MSc Computing Science 2012-2013 Mock Prolog Laboratory Test

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- Log into the Lexis exam system using your DoC login as both your login and as your password (**do not use your usual password**).
- You are required to:

Submit an extension of the program in the file **mockAnswers.pl** according to the specifications, overleaf. You will find file **mockAnswers.pl** in your Lexis home directory (**/exam**). If you are missing this file please alert one of the invigilators.

- Save your work regularly.
- The system will log you out automatically once the exam has finished. It is therefore important that you save your work and quit your editor when you are told to stop writing. No further action needs to be taken to submit your files the final state of your Lexis home directory (/exam) will be your submission.
- No communication with any other student or with any other computer is permitted.
- Do not use any Prolog list processing or aggregation built-in functions, except, if required, *member*, *append*, *length*, *setoff*, *findall*.

1. Some self-explanatory facts are given in the file **mockAnswers.pl**. Add the following definitions.

i) **ecb(M)**

to mean M is a mother who is entitled to child benefit. A mother is entitled to child benefit if she has a child who is 14 years old or younger, or if she is not employed and has a child who is older than 14 but not older than 16.

Example: the query ecb(X)Should succeed with X = mary; X = rita; X = tina; X = tina. There may be repeated answers. That is acceptable and correct.

ii) mother_of_the_youngest(M)

to mean M is the mother of the youngest child. If there is more than one child with the same youngest age, then M should be the mother whose name comes alphabetically before the others.

Example: the query mother_of_the_youngest(M) Should succeed with M=rita.

iii) mothers_of_young(LM)

to mean LM is the list of all mothers who have a child of 10 or younger. LM should be sorted and have no repetition. If there are no mothers with children of 10 or younger then the query mothers_of_young(LM) should fail.

Example: the query mothers_of_young(LM)
Should return LM = [mary, rita, tina].

2. Write programs for the following relations and add them to your file.

i) merge(**L1**, **L2**, **L**)

You can assume that in any call to *merge* the first two arguments (corresponding to L1 and L2) are sorted lists of the same type. L should then be an ordered list resulting from merging the elements of L1 and L2.

Example: the query merge([1,3,5,5], [2,3,4,6], L)Should return L=[1,2,3,3,4,5,5,6].

ii) findElement(N, L, E)

to mean E is the Nth element in list L. You can assume that in any call to *findElement* N and L are given. If N is less than 1 or is greater than the length of L then the query should fail.

Example: the query findElement (3, [1,3,5,5], E) Should return E=5.