The exam contains two recently published research papers not read by the students during the course. Each student has selected one of the research papers and provides a critique of the paper following the questions provided in the exam.

63% of the students selected the research paper A covering Hardware Transnational Memory rather than the paper describing a parallel framework for graph processing.

In general the questions were answered quite well. A few answers provided non-relevant material. Most students followed the guidelines, established during the course unit, for the evaluation of research papers and thus the marks have been in line with previous years.

The main source of losing marks has been not providing the definitions/description of key techniques used in the papers. In other words, being able to distinguish between the student having understood the concepts and explain them back using their own words, vs just re-saying the contents of the paper.