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4. One purpose of most operating systems is to provide a set of utility programs designed to perform common tasks.

(b) Describe two other purposes of an operating system apart from providing utility programs. [4]

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5. One purpose of most operating systems is to provide a human computer interface (HCI).

(b) State three other purposes of an operating system. [3]

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2. (a) Define the following types of software:

(i) operating system software, [1]

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1. Describe four functions of an operating system. [8]

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4 A student has a home computer. She buys a new external hard disk to act as a back-up device for her system.

Describe the following examples of utility software and state how they would be used by the student.

(i) Hardware driver
Description [2]

Use [1]

(ii) Disk formatter
Description [2]

Use [1]

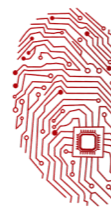
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1 (a) What is an operating system? [1]





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