



Evolutionary Systems Format and Guide to Preparing for the Midterm

The midterm test is an objective, scantron, computer graded test. A sample test is linked at the web site; it is, in fact, last years test.

Procedures?

- < Test is closed book, closed note, take home. Typically it is handed out during one class and must be returned at the beginning of another class. Exact days and time span is a decision of the class as a whole.
- < You may study as intensely as you want until the moment you start the test; then all notes are off limits.
- < You may study with anyone in the class who has not taken the test. Once you have taken the test you are forbidden to talk with anyone about it.
- < You may come and ask Steve or Lynn any questions you want while preparing for the test.
- < You may take the test anytime you want during the days of the test, and you may take as long as you want to take the test. However, the entire test must be taken in one sitting - pit stops allowed. But, once you close the test you may not return to it, say, the next morning to check it over.

Description of Test Format

1. It consists of True-False and multiple choice questions.
2. Multiple choice questions are usually, but not always, rights minus wrongs. Typically 3 points for a right answer, minus 1 point for a wrong answer, and no penalty for not answering a right question.
3. The multiple choice questions can have fewer than 5 choices, or as many as 20 or 25 choices. When there are more than 5 choices the question expands over more than one row of bubbles to fill in. For example, one question may include test numbers 23, 24, 25, and 26.
4. Unlike other scantron tests you might have taken, a right answer may be to leave an entire row of bubbles blank. On most other scantron tests you *must* fill in a bubble on every row. Not here. Depending on the question, a row of bubbles may have no choices, 1 choice, or as many as all 5 choices. All depends on the question.

See the sample test for examples of the test format.

