UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

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Circular to all A-Level Schools Offering Subsidiary ICT (S850)

USE OF SUPPORT FILES IN THE SUBSIDIARY ICT PRACTICAL EXAMINATION AT UACE

This is to inform you that examining of practical papers using support files will commence in 2016. Details of the papers are given below:

EXAMINATION FORMAT:

Paper 1 Theory Test (**2½ hours**).
The paper consists of **twenty** (**20**) structured questions set from the entire syllabus. All the questions will be **compulsory**. Each question will carry **5 marks (Format remains as it is.)**

Paper 2/3 Practical Test (**2 hours**).
The paper consists of **five** (**5**) questions set from the topics Word Processing, Electronic Spreadsheets, Electronic Presentation, Electronic Publication and Databases. A candidate will be required to answer any **three** (**3**) questions. Each question will carry **20 marks. (Where applicable, support files will be provided to supplement the set questions.)**

Assessment Weighting:
Paper 1 (Theory)   **40%**
Paper 2/3 (Practical)   **60%**

Note:
Sample practical papers using support files are available on the NCDC website and were illustrated during the training of ICT teachers by NCDC in 2013. It is hoped that the sample papers will guide the teachers in the learning and teaching process in the school based assessment.

Minimum requirements for teaching subsidiary ICT as specified in the subsidiary ICT teaching syllabus:

1. Desktop Personal Computers or laptops (for students and teachers' use);

   - Intel Pentium 4(2.0 GHz or above) or AMD processor (1.5 GHz or above)
   - 512 MB RAM
   - 80 GB HDD
   - DVD/CD-RW Combo Drive
   - 17"/19" CRT Monitor
   - Computer Speakers/Keyboard/Mouse

2. A closed and simple Computer Network with at least one network hub.

3. Fire Extinguisher.

4. Safe Electrical Installations (provide a socket for each computer set).

5. Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Units and a stable power source.

6. Internet connectivity.

7. Printer accessible on a network.

8. Subsidiary ICT Teaching Syllabus.

The practical papers using support files will be examined at the end of next year, 2016.

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