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PAPER 3**

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1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Read the case study carefully.
- Answer all the questions.

Answer **all** the questions.

Refer to the *Developing and Running an Online Business* case study and to your own related research in responding to the following questions.

1. Describe **two** characteristics of open source software. *[4 marks]*

 2. (a) Carmen’s web site makes use of the MySQL database management system (DBMS). Explain how a DBMS protects underlying data (*lines 76–77*) in the database from unintended alterations. *[6 marks]*

(b) With reference to *lines 99–100*, examine **two** of the methods of payment that could be provided on Carmen’s improved web site. *[8 marks]*

 3. Discuss the use of site traffic analysis (*line 69*) **and** search engine optimization (*line 102*) as e-marketing tools.

Use information from the case study and give examples of services offered by the companies that you have investigated. *[12 marks]*
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