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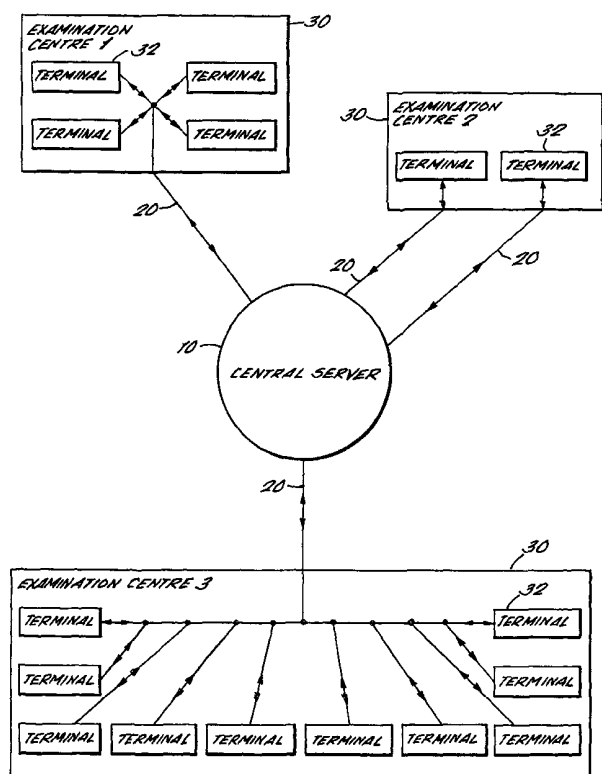
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a computerised administration system for administering the conduct of examinations such as academic examinations. The system comprises central computer processing means (10) for processing and storing data, a plurality of local computer processing means (32) physically remote from the central computer processing means (10) for use by examination candidates, and a communications network (20) connecting the central computer processing means (10) to each of the local computer processing means (32) to facilitate data transfer therebetween. Each local computer processing means (32) has sampling means (34) for taking identification samples from an examination candidate. During the examination, each examination candidate is presented with examination questions which he/she answers by inputting the answers into one of the plurality of local computer processing means (32) and the sampling means (34) of each local computer processing means (32) takes identification samples from each candidate at random intervals. The local computer processing means (32) sends the identification samples from each candidate to the central computer processing means (10) via the communications network (20) together with the examination answers of the said candidate. The present invention also relates to a method of administering the conduct of examinations such as academic examinations and to a program and an information storage medium for storing the program.

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