Overall, the class mean mark for the exam was 62%, and marks ranged from 48% to 82%.

Multiple choice section. Students did well on these questions in general, with the class mean being 67%. One or two questions stood out as being more challenging. There was a question about the relation between two problems and their complexity class, and only 46% of students got this correct. Another question required wider reading/knowledge on constraint satisfaction problems, and again only 46% got this right. In all the remaining questions the majority of answers were correct, showing that students had understood and revised all topics quite well.

Long Answer section (answer 2 questions from 4) Students did slightly less well on this section, scoring 54% as a class mean.

The question on dynamic programming was popular, but many did not give sufficiently clear or detailed answers for either part (explaining optimal substructure in 0/1 Knapsack; and sketching a solution to a stochastic problem) to score high marks.

The question on evolutionary algorithms was also popular. Here, many students gained marks for explaining some techniques for constraint handling. However, some marks were often lost in the part about design of a representation for the matching (dating) problem given, as insufficient detail was given to explain how feasibility was obtained. The last part asking for an evaluation function for the problem was answered very well by most.

The question on multiobjective optimization was chosen by a smaller number of students. Some good answers were given regarding the analysis of the Generational Distance measure and how a multiobjective EA differs from a standard EA, although no one obtained full marks for the latter.

The question about simulated annealing was only answered by one candidate. The first parts, explaining how simulated annealing would perform on MAX-ONES and a variant of it were answered perfectly. The last part asking for a cooling schedule for a further problem was not answered so well, as a method for obtaining the final temperature was not included.