NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Full particulars of the examinations are given in the Examination Regulations 2010, and the Examination Conventions for 2011 can be found at

http://www.comlab.ox.ac.uk/teaching/examconventions.html

Each of the courses will be examined by a take-home assignment. The assignment for each course may be collected from Wendy Adams in Room 112 of the Computing Laboratory after 12 noon on the date shown.

Monday 29th November 2010
Categories Proofs & Processes
Probability & Computing

Friday 3rd December 2010
Computer Animation
Computational Linguistics
Probabilistic Model Checking
Program Analysis

The completed assignments are due by 12 noon on Monday, 17th January, 2010. Each assignment should be put in a separate envelope, clearly marked with your candidate number (but not your name) and the name of the course, and addressed to the Chairman of Examiners, FHS Computer Science, Part C. The envelopes must be handed in to the Examination Schools, High St, by noon. Assignments that are late by even a few minutes will not be accepted by the Schools staff. Assignments cannot be handed in at the Computing Laboratory, or anywhere else other than at the Examination Schools.

Each assignment will contain a number of questions on the course, some more difficult than others. Some questions will be similar in style to questions on tutorial sheets, although perhaps a bit longer, and a few will be more challenging. Each assignment is designed to take you about three days’ work. You may, however, need an extra day for background reading.

Although some assignments may be carried out while you are resident in Oxford, some may be prepared over the Vacation period. If you wish to complete assignments away from Oxford you should make sure that you have access to adequate computing
facilities to do so. You may wish to ensure that you have network access through the
VPN to the Computing Laboratory’s course material webpages.

Your answer to an assignment should not normally exceed 20 pages (10 pages would
be more typical). Write on one side of the paper only, and use standard A4 paper.
Write legibly and allow time to polish answers. Illegible and poorly laid out answers
will be penalised more severely than in a more conventional invigilated written exam.
Typewritten or word-processed answers are acceptable, even encouraged—provided
the mathematical notation is clear. But do not waste your precious time in typesetting
your answers in Word or LaTeX, unless you are accomplished at this; clear,
handwritten solutions are perfectly acceptable.

When submitting your assignment you will have to complete a declaration form
attesting that it is your own work, except where you have included explicitly
acknowledged quotations from other texts. Failure to acknowledge your sources
explicitly and clearly is plagiarism, which is treated as a very serious disciplinary
offence. When matters of plagiarism are reported to the Proctors, the investigations
can be protracted and serious for the candidate(s) concerned. Penalties imposed can
result in the assignment(s) being disregarded, or worse, and this could ultimately
mean failure of the degree course. For further guidance, consult the University web
site regarding plagiarism http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/epsc/plagiarism/index.shtml.

Of course you will not receive any credit for simply copying information verbatim
(with due acknowledgement) because that displays very little understanding. The
assessors will be more impressed if you synthesise information from a number of
sources (properly cited, of course) and combine it with your own ideas.

You are not allowed to discuss the assignment with your tutor, fellow students, or
anyone else. If you suspect there is an actual error or other problem in one of the
questions, you should contact the Academic Administrator, who will consult the
examiners on your behalf if necessary. Make sure to inform the examiners (through
your college and the Proctors) of any extraneous factors (e.g. illness) that may affect
you.

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Final Honour Schools of Computer Science, Part C and Mathematics and Computer
Science, Part C

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