Preliminary Examinations in Computer Science
Computer Science and Philosophy
Mathematics and Computer Science

First Public Examination 2018

Notice to Candidates

Full formal details of the examinations are given in the *Examination Regulations* 2017, and in the Examination Conventions for 2017/18 which can be found at

http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/teaching/examconventions/bacompsci.html

This notice contains things that history suggests might usefully be emphasised.

Timetable

Timetables have appeared on University web site and you should also receive from the Clerk of Schools a timetable for the papers you will be sitting. The first-released timetables contained an error for Computer Science and Computer Science & Philosophy, but corrected timetables should be produced very shortly. (We believe that the last papers being sat are CS3/MS3/CSP3 on Tuesday 19th June, and Elements of Deductive Logic on Friday 22nd June, but you should not rely on this belief.) The examination conventions tell you which subjects are examined on which paper, and how many questions to answer.

Conduct of the examination

You will be required to show your University Card at the start of each examination session.

There are no papers this year for which calculators are allowed.

For written papers you will write your answers in booklets provided (probably lined ones for Computer Science papers and plain paper ones for Mathematics papers). All the writing paper you use must be handed in, including rough work (which we will not look at or mark). You can cross out a page of rough work, or you can mark a whole booklet as rough work.

If the front page of the booklet contains some writing area, it is for examiners' use only. Please do not use it for your answers.

You will have been issued with an examination candidate number and you should make sure that your *candidate number* (but **not** your name) is written on every booklet you use. We want to mark the examination, as far as possible, without knowing the name or college of the candidate who wrote a script.

We will (on the front of each examination paper) ask you to start the answer to each question on a new page, and to keep answers to different sections of the paper in separate booklets so as to be able to hand them in tied into separate bundles. This is to make it easier to arrange reliable marking; if you inadvertently mix subjects in a single booklet, do not waste time on copying out answers: write a note to draw attention to your mistake and we will make arrangements to try to deal with it. In the unlikely event of your not answering any questions from one section, it would be reassuring if you could hand in an empty booklet for that section.

Practicals

You should gather together all the reports from your practicals in a single envelope with a completed declaration form and hand them in at the Department of Computer Science by **noon on Friday of week 5 of Trinity Term**. Address the envelope to the Chairman of Preliminary Examinations in Computer Science

(or the appropriate joint subject) and mark it clearly with your candidate number **and** (for the benefit of the administrative staff who sort the practical reports for the Moderators) **with** your name and college.

Individual practical reports should be marked with your candidate number, and as far as feasible **not** with your name or college. (This is to protect your interests; we do not intend to penalise you for identifiable work.) In order to make life easier for our administrative staff, please make sure that each individual practical is marked with the name of the course (*Functional Programming* etc.) to which it relates.

Results
We hope to complete our work before Friday 6th July, and intend results to be published shortly after that.

If you have any difficulty with any of the above you should discuss the matter with your tutor now.

Andrew Ker
Chairman of Preliminary Examinations

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Declaration form for Practical Work

This form is to be handed in with your practical work. The form must be signed.

I confirm that:

- I am aware of the University's disciplinary regulations concerning conduct in examinations and, in particular, of the regulations on plagiarism;
- the practical reports that I am submitting are entirely my own work except where otherwise indicated;
- I have not sought assistance from any professional agency.

Signature: Date:

Name   . . . .

College   . . . .

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