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3.1	Fundamentals of algorithms	Unit 1	Unit 2A	Unit 2B	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 7	Unit 8
3.1.1	Representing algorithms	✓		✓						
3.1.2	Efficiency of algorithms	✓								
3.1.3	Searching algorithms	✓								
3.1.4	Sorting algorithms	✓								
3.2	Programming									
3.2.1	Data types		✓							
3.2.2	Programming concepts		✓							
3.2.3	Arithmetic operations in a programming language		✓							
3.2.4	Relational operations in a programming language		✓							
3.2.5	Boolean operations in a programming language		✓							
3.2.6	Data structures		✓							
3.2.7	Input / output		✓							
3.2.8	String handling operations in a programming language		✓	✓						
3.2.9	Random number generation in a programming language		✓							
3.2.10	Structured programming and subroutines			√						
3.2.11	Robust and secure programming			\checkmark						
3.3	Fundamentals of data representation									
3.3.1	Number bases				\checkmark					
3.3.2	Converting between number bases				\checkmark					
3.3.3	Units of information				✓					
3.3.4	Binary arithmetic				✓					
3.3.5	Character encoding				✓					
3.3.6	Representing images				✓					
3.3.7	Representing sound				✓					
3.3.8	Data compression				√					



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3.4	Computer systems	Unit 1	Unit 2A	Unit 2B	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unite	Unit 7	
3.4.1	Hardware and software					✓				
3.4.2	Boolean logic					√				
3.4.3	Software classification					√				
3.4.4	Classification of programming languages and translators					√				
3.4.5	Systems architecture					√				

3.5 Fundamentals of computer networks

3.5	Computer networks			✓		
3.5	Network topologies			✓		
3.5	Network security			✓		
3.5	Protocols and layers			√		

3.6 Cyber security

3.6	1 Fundamentals of cyber security	✓	
3.6	2 Cyber security threats	√	
3.6.1	.1 Social engineering	\checkmark	
3.6.1	2 Malicious code (malware)	√	
3.6	3 Methods to detect and prevent cyber security threats	√	

3.7 Relational databases and SQL

3.7.1	Relational databases	✓	
3.7.2	Structured query language (SQL)	✓	
3.6.1.1	Social engineering	✓	

3.8 Impacts of digital technology on wider society

3.8	Ethical, legal and environmental impacts									√
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