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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) Outline the format for the project report given in section 6.1 of the Project Guide, expressing it in your own words. [6]
- (b) Outline the format you used in your own project report, to the level of main sections of each chapter. Provide a sentence, for each section, describing its content. [7]
- (c) Describe the extent to which the report formats of the Project Guide and your own agree. Explain how the similarities and differences arose, including any dependence on your project topic and how you approached its investigation and presentation of results. [12]
2. (a) Explain what influenced your choice of project area. [7]
- (b) Phrase your project topic as a question that you attempted to answer, as recommended in the Subject Guide. [3]
- (c) List the author(s), title and source for each of the three references, from your project report reference list, that were most influential in helping you determine your project topic. Marks are given for sufficient accuracy and detail of listing to enable identification in the project report. [3]
- (d) For each of the references listed in part (c), state the main ideas or results that were pertinent to your project topic and explain their relevance. [12]
3. (a) Outline the advice given on Presentations in the Subject Guide, and any other sources that you can reference, in the context of preparation of visual aids for a 15-minute presentation on your project, where the visual aids will consist of slides generated with a presentation package such as PowerPoint™. [7]
- (b) Design such a set of no more than six slides. Concentrate on the background to your work and your achievements. With regard to design, concentrate on layout and text content of main points (on which you would expand verbally in a presentation) supported by simple diagrams as appropriate. Do not focus on colour or artistic matters. Take your audience to be aware of the general area in which you have been working, but not aware of the details of your project work. Demark each slide with a bounding box and annotate each slide with a few lines explaining its context and purpose. [18]

4. (a) State the main conclusions of your project. [5]
- (b) Give a brief account explaining how your conclusions are justified in terms of the results, relevant to each conclusion, which you reported. [9]
- (c) Explain how you validated, or otherwise justified, the accuracy and significance of your project results (e.g. test designs for software, statistical significance of differences in measures, comparison with related published results, or use of control groups). [11]

END OF EXAMINATION