MODULE I IMPACTS AND THE LAW · I4

The Data Protection Act 2018

Original practice questions · 20 marks · ~25 minutes · OCR J277 spec 1.6.1

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions. Answer all questions in the spaces provided. The marks for each part are shown in brackets [ ]. The total for this worksheet is **20 marks**. Answer using UK law as at November 2026.

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Total: 2 marks

Describe the purpose of the Data Protection Act 2018. **[2]**

2

Total: 6 marks

A bike-hire company keeps the names, addresses, phone numbers and hire records of its customers on a computer system.

Tick (✓) **one** box in each row to show whether each action by the company follows the Data Protection Act 2018 or breaks it. **[6]**

Action by the bike-hire company	Follows the Act	Breaks the Act
Asks every new customer for their religion before they can hire a bike		
Explains on the hire form what customers' details will be used for		
Stores the customer list on a laptop with no password, which staff take home		
Changes a customer's address on the system after she says she has moved		
Keeps every customer's details for ever, including customers who last hired a bike many years ago		
Sends a customer a copy of the personal data it holds about him after he asks for it		

3 Total: 4 marks

The Data Protection Act 2018 gives each customer of the bike-hire company rights over the personal data the company holds about them. **[4]**
Describe **two** of these rights.

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4 Total: 4 marks

An employee of the bike-hire company copies the names, phone numbers and addresses of 400 customers onto a USB memory stick to work at home. The memory stick is not encrypted. The employee loses it on a train.

(a) Identify the rule of the Data Protection Act 2018 that the company has failed to follow. **[1]**

(b) State **one** action that the UK's data protection regulator could take against the company. **[1]**

(c) Give **two** ways the company could have protected this personal data. **[2]**

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5 **Total: 4 marks**

The bike-hire company collected customers' email addresses so that it could email them a receipt for each hire. The owner now plans to give all of these email addresses to a holiday company, so that the holiday company can send the customers adverts.

Explain how the Data Protection Act 2018 affects the owner's plan. **[4]**

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