tasks appropriately. In some assignments, there are specified timings which cannot be changed and which need to be taken into account. You should check your plan is appropriate with your tutor.

If you have a good reason for needing more time, you will need to explain the reasons to your tutor and agree a new deadline date. Changes to dates will be at the discretion of the tutor, and they may not mark work that is handed in after the agreed deadlines.

Health and Safety

You must always work safely, in particular while you are carrying out practical tasks.

You must always follow any relevant Health and Safety regulations and codes of practice.

If your tutor sees you working in a way that is unsafe for yourself or others, they will ask you to stop immediately, and tell you why. Your tutor will not be able to reassess you until they are sure you are ready for assessment and can work safely.

Presentation of work

Presentation of work must be neat and appropriate to the task.

You should make sure that each piece of evidence including any proformas eg record/job cards are clearly labelled with your name and the assignment reference.

All electronic files must be given a clear file name that allows your tutor to identify it as your work. Written work eg reports may be word processed or hand written unless stated otherwise.

All sketches and drawings should be neat and tidy, to scale and annotated.

Calculations should be set out clearly, with all working shown, together with any assumptions made. You should use appropriate units at all times and answers must be expressed to a degree of accuracy, consistent with the requirements of the task.

The use of non-programmable scientific calculators is acceptable.

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Assignment Brief

Your current role as an IT Technician involves implementing logical and physical measures to counter security threats to the organisation's network. You have been short listed for a post as part of the security team responsible for planning and auditing the implementation of cyber security within the organisation.

The Board of Directors requires a document that discusses how ethical hackers test the integrity of networks using physical and logical tools and techniques.

You have been asked to complete a set of pre-interview tasks to demonstrate your knowledge, skills and understanding. The selection panel requires a single document that discusses how the integrity of a network can be undermined. This should highlight the potential impact of each topic discussed with regards to the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability (CIA) of data and explains the measures that may be undertaken to mitigate the threats and vulnerabilities discussed.

It also requires a plan that identifies how the audit of the system will be conducted, identifying any potential areas that could be exploited. As the organisation has third party auditing software installed, the use of this software should be included as part of the audit plan. To demonstrate the required practical skills, the planned audit will be carried out by the short listed candidates.

The organisation is currently looking at implementing a High Availability (HA) solution and requires an outline of the possible strategies available, and the advantages offered by each.

Based on this outline, a suitable solution will be recommended. A plan will be created that identifies the elements required to implement this solution.

To enable the completion of the tasks, a small standalone network will be made available.

Tasks

Task 1

Produce a document that discusses the tools and techniques that may be used by Ethical Hackers to test the integrity of networks.

Conditions of assessment:
You must carry the task out on your own, under supervised conditions.
It is expected that this task should take no more than **3 hours** in total.

What you must produce for marking:
- A single word-processed document.

Task 2

Produce a single document that discusses ways in which system integrity may be undermined and the potential impacts that may follow. Include in this document, a plan for auditing the system.

Conduct the security audit outlined in the plan, establishing a security baseline. Add the findings of the completed audit to the document.

Conditions of assessment:
You must carry the task out on your own, under supervised conditions.
It is expected that this task should take no more than **6 hours** in total.

What you must produce for marking:
- A single word-processed document containing:
  - a discussion of threats to system integrity and their impacts
  - an audit plan
  - the findings of the completed audit

Task 3

Produce an overview of the High Availability (HA) solutions that could be utilised and the advantages each solution offers.

Based on your findings, recommend a solution and produce a plan that identifies the elements that would need to be included in order to implement this solution.

Conditions of assessment:
You must carry the task out on your own, under supervised conditions.
It is expected that this task should take no more than **3 hours** in total.

What you must produce for marking:
- A single word-processed document containing
  - an overview of High Availability solutions
  - a recommended solution
  - an implementation plan

Task instructions for centres

Time

The recommended time allocated for the completion of the tasks and production of evidence for this assessment is approximately **twelve** hours. It is the centre's responsibility to arrange how this time is managed to fit with timetables during the assessment period. Candidates are required to plan their work taking into account the time allocated for each task.

Resources

Candidates must have access to a suitable range of resources to carry out the tasks.

Task 1

The candidates must have access to a PC with a word processing package installed.

Task 2

The candidates will have access to a network consisting of a minimum of 2 PCs /laptops, 1 wireless access point/router, 1 switch and a firewall (software or hardware). All of the PCs/Laptops must have an anti-virus package installed.

The candidate should have access to third party software that allows them to carry out an audit of the systems available. This should be preinstalled on the PCs/laptops.

The audit plan should identify the areas to be audited to allow them to establish a baseline for network security.

Task 3

The candidate should produce a single word-processed document that discusses High Availability (HA) systems then make a recommendation based on their findings.

Centre guidance

Guidance provided in this document refers to this specific assignment. The following documents available on the City & Guilds website provide essential generic guidance for centres delivering Technical qualifications and **must** be referred to alongside this guidance:

- *Technical qualifications – marking and moderation* – updated annually

- *Technical qualifications – teaching, learning and assessment*

This synoptic assessment is designed to require the candidate to make use their knowledge, understanding and skills they have built up over the course of their learning to tackle problems/tasks/challenges.

This approach to assessment emphasises to candidates the importance and applicability of the full range of their learning to practice in their industry area, and supports them in learning to take responsibility for transferring their knowledge, understanding and skills to the practical situation, fostering independence, autonomy and confidence.

Candidates are provided with an assignment brief. They then have to draw on their knowledge and skills and independently select the correct processes, skills, materials, and approaches to take to provide the evidence specified by the brief.

During the learning programme, it is expected that tutors will have taken the opportunity to set shorter, formative tasks that allow candidates to be supported to independently use the learning they have so far covered, drawing this together in a similar way, so they are familiar with the format, conditions and expectations of the synoptic assessment.

You should explain to candidates what the Assessment Objectives are and how they are implemented in marking the assignment, so they will understand the level of performance that will achieve them high marks.

The candidate should not be entered for the assessment until the end of the course of learning for the qualification so they are in a position to complete the assignment successfully.

Health and safety

Candidates should not be entered for assessment without being clear of the importance of working safely, and practice of doing so. The tutor must immediately stop an assessment if a candidate works unsafely. At the discretion of the tutor, depending on the severity of the incident, the candidate may be given a warning. If they continue to work unsafely however, their assessment must be ended and they must retake the assessment at a later date.

Observation

Where the tutor is required to carry out observation of performance, detailed notes must be taken using the Practical observation (PO) form provided. This may be a generic form or tailored to the specific assignment. The centre has the flexibility to adapt the form, or produce their own to suit local requirements as long as this does not change or restrict the type of evidence collected (eg to use tablet, hand-written formats, or to ease local administration).

The number of candidates a tutor will be able to observe at one time will vary depending on local conditions eg layout of the assessment environment, support for different tasks, staggered starts etc. Tutors must consider the logistics of collecting sufficient evidence; whether there are any points that will need additional support or any that are quieter, and trial the planned arrangements where possible during formative assessment. It is suggested however that no more than six candidates should be observed by a single tutor at one time.

As far as possible, candidates should not be distracted, or their performance affected by the process of observation and evidence collection.

Identifying **what it is** about the performances that is **different** between candidates can clarify the qualities that are important to record. Each candidate may carry out the same steps, so a checklist

of this information would not add information to help differentiate between them, but qualitative comments on **how well** they do it, and quantitative records of accuracy and tolerances would.

The tutor should refer to the marking grid to ensure appropriate aspects of performance are recorded. These notes will be used for marking and moderation purposes and so must be detailed, accurate and differentiating.

Tutors should ensure that any required additional supporting evidence including eg photographs or video can be easily matched to the correct candidate, are clear, sufficiently well-lit and showing the areas of particular interest for assessment (ie taken at appropriate points in production, showing accuracy of measurements where appropriate).

If candidates are required to work as a team, each candidate's contribution must be noted separately. The tutor may intervene if any individual candidate's contribution is unclear or to ensure fair access (see below).

Technical qualifications – marking and moderation centre guidance document is an essential guidance document available on the City & Guilds website, providing further information on gathering evidence suitable for marking and moderation, and must be referred to when planning and carrying out assessment.

Minimum evidence requirements
The sections:
- ***What you must produce for marking***, and
- ***Additional evidence of your performance that must be captured for marking***

in the assignment list the minimum requirements of evidence to be submitted for marking and moderation.
Evidence above and beyond this may be submitted, but should provide useful information for marking and moderation.

Where candidates have carried out some work as a group, the contribution of each candidate must be clear. It is not appropriate to upload identical information for each candidate without some way for the moderator to mark the candidates individually.

Where the minimum requirements have **not** been met, the moderation remark and any subsequent adjustment will be based on the evidence that has been submitted. **Where this is insufficient to provide a mark on moderation, a mark of zero may be given.**

Preparation
Candidates should be aware of which aspects of their performance (across the AOs) will give them good marks in assessment. This is best carried out through routinely pointing out good or poor performance during the learning period, and through formative assessment. Candidates should be encouraged to do the best they can and be made aware of the difference between these summative assessments and any formative assessments they have been subject to. Candidates may not have access to the full marking grids, as these may be misinterpreted as pass, merit distinction descriptors. See the ***Technical qualifications – teaching, learning and assessment*** centre guidance document for further information on preparing candidates for Technical qualification assessment.

Guidance on assessment conditions

The assessment conditions that are in place for this synoptic assignment are to:

- ensure the rigour of the assessment process
- provide fairness for candidates
- give confidence in the outcome.

They can be thought of as the rules that ensure that all candidates who take an assessment are being treated fairly, equally and in a manner that ensures their result reflects their true ability.

The conditions outlined below relate to this summative synoptic assignment. These do not affect any formative assessment work that takes place. Formative assessment will necessarily take a significant role throughout the learning programme where support, guidance and feedback (with the opportunity to show how feedback has been used to improve outcomes and learning) are critical. This approach is not, however, valid for summative assessment. The purpose of summative assessment is to confirm the standard the candidate has achieved as a result of participating in the learning process.

Authentication of candidate work

Candidates are required to sign declarations of authenticity, as is the tutor. The relevant form is included in this assignment pack.

The final evidence for the tasks that make up this synoptic assignment must be completed under the specified conditions. This is to ensure authenticity and prevent malpractice as well as to assess and record candidate performance for assessment in the practical tasks. Any aspect that may be undertaken in unsupervised conditions is specified. It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that local administration and oversight gives the tutor sufficient confidence to be able to confirm the authenticity of the candidate's work.

 Candidate evidence must be kept secure to prevent unsupervised access by the candidate or others. Where evidence is produced over a number of sessions, the tutor must ensure learners and others cannot access the evidence without supervision. This might include storing written work or artefacts in locked cupboards and collecting memory sticks of evidence produced electronically at the end of each session.

Where the candidate or tutor is unable to, or does not confirm authenticity through signing the declaration form, the work will not be accepted at moderation and a mark of zero will be given. If any question of authenticity arises eg at moderation, the centre may be contacted for justification of authentication.

Accessibility and fairness

Where a candidate has special requirements, tutors should refer to the *Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments* section of the City& Guilds website.

Tutors can support access where necessary by providing clarification to **any** candidate on the requirements or timings of any aspect of this synoptic assignment. Tutors should **not** provide more guidance than the candidate needs as this may impact on the candidate's grade, see the guidance and feedback section below.

All candidates must be provided with an environment and resources that allows them access to the full range of marks available.

Where candidates have worked in groups to complete one or more tasks for this synoptic assessment, the tutor must ensure that no candidate is disadvantaged as a result of the performance of any other team member. If a team member is distracting or preventing another team member from fully demonstrating their skills or knowledge, the tutor must intervene.

Guidance and feedback

Guidance must only support access to the assignment and must not provide feedback for improvement. The level and frequency of clarification & guidance must be

- recorded fully on the candidate record form (CRF),
- taken into account along with the candidate's final evidence during marking
- made available for moderation.

Tutors **must not** provide feedback on the quality of the performance or how the quality of evidence can be improved. This would be classed as malpractice.

Tutors **should** however provide general reminders to candidates throughout the assessment period to check their work thoroughly before submitting it, and to be sure that they are happy with their final evidence as it may not be worked on further after submission.

Candidates can rework any evidence that has been produced for this synoptic assignment during the time allowed. However, this must be as a result of their own review and identification of weaknesses and not as a result of tutor feedback. Once the evidence has been submitted for assessment, no further amendments to evidence can be made.

Tutors should ensure that candidates' plans for completion of the tasks distribute the time available appropriately and may guide candidates on where they should be up to at any point in a general way. Any excessive time taken for any task should be recorded and should be taken into account during marking if appropriate.

It is up to the marker to decide if the guidance the candidate has required suggests they are lacking in any AO, the severity of the issue, and how to award marks on the basis of this full range of evidence. The tutor must record where and how guidance has had an impact on the marks given, so this is available should queries arise at moderation or appeal.

What is, and is not, an appropriate level of guidance

- A tutor **should** intervene with caution if a candidate has taken a course of action that will result in them not being able to submit the full range of evidence for assessment. However this should *only* take place once the tutor has prompted the candidate to check that they have covered all the requirements. Where the tutor has to be explicit as to what the issue is, this is likely to demonstrate a lack of understanding on the part of the candidate rather than a simple error, and full details should be recorded on the CRF.
- The tutor **should not** provide guidance if the candidate is thought to be able to correct the issue without it, and a prompt would suffice. In other words only the minimum support the candidate actually needs should be given, since the more guidance provided, the larger the impact on the marks awarded.
- A tutor may **not** provide guidance that the candidate's work is not at the required standard or how to improve their work. In this way, candidates are given the chance to identify and correct any errors on their own, providing valid evidence of knowledge and skills that will be credited during marking.

All specific prompts and details of the nature of any further guidance must be recorded and reviewed during marking and moderation.

Guidance on marking

Please see the *Technical qualifications – marking and moderation* centre guidance document for further information on gathering evidence suitable for marking and moderation, and on using the following marking grid.

The Candidate Record Form (CRF) is used to record:

- Details of any guidance or the level of prompting the candidate has received during the assessment period
- Rough notes made while reviewing the evidence – alternatively these may be captured on the marking and moderation platform.
- Summary justifications when holistically coming to an overall judgement of the mark.

Marking grid

For any category, 0 marks may be awarded where there is no evidence of achievement

%	Assessment Objective	Band 1 descriptor Poor to limited	Band 2 descriptor Fair to good	Band 3 descriptor Strong to excellent
15	**AO1 Recall** of **knowledge relating to the qualification LOs** • Does the candidate seem to have the full breadth and depth of taught knowledge across the qualification to hand? • How accurate it their knowledge? Are there any gaps or misunderstandings evident? • How confident and secure does their knowledge seem?	**(1-3 marks)** **Recall shows some weaknesses in breadth and/or accuracy.** Hesitant, gaps, inaccuracy	**(4-6 marks)** **Recall is generally accurate and shows reasonable breadth. Inaccuracy and misunderstandings are infrequent and usually minor.** Sound, minimal gaps	**(7-9 marks)** **Consistently strong evidence of accurate and confident recall from the breadth of knowledge.** Accurate, confident, complete, fluent, slick
		Examples of types of knowledge expected: Threats, risks, attack vectors, countermeasures, High Availability (HA) solutions, classification of hackers, physical and logical tools and techniques, penetration testing, network infrastructure, network configurations, Macros.		
		The candidate has demonstrated a basic knowledge of threats to systems and networks. The candidate has shown a minimal breath of knowledge regarding the methods that can be used mitigate threats. There is limited discussion of the tools and techniques used to conduct a security audit.	The candidate has demonstrated satisfactory knowledge of threats to systems and networks. The candidate has shown a reasonable breath of knowledge regarding the methods that can be used mitigate threats. There is an adequate discussion of the tools and techniques used to conduct a security audit.	The candidate has demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of threats to systems and networks. The candidate has shown a comprehensive breath of knowledge regarding the methods that can be used mitigate threats. There is a well-developed discussion of the tools and techniques used to conduct a security audit and establish a baseline.

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%	Assessment Objective	Band 1 descriptor Poor to limited	Band 2 descriptor Fair to good	Band 3 descriptor Strong to excellent
25	**AO2 Understanding** of concepts theories and processes relating to the LOs • Does the candidate make connections and show causal links and explain why? • How well theories and concepts are applied to new situations/the assignment? • How well chosen are exemplars – how well do they illustrate the concept?	**(1-5 marks)** **Some evidence of being able to give explanations of concepts and theories. Explanations appear to be recalled, simplistic or incomplete.** Misunderstanding, illogical connections, guessing.	**(6-10 marks)** **Explanations are logical. Showing comprehension and generally free from misunderstanding, but may lack depth or connections are incompletely explored.** Logical, slightly disjointed, plausible.	**(11-15 marks)** **Consistently strong evidence of clear causal links in explanations generated by the candidate. Candidate uses concepts and theories confidently in explaining decisions taken and application to new situations.** Logical reasoning, thoughtful decisions, causal links, justified.
		Examples of understanding expected: Threats, risks, attack vectors, countermeasures, High Availability (HA) solutions, classification of hackers, physical and logical tools and techniques, penetration testing, network infrastructure, Confidentiality Integrity and Availability (CIA), planning considerations for audit and High Availability (HA) implementation, encryption, penetration testing, disaster recovery, environmental disasters, IDS & IPS devices and software.		

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		The candidate has shown a basic understanding of HA solutions.	The candidate has shown an appropriate understanding of HA solutions.	The candidate has shown a thorough understanding of HA solutions.
		Has demonstrated a limited understanding of the impact of threats and how they can be mitigated.	Has demonstrated an adequate understanding of the impact of threats and how they can be mitigated.	Has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the impact of threats and how they can be mitigated.
		Minimal detail of the areas to be audited have been included in the documentation.	Adequate detail of the areas to be audited have been included in the documentation.	Comprehensive detail of the areas to be audited have been included in the documentation.
		A number of tools were identified and used to carry out a limited audit.	Appropriate tools were identified and used to carry out an audit and establish a baseline.	A wide range of valid tools were identified and used to carry out a comprehensive audit and establish a baseline.
		Limited links are made between theory and practice in relation to mitigating threats and vulnerabilities to a system (PC).	Adequate links are made between theory and practice in relation to mitigating threats and vulnerabilities to a network.	Comprehensive links are made between theory and practice in relation to mitigating threats and vulnerabilities to a network. Suitable recommendations made to improve network security.

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25	**AO3** Application of **practical/ technical skills** • How practiced/fluid does hand eye coordination and dexterity seem? • How confidently does the candidate use the breadth of practical skills open to them? • How accurately/ successfully has the candidate been able to use	**(1-5 marks)** **Some evidence of familiarity with practical skills. Some awkwardness in implementation, may show frustration out of inability rather than lack of care.** Unable to adapt, frustrated, flaws, out of tolerance, imperfect, clumsy.	**(6-10 marks)** **Generally successful application of skills, although areas of complexity may present a challenge. Skills are not yet second nature.** Somewhat successful, some inconsistencies, fairly adept/ capable.	**(11-15 marks)** **9825Consistently high levels of skill and/or dexterity, showing ability to successfully make adjustments to practice; able to deal successfully with complexity.** Dextrous, fluid, comes naturally, skilled, practiced.
		Examples of skills expected: Following safe working practices, document formatting or production, synthesising and analysing data, selection of auditing tools, conducting security audits, configuring network settings, establishing security baselines, making recommendations.		

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	skills/achieve practical outcomes?	Planning is limited, lacking detail.	Planning is adequate providing sufficient detail to allow the tasks to be completed.	Planning is comprehensive providing sufficient detail to allow the tasks to be completed and recommendations made.
		Minimal logic applied to task interpretation and sequence to conduct a security audit.	A logical approach applied to task interpretation and sequence to conduct a security audit and establish a baseline.	A logical approach applied to task interpretation and sequence to conduct a thorough security audit, establish a baseline and identify any security issues.
		The skills required to configure and undertake a system audit were limited.	The skills required to configure and undertake a system audit were adequate resulting in a satisfactory report.	The skills required to configure and undertake a system audit were comprehensive resulting in a detailed report.
		Limited range of tools used to conduct the audit, providing basic information regarding system (PC) security.	A range of suitable tools used to conduct the audit, providing adequate information regarding network security.	Comprehensive attention to detail, demonstrating consistent approach in carrying out security audits and establishing baselines.
		The outline of HA solutions considers limited options.	The outline of HA solutions considered at least **two** strategies identifying advantages offered by each.	The outline of HA solutions considered at least **two** strategies identifying advantages offered by each and made suitable recommendations.

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20	**AO4** Bringing it all together - coherence of **the whole subject** • Does the candidate draw from the breadth of their knowledge and skills? • Does the candidate remember to reflect on theory when solving practical problems? • How well can the candidate work out solutions to new contexts/ problems on their own?	**(1-4 marks)** **Some evidence of consideration of theory when attempting tasks. Tends to attend to single aspects at a time without considering implication of contextual information.** Some random trial and error, new situations are challenging, expects guidance, narrow. Many need prompting.	**(5-8 marks)** **Shows good application of theory to practice and new context, some inconsistencies.** Remembers to apply theory, somewhat successful at achieving fitness for purpose. Some consolidation of theory and practice	**(9-12 marks)** **Strong evidence of thorough consideration of the context and use of theory and skills to achieve fitness for purpose.** Purposeful experimentation, plausible ideas, guided by theory and experience, fit for purpose, integrated, uses whole toolkit of theory and skills.
		Examples of bringing it all together: Applying knowledge and understanding to a particular situation, evaluation and making recommendations, combining information and findings from different sources, analysing results of the audit and making recommendations.		

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		Candidate has produced basic planning documentation that identifies the elements required to conduct the security audit.	Candidate has produced planning documentation that adequately identifies the elements required to conduct the security audit and baseline established.	Candidate has produced planning documentation that contains a thorough discussion of the elements required to conduct the security audit. Baseline established and recommendations made to improve security.
		The candidate's explanation of threats and vulnerabilities is basic with a limited link to how they can be mitigated.	The candidate's explanation of threats and vulnerabilities is adequate with a clear link to how they can be mitigated.	The candidate's explanation of threats and vulnerabilities is very detailed and there is comprehensive link to how they can be mitigated.
		The candidate's explanation of HA solutions is basic with a limited link to how they can be implemented to meet the requirements of the scenario.	The candidate's explanation of HA solutions is adequate with a clear link to how they can be implemented to meet the requirements of the scenario.	The candidate's explanation of HA solutions is very detailed and there is comprehensive link to how they can be implemented to meet the requirements of the scenario.
		The audit conducted was basic and lacked structure.	The audit conducted was adequate and structured.	The audit conducted was comprehensive and had a logical structure.

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15	**AO5** Attending to **detail**/ perfecting • Does the candidate routinely check on quality, finish etc and attend to imperfections/ omissions • How much is accuracy a result of persistent care and attention (eg measure twice cut once)? • Would you describe the candidate as a perfectionist and wholly engaged in the subject?	**(1-3 marks)** **Easily distracted or lack of checking. Insufficiently concerned by poor result; little attempt to improve. Gives up too early; focus may be on completion rather than quality of outcome.** Careless, imprecise, flawed, uncaring, unfocussed, unobservant, unmotivated.	**(4-6 marks)** **Aims for satisfactory result but may not persist beyond this. Uses feedback methods but perhaps not fully or consistently.** Variable/intermittent attention, reasonably conscientious, some imperfections, unremarkable.	**(7-9 marks)** **Alert, focussed on task. Attentive and persistently pursuing excellence. Using feedback to identify problems for correction.** Noticing, checking, persistent, perfecting, refining, accurate, focus on quality, precision, refinement, faultless, meticulous.
		Examples of attending to detail: Proof reading, meeting expectations of the brief, reflection of choices made, identifying areas for improvement, structured and efficient approach taken, selection of appropriate tools to conduct audits, appropriate use of technical terminology, content and tone appropriate to the target audience, formatting, layout and structure of documentation is consistent.		
		There is limited consistency and attention to detail applied to the documentation. There is limited precision when undertaking a system audit. Limited evaluation used when making recommendation(s) regarding system security.	There is adequate consistency and attention to detail applied to the documentation. There is an adequate level precision when undertaking a system audit. Adequate evaluation used when making recommendation(s) regarding network security.	There is a consistent approach and comprehensive attention to detail applied to the documentation. There is an excellent level of precision when undertaking a system audit. Comprehensive evaluation used when making recommendation(s) regarding network security and establishing a baseline.

Declaration of Authenticity

Candidate name   Candidate number

Centre name   Centre number

Candidate:

I confirm that all work submitted is my own, and that I have acknowledged all sources I have used.

Candidate signature   Date

Tutor:

I confirm that all work was conducted under conditions designed to assure the authenticity of the candidate's work, and am satisfied that, to the best of my knowledge, the work produced is solely that of the candidate.

Tutor signature   Date

Note:
Where the candidate and/or tutor is unable to, or does not confirm authenticity through signing this declaration form, the work will not be accepted at moderation and a mark of zero will be given. If any question of authenticity arises, the tutor may be contacted for justification of authentication.

Candidate Record Form (CRF)

Candidate Name: **Assessment ID:**

Candidate Number: **Centre Number:**

Total Mark:

	Summary justification	**AO Mark**
A01 Recall		
A02 Understanding		
A03 Practical/ technical skills		
A04 Bringing it all together		
A05 Attention to detail		

Tutor/assessor signature: **Date:**

Candidate Record Form (CRF)

Marker Notes

AO1 - Recall Breadth, depth, accuracy	**Examples of types of knowledge expected:** Threats, risks, attack vectors, countermeasures, High Availability (HA) solutions, classification of hackers, physical and logical tools and techniques, penetration testing, network infrastructure, network configurations, Macros.		
15%	Band 1 1-3 marks	Band 2 4-6 marks	Band 3 7-9 marks
Mark:	Notes/Comments		
AO2 - Understanding Security of concepts, causal links	**Examples of understanding expected:** Threats, risks, attack vectors, countermeasures, High Availability (HA) solutions, classification of hackers, physical and logical tools and techniques, penetration testing, network infrastructure, Confidentiality Integrity and Availability (CIA), planning considerations for audit and High Availability (HA) implementation, encryption, penetration testing, disaster recovery, environmental disasters, IDS & IPS devices and software.		
25%	Band 1 1-5 marks	Band 2 6-10 marks	Band 3 11-15 marks
Mark:	Notes/Comments		
AO3 - Practical skill Dexterity, fluidity, confidence, ease of application	**Examples of skills expected:** Following safe working practices, document formatting or production, synthesising and analysing data, selection of auditing tools, conducting security audits, configuring network settings, establishing security baselines, making recommendations.		
25%	Band 1 1-5 marks	Band 2 6-10 marks	Band 3 11-15 marks
Mark:	Notes/Comments		
AO4 – Bringing it together use of knowledge to apply skills in new context	**Examples of bringing it all together:** Applying knowledge and understanding to a particular situation, evaluation and making recommendations, combining information and findings from different sources, analysing results of the audit and making recommendations.		
20%	Band 1 1-4 marks	Band 2 5-8 marks	Band 3 9-12 marks
Mark:	Notes/Comments		
AO5 - Attending to detail / perfecting Repeated checking, perfecting, noticing	**Examples of attending to detail:** Proof reading, meeting expectations of the brief, reflection of choices made, identifying areas for improvement, structured and efficient approach taken, selection of appropriate tools to conduct audits, appropriate use of technical terminology, content and tone appropriate to the target audience, formatting, layout and structure of documentation is consistent.		
15%	Band 1 1-3 marks	Band 2 4-6 marks	Band 3 7-9 marks
Mark:	Notes/Comments		

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Practical Observation Form (PO)

Candidate Name: **Assessment ID:**

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Notes

AO1 - Recall

Breadth, depth, accuracy

AO2 - Understanding

Security of concepts, causal links

AO3 - Practical skill

Dexterity, fluidity, confidence, ease of application

AO4 – Bringing it all together

use of knowledge to apply skills in new context

AO5 - Attending to detail / perfecting

Repeated checking, perfecting, noticing

Tutor/Assessor signature: **Date:**