

# Midterm Exam Sample Solutions

## 1 Multiple Choice

Each question has FOUR possible answers. Circle the letter of the best answer for each question.

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⇒ (d) all of these fields influence HCI

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- ⇒ (d) (see Week 1 lectures)

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⇒ there are two possible answers: (b) (the colour yellow is used to indicate a warning); or (c) (the sticker prevents you from opening the package until you see the label)

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⇒ the intended answer is (d), but (c) is somewhat ambiguous and will also be accepted—goals are abstract objectives; tasks are objectives that must be fulfilled to achieve a goal; actions are specific concrete gestures required to achieve a task.

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## 2 Short Answer

For each question, fill in the provided blanks with your answer.

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1. List two problems that user interface design has in common with traditional software engineering:

⇒ These three were given in class: requirements are a moving target; users often do not understand their own requirements; the design possibilities change with the technology.

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2. How does user interface design fit within the broader field of human computer interaction (HCI)?

⇒ User interface design is the application of HCI to real systems.

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3. Consider the following statement: *In order to improve an interface design, it is necessary to consult with the primary users of the system.* Is this statement true or false? Explain your answer.

⇒ False. One can often improve a design simply by applying design principles. However, the best designs do take the user into account, and direct communication is an effective way to learn about their particular characteristics.

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4. Give an example of how modern web browsers do (or could) anticipate the user's needs.

⇒ Here are two ways: completing the address bar with recently visited sites as the user types, and downloading the links from the current page before they are actually requested.

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5. Name something that you could say or ask while interviewing someone in their home to help establish rapport.

⇒ You might ask them about a picture or other keepsake displayed in their home. Any reasonable answer is acceptable here.

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6. Explain why the following statement is false: *Unlike the user model, the design model is complete and accurate.*

⇒ Although the designer normally has a better understanding of the system than that inferable from the system image, software systems are so complex that he or she will almost certainly not have *perfect* knowledge of the system.

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7. List two of Norman's interaction design principles that are often violated by command line interfaces in practice (such as a Unix shell). For each explain how it is violated.

⇒ Some possible answers:

**feedback** (many commands do not display anything unless there is an error; the user doesn't know if the command succeeded or silently failed due to a bug)

**consistency** (often the same option letter means different things for different commands)

**visibility** (the list of accepted commands is not shown)

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8. Name and define two properties of an effective metaphor:

⇒ They must be *meaningful* (user must be familiar with them and be able to recognize them) and they must *match the user's expectations* (behave the way the metaphor would be expected to behave).

### 3 Design Problems

Use the space provided to create the design process artifact required by each question.

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1. An elevator panel will require buttons for four floors (parking, main floor, second and third floor), door open, door close, stop, and activate emergency intercom. Propose a design for these buttons. Draw them in a single row in the space below. Use the psychological principles (gestalt laws) of *similarity* and *proximity* to help the user map intentions to actions.



If you wish, you *may* provide a brief *design rationale* for your solution:

⇒ *Similarity*: buttons with the same shape and colour perform similar functions.

*Proximity*: buttons with a similar function are closer together than buttons with dissimilar functions so that they form visual groups; the door control buttons are closer to the stop button than the floor selection buttons because they form a subgroup of secondary controls.

2. You are designing a web site to allow online rental of DVDs and audio-books. Create a table of relevant user qualities (characteristics) and the design requirements they imply. **Note:** the number of marks is not related to the number of table entries expected.

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⇒ *Some possible entries*:

Characteristic	Expected Values	Requirement
Age	16+	restrict access to movies by age range
Knowledge	Casual-Movie Buff	provide a variety of ways to classify movies; e.g., causal: based on movies the user has already seen/buff: by director
Culture (Language)	Mostly English, but varies	user needs to know subtitles/language tracks available

3. Write an *essential use case* for the task of *renting a new item* from the above online company. Assume that the user is already a member and that they pay a flat monthly fee for rentals (that is, payment is not part of the task).

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⇒ An essential use case is an abstract description of a task that is independent of *how* it is carried out. (For example, it does not include specific techniques or UI components.)

An answer might look something like this:

#### Rent a New Item

User's Purpose	System Responsibility
Identify account	Validate that account is correct
Browse/Search for desired item(s)	Display matching results
Select desired item(s)	Display selected item(s)
Verify the selection	Update items rented by user/available to rent
	Request shipment of item to user

*This is how the text book presents essential use cases. The lecture notes present a point-form list that simply states what happens at each step. Either format is acceptable here.*

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4. In the space provided, write a *scenario* based on the essential use case you created in the the previous question (you will have to first imagine a concrete use case):

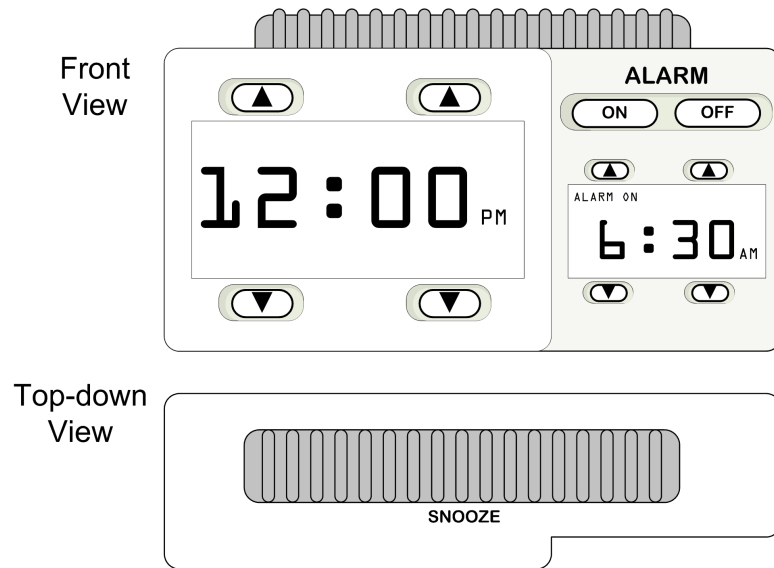
⇒ Scenarios provide concrete illustrations of a task based on an actual (usually fictional) user.

A possible answer based on the above essential use case might be:

Sarah is a store manager at a high-volume discount store who likes to watch movies on the weekend to help her relax. It is Monday, and she wants to rent a movie before she heads to work to ensure it arrives in the mail before this weekend. Going to the main page for the rental site, she clicks on the “Members” button and then enters her user credentials. A welcome page verifies that she entered her credentials correctly and tells her she currently has 2 items rented and can rent up to 2 more. It also lists some popular movies that are currently available. Since she is a casual user, she does not have a list of movie titles in mind. As she is in a hurry, she decides to let the system recommend something to her. She clicks on the Romantic Comedy category, which displays a list of the most popular movies of that type currently available. She then clicks on the Recommend button, and a list of romantic comedies (with box art, title, rating, one-line plot summaries, year, and language(s)) rented by other users who also rented movies she previously rented is listed. She browses the list, and chooses a title that catches her attention. A page with additional details (larger picture, list of principle actors, the director, more plot details, and user reviews) appears. She sees that the film stars one of her favourite actors, and on scanning the first user review sees that it is very positive. Deciding to rent the DVD based on this information, she clicks the Rent button, then verifies her selection on the following verification page. Noting the time, she hurriedly turns off the display, grabs her coffee, and heads off to work.

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5. In the space below, sketch an interface design for an alarm clock. You must be able to set the current time, set the alarm time, turn the alarm on or off, and snooze (temporarily turn an active alarm off to rest a few more minutes). **There are no other functions or features.**



6. In point form, explain the four most important or interesting features of your design. For each feature, list a design principle (or user need), then explain how the feature implements the principle.

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⇒ Some of the features of this design:

**Mapping:** Arrow directions and locations indicate clearly what effect the time and alarm time setting buttons will produce.

**Safety/error prevention:** Recessed time set buttons help prevent accidental setting changes.

**Know the user:** A large, overhead snooze button can be easily found and pressed by a drowsy user without opening their eyes; at the same time, the alarm off button is hard to press, reducing the likelihood of turning the alarm off and then falling back asleep.

**Modeless:** Every control maps to exactly one action (note in particular that the alarm on/off actions are controlled by two separate buttons).



# Human Computer Interaction HCI Sheet-1-SWE-Level 4-2021-

## Dr. Hatem

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13- How many basic steps are there in interaction design process?

a. 4    **b. 5**    c. 6    d. 3

14- What does HTA stand for?

**a. Hierarchical task analysis**    b. HTML Application    c. Human Tissue Authority    d. Human task analysis

15- In virtual reality which of the senses cannot currently be portrayed? Select one:

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- 3- Walkthroughs are a common technique to carry out early usability testing.
  - (i) Briefly explain what a walkthrough is. Make sure you cover the benefits and limitations of a walkthrough.
  - (ii) There are different types of walkthrough. Briefly explain the differences between a Heuristic Walkthrough and a Cognitive Walkthrough. What are the benefits of each?
- 4- What is the difference between slips and mistakes?
- 5- Describe **one** circumstance when the actions for the cognitive walkthrough should be constructed and analyzed at the micro-level (e.g. mouse-clicks and keystrokes).

**Question 3:**

**(10 MARKS)**

- 1- Give four Common interaction styles
- 2- What are the three stages for doing heuristic evaluation?
- 3- Give differences between speech synthesis and speech recognition
- 4- What are the different data gathering techniques?
- 5- Your team of usability experts wants to quickly identify potential usability problems **throughout** a Web site. Unfortunately, you have no time to recruit and use human participants. Which evaluation method do you use? Why?

**Question 4**

**(10 MARKS)**

- 1- A modern hotel has installed a sandwich making robot to supply room service sandwiches at any hour of the day. The hotel also has an automated delivery system that will take the completed

sandwich to a specified room. You have been asked to program a software agent interface that guests can phone to order sandwiches. Provide a hierarchical task description of the sandwich ordering process.

2-How would you use the GOMS Keystroke-Level Model (KLM)? Remember that the operators are K, P, H, M, which are respectively Keystrokes, Pointing, Homing, and Mental Preparation. You don't need to give all the heuristics for M.

3- You have conducted a contextual inquiry and task analysis of user behavior at a UCB bus stop and identified the following set of sample tasks that you want to implement in a kiosk: (a) Querying for the next bus, given a route name or destination name. (b) Finding out the best route to a shopping mall on the following Saturday (you don't know the station or line, just the name and city of the mall. The kiosk should figure out the routes and connections, and print a map for you).

- a. Sketch a main page for the kiosk which enables the scenarios above (you don't have to include all the features the kiosk would have). Include labels as needed on icons
- b. Sketch Scenario (a) using storyboarding.
- c. Sketch scenario (b) using storyboarding