



BIE Homework Sheet – Year 10

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Computers and the Law

Q1 To legally install software on your computer you need a software license.

- a) Where does a stand-alone licence allow you to install software?
- b) Where would it be illegal to install software with a stand-alone licence?

Q2 Copy and complete the table below to show during which years the Data Protection Act, the Copyright, Design and Patents Act and the Computer Misuse Act were introduced.

Year Law Introduced	Law
1984	
1989	
1990	

Q3 What does the Copyright, Design and Patents Act make it illegal to do to a computer file?

Q4 Data subjects are the people that organisations hold information about. What does the Data Protection Act entitle data subjects to do?

Q5 List the eight principles of the Data Protection Act.

Q6 Describe how the laws in the Copyright, Design and Patents Act are often broken when:

- a) software is installed.
- b) using text or images found on the Internet in your own publications.
- c) making copies of computer software floppy discs or CDs.

Q7 The Computer Misuse Act was created to help prevent the spread of computers viruses. State three things the Act made illegal.

All Homework must be handed in on the date requested. If you hand in homework late or it is of an unacceptable standard you will be given a Period 6.