

**2003 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**  
**Engineering Studies**

**Section II (continued)**

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**Question 16 — Telecommunication (15 marks)** **Marks**

- (a) (i) The telecommunications industry uses copper and fibre optics for transmission of data. State a different application for each of these materials, and explain, in terms of their properties, why they are used for this application. 4

~~mobile phone - it can receive a signal and~~

~~telephone → can send and receive signal or voices~~

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- (ii) Cold drawing is used to form copper into electrical wire. Describe TWO problems associated with the use of the process. Describe a subsequent process that will reduce these problems. 3

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## Question 16 (continued)

- (b) Identify TWO technological changes in the telecommunications industry. 4  
 Discuss the effects that these changes have had on society.

— ~~From the mobile phone~~, people like to use it because we can talk everywhere we want and we could take it everywhere we want to go.

— Police radio / ~~com~~ communicator, can adjust the station and ~~ter~~ and talk.

- (c) (i) Describe the transmission of data from a mobile phone to another mobile phone. 2

— the wave it's sending need to go to a antenna first then it will go to another mobile phone.

- (ii) Explain the effect that mobile phone communications may have on other electronic systems. State TWO situations where this effect could endanger lives. 2

— cancer could be the problem because of the radiation of the waves.

— people could also get the signal out of your mobile and listen.

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