

### “3-a-day” A-Level Exam Practice Unit 1 (026)

Question 1

A software development company is building an operating system for a mobile phone that is in the process of being designed.

Explain how the developers could use virtual machines.

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Question 2

One of the developers is responsible for writing the code for what happens when the CPU receives an interrupt. Outline what the code must do.

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Question3

The developers follow the waterfall lifecycle.

(i) List **three** stages of the waterfall lifecycle.

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The questions on this worksheet have been taken from the OCR A-Level Computer Science Practice Paper 1.1

Answer 1

- Developers can run their operating system on a software implementation of the phone...
  - ...Until the physical machine is ready.
- (1 per -)

**AO1.2**

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Answer 2

- Complete the current FDE Cycle
  - Check the priority of the incoming interrupt.
  - If its of a higher priority than the current task.
  - Contents of registers stored in memory..
  - ...in a stack.
  - The relevant interrupt service routine is loaded...
  - ..by loading the relevant value into the program counter.
  - When the ISR is complete the previous state is popped from the stack
  - And are loaded back into the registers.
- (1 per -, max 6)

**AO1.1**

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Answer 3

- Feasibility Study
  - Investigation/Requirements Elicitation
  - Analysis
  - Design
  - Implementation/Coding
  - Testing
  - Installation
  - Documentation
  - Evaluation
  - Maintenance
- (1 per -, max 3)

**AO1.1**

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