Individual Assessment

All assessed work must be (unless explicitly specified otherwise) your own individual work.

This applies to, for example: all coursework, programming assignments, essay submissions (including IRR), research proposals (including IRP), MSc dissertation, etc.

Breaches of this rule are regarded as academic misconduct and are taken very seriously by the University.
Two Examples of Academic Misconduct

- Copying a portion of a research paper from the internet and then editing the words.

This is plagiarism.

Copied text must always be included verbatim in quotation marks with the original source explicitly attributed. All other text should be written in your own words from the start. Not an edited version of someone else’s text.

- Working together with another student to produce a joint program and then each customizing the code to make the solutions appear distinct.

This is collusion.

By all means discuss ideas and difficulties with fellow students, but write the code by yourself.
Information About Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct includes: plagiarism, collusion, falsification, cheating, deceit, personification, ...

University information page on academic misconduct:

http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/academic-services/students/undergraduate/discipline/academic-misconduct

School of Informatics guidelines on plagiarism: