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BSc Examination
for External Students

**COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND
CREATIVE COMPUTING**

Project

Dateline: Monday 18 May 2009 : 2.30 – 4.45 pm

Duration: 2 hours 15 minutes

Candidates should attempt all **FOUR** questions. All questions carry equal marks and full marks can be obtained for complete answers to **FOUR** questions. Questions involving a description or explanation should, wherever possible, be accompanied by an appropriate example. Credit will be given for clarity of explanation, sound grammar and legibility.

No electronic calculators may be used

NO STUDENT PROJECT REPORT COPY OR COPY OF THE PROJECT GUIDE IS ALLOWED IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM

Advice on answering questions

The examination is about your project report and the processes by which **you carried out your project**.

Mostly it is appropriate that you emphasise the positive aspects of your work, within the constraints of answering questions accurately.

However, no project report is perfect and the examiners will give credit if your answers show understanding of any limitations in the project report, and their consequences.

In answer to any question, reference to the subject guide or any other source used should be made as appropriate, even where not explicitly requested in a particular question.

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1. (a) What objectives did you specify on your Project Description Form (PDF) as submitted with your examination entry? [5]
 - (b) Describe the objectives you actually achieved as described in your project report. [5]
 - (c) (i) If there are any differences between the objectives you listed in (a) and (b), discuss the aspects of progress on your project that led to the changes in objectives. Give reasons for deciding on any objectives that were achieved under (b) but not set out in (a).
 - (ii) For objectives set out in the PDF, under (a), that were achieved in the project and so listed again in (b), explain which were easy to achieve and which were problematic, and how you overcame any problems. [15]
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2. (a) Outline the research methods that you used in your project, relating them to the coverage given in the Subject Guide, or others that you have used. In the latter case, explain where and how you found out about them. [10]
 - (b) Describe how you used the methods, which you listed in part (a), in terms of the account, and the justification for use, that you gave in your project report. [15]
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3. (a) There are directives, on referencing the bibliography and cross-referencing within a project report, given in sections 6.3 and 6.4 of the Subject Guide. Rather than trying to quote them verbatim, give your own outline of what these say should and should not be done. [8]
 - (b) Specify the main sections of your project report that refer to the literature in your reference list and describe what uses you made of that literature within your project report. [10]
 - (c) Illustrate the value of cross-referencing, in particular discussing how you utilised it in your project report. [7]

4. Consider that you are to give a 15 minute presentation on the work described in your project report. Your presentation will use Over-Head Projector slides (OHP's) prepared with a standard presentation package such as MS Powerpoint™. Your presentation is to be given to an audience that is aware of the area in which you have been working (and so does not need description of background material) but does not know the details of what you have done.
- (a) Sketch out designs for 5 or 6 slides. Contain each within a drawn rectangle to show the slide boundary. Do NOT dwell on colour or artistic issues. Concentrate on the basic aspects of layout and content, possibly including very simple diagrams but concentrating mainly on the text content. Only record main points, on which you would expand in your verbal accompaniment. [15]
- (b) Relate your OHP design and content, in general terms, to the advice given on Presentations in sections 9.5 of the Subject Guide, and to the results reported in your project report. Include a short explanation of the purpose and content of each slide. [10]

END OF EXAMINATION