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ECI5161 Human Computer Interaction

Final Examination - 2010/2011

(Closed Book)

Date: 20th November 2010

Time: 9.30 - 12.30 hrs

Answer question 1 in Part A and any 2 questions from Part B

Part A (Compulsory Question) 50 marks

1) You are asked to design interfaces for an 'Automated Cash Deposit' system for a Bank Called ABC.

The system should allow customers to deposit their money via the cash deposit machine. The machine includes a special slot to accept envelopes with cash and it has a touch screen interface.

- a. Draw the task analysis for the system including Task Hierarchy Diagram.
- b. Create a persona for an example user.
- c. Draw the prototype screen designs for the system.
- d. Describe the colors, font details and other controls used in the prototype screens and justify your choices.
- e. What are evaluation methods that you can use to evaluate these prototypes?

Part B (Answer only 2 questions, each question carries '25 marks')

- 1) a. Describe the 'usability engineering lifecycle' process.
 - b. What are the attributes of usability according to Nielsen [1993]?
 - c. Explain the two main types of 'usability evaluations'.

- 2) a. "HCI systems should be designed to help users form correct productive mental models". Explain the factors which are related to good design.
 - b. Describe three of the interface metaphors used in computer applications.
- In usability testing, experiments are carried out with real test users to obtain specific information about an interface.
 - a. Describe the purposes and benefits of conducting usability testing.
 - b. Explain key stages in conducting a usability test.
 - c. Describe two main usability testing methods.