Similar to last year, there was a significant number of average marks (between 55 and 70%), and a lower number of high marks (between 75 and 90%) and low marks (between 0 and 30%).

As in previous years, the students were supposed to choose 3 out of the 5 questions from the exam, each worth 20 marks. Each question covered a specific unit of the material.

Again, as in previous years, Questions 1, 2 and 4 were the most popular questions, probably because the topics related to these questions were well covered in the coursework for this unit, where the students had a chance to implement solutions to similar problems in the lab.

In each of the questions, there were three different types of question parts: bookwork, application and original thought.

In general, bookwork and application question parts were well answered, indicating that the majority of the students revised for the exam, using the suggested reading material. However, a much smaller percentage of the students were able to answer well the original thought questions, which may indicate that everyday reading and revising which can lead to a deeper understanding of the material is not practiced by the majority of the students.

**Question 1:**

This question covered the technological choices for relational and object-relational databases, and it was the most popular question in the exam. In general, the students who solved this question scored highly, with a few exceptions.

**Question 2:**

This question covered the topics related to database functionalities implemented on server side of a client-server architecture. Most students scored highly for the bookwork parts, but fewer students scored highly for the original thought part.

**Question 3:**

This question covered the topics related to object database applications. It was not a very popular question, and most of the students that solved it, did not score quite well.

**Question 4:**

This question covered the topic of semi-structured data management and it was a very popular question. Most students did very well for most of this question, doing less well when mapping the semi-structured schema into a structured one, indicating lack of attention to details during the exam.
Question 5:

This question was not a popular one, covering the topic of distributed databases. It was the last topic delivered in the course, and was not at all covered in the coursework, so the students did not have a chance to try it in practice. Although the question was not a hard one, covering bookwork and application aspects of the topic, very few students tried it, and most of the ones that did, did not answered it quite well, with a few exceptions.