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1) If the pivot point is five centimetres from a servo motor, what is the maximum weight that can be lifted by the servo?

2) By what number would you have to AND a character cell on a Spectrum in order to 'mask' the PAPER colour?

3) What is the major difficulty in the digital storage of speech?

4) Today, holograms are mostly known for producing three-dimensional pictures. For which purpose are they potentially useful in computers?

Answers To Last Week's Quiz

1) Flyerfox uses the linear predictive coding method of speech synthesis

2) To run Graph Plan a Z80 second processor is required.

3) The 'grey scale' is the range of shades of grey (usually 256) that can be discerned by a computer.

4) By increasing the number of digital pulses, we can create a higher resolution and so more accurately emulate the sine wave.

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