

## CS2503 Operating Systems 1

- No need for calculators
- No programming
  - Given tricky/terrible syntax
  - Range of 'languages': bash, regex, sed, awk
- Just even split of marks between MCQ and open questions
  - comment on code snippets – can be lenient
  - Select right answer... MCQ – is quite harsh
- But
  - No grading on the curve...unlikely to be supported!

## topics

- Open questions on
  - code snippets in from and including lab 7 onwards...
  - simple admin samples covered in last few lectures
  - Similar style to commenting on code in last test
    - Except also ask the main purpose / function of code
- MCQ
  - Only 4 choices per question
  - Similar topics and trends to last class test

## Timing is everything

- 80 marks 90 mins – but most of you may finish in half!,
  - mark/minute + 10 mins spare!
- MCQ : 80 questions – 40 marks :
  - **30 secs per question... use it!**
    - **about twice average, given that you do 60 q's in ~15 mins!**
  - **Not a race to the door, but strut your stuff!**
- Open questions : – 40 marks
  - 3 questions @ 10 marks
  - 2 @ 5 marks
  - All explain code snippets
  - Except one of 5 mark question : a commonsense twist

## Exam strategy

- Attempt everything
  - No attempt, no marks, no exceptions... the rules
  - Do answer the open questions,
    - Half the marks, and not optional!
- Relax : Don't rush in to answer or out of exam
  - At previous rates, you'll finish in 30-50 mins
  - Approx 30 secs per MCQ.
    - they're numbered, so you can measure progress
    - Some are obvious and can be done in a few seconds
    - But some of the trickier ones may need more than average 30 secs
- Read the open questions first
  - So you can
    - Realise how easy most of them are
    - think about them while doing others
- Morale issues
  - If you need to do a few to feel you've made a start, then ok, but don't get stuck
  - If stuck, leave and return later, the answer might be obvious afterwards

## Odd choice, but evens out!

- Need
  - a pen – preferably not black so easier to see
  - or pencil + eraser if panic
- But have made MCQ easier
  - Boxes, but don't need to fill them in
  - Single horizontal line for selection
  - Another crossing that for deselection
  - Another crossing both for reselection again
  - Odd (number of lines) choice, but evens out
  - Write or arrows if all else fails.
  - **Can only have one final choice... pick best**

