2001 Paper 2 Question 6

Professional Practice and Ethics

(*a*) What kinds of law can be used in protecting intellectual property? [6 marks]

(*b*) What problems are faced with each of these kinds of law in protecting software as a kind of intellectual property (i.e. creating proprietary software)?
[4 marks]

(*c*) What is the ethical justification for protection of software as a kind of intellectual property? [3 marks]

(*d*) What arguments are used to oppose this justification? [3 marks]

(*e*) What alternative is there to proprietary software? [2 marks]

(*f*) How could computer professionals support themselves without proprietary software? [2 marks]