EXAM FORMAT

Candidates should answer ALL questions.  
The exam paper will contain TWENTY short answer questions. 
Answers are to be written in the examination answer books. 

There are 120 marks in total for the paper: each short answer question is worth 6 marks each. 
As a guide, aim to spend 1 minute per question mark, i.e. 6 minutes per short answer. 

Candidates will have 2 HOURS 10 MINUTES writing time for the exam 
The exam is worth 60% of the total marks for HCI. 

MATERIAL TO BE EXAMINED & HOW TO STUDY FOR THE EXAM

The exam will be based on all material studied in HCI lectures, labs and text book, chapters 1 to 15. There will be slightly more emphasis on chapters 9-15 as the earlier chapters have already contributed to your assessment via the projects and the mid-semester test.

When studying for the exam, you should review the objectives and key points of each lecture. Examination and test questions are designed to test whether you have achieved the objectives and understood the key points. Also, review the text book chapter associated with each lecture as well as the lecture slide handouts and browse any suggested further reading mentioned in the chapters.

Have a look at the 2009-2011 final exams (from the library CMO site). Use them as practice. Attempt the past exam questions under test conditions. Then consult your text book(s), lecture notes and other references to evaluate your answer attempts. Think about how you could improve your answer. You can also study by inventing and answering your own exam questions.

COMMENTS ON THE MARKING

Your answers should demonstrate: 
breadth - knowledge of the main techniques and ideas in the question topic. Note "main" and don't try to learn verbatim all the lists in the lecture notes. 
depth - show that your knowledge of techniques and ideas goes beyond their names, for example you understand the trade-offs between different methods 
related topics - where relevant you should include ideas from different parts of the course such as case studies, or experience during the projects. 
well structured answers - use your reading time (and more) to plan how you will answer questions. 

Use point form and subheadings to make your answers easy to follow. 
Start each answer on a new page.

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