Informatics 1, 2010

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Data and Analysis

Exam Information 2010

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The exam

Data & Analysis will be examined by a 2 hour exam on

- Tuesday 18th May 2010, 09.30–11.30.

Location: St. Leonard's Land Games Hall

Exam strategy (obvious but important)

If you get stuck on a question: don't waste too much time on it; do go on to the next question instead; don't give up!

Structure of exam

Three questions. You are asked to answer all of them. The topics are divided roughly as:

Question 1 Part I of course   [40 marks]

Question 2 Part II of course   [35 marks]

Question 3 Part III of course   [25 marks]

Note however, there may be some cross-referencing between different parts of the course within the questions.

The exam will be similar in structure and difficulty to the Week 9 coursework assignment.

Past exam papers

These are a good revision source.

However:

- You cannot assume that questions in this year's exam will be similar to questions that have appeared in previous exams.

- The on-line solutions for previous exams are not always correct. Please seek advice if you need clarification on a particular solution.

- There have been some changes to the course material over the past three years, so not all past exam questions are relevant.

2005/6/7 Informatics 1B exams

The general rule is that the first two (out of three) Data & Analysis questions are still relevant to this year's course.

Specifically, the 12 relevant questions are:

- 2005 exams: questions 1 & 2

- 2006 and 2007 exams: questions 4 & 5

2008/9: Informatics 1(B): Data & Analysis exams

5 papers in total: 2008 May and August exams, 2009 May and August exams, and a 2008 mock exam available from Data & Analysis homepage.

In all three 2008 papers, part (c) of question 2 (on the XQuery language) is no longer relevant. All other material is relevant.

Help with revision

If you would like help with revision (e.g., if you have questions about the lecture notes, tutorial exercises, previous exam questions/answers), please do ask. Possible sources of help are:

- InfBase, see:

    `http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/admin/ITO/infbase.pdf`

    for private help, and for group assistance

- The course TA:

    `A.Manataki@sms.ed.ac.uk`

- The course lecturer:

    `Alex.Simpson@ed.ac.uk`

Feedback on the course

This is always very useful, and can lead to changes to the course.

At the *very least* please fill in the ITO questionnaire available from the very bottom of the Informatics 1 webpage.