IS 3810 -- SPRING 2017
MIDTERM

Answer each question clearly and neatly.   Type (word process) the answer to questions.

Typed answers to individual questions may be no more than two pages *each*, assuming double spaced with 1" margins.

LABEL the question you believe you are answering. If I cannot read your answer or understand your grammar, or if you provide multiple answers, the answer will be wrong.

STAPLE your exam together in the order of the questions answered.

You may have notes, books or other reference materials that you desire. However, you must do the exam *alone*. Even discussing the meaning of the question with others (whether or not the person is in this class) is considered inappropriate.

This exam is due at the beginning of class on **Wednesday, March 8. Turn in hard copy of the exam — do *not* email the exam to me. NO LATE EXAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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1.   You are responsible for a major multinational systems analysis project. You realize cultural variations may impact how you gather and interpret/analyze systems requirements. Which cultural dimension ought you consider? Why?

2.   Yesterday you overheard the instructions that a project manager was giving to a new employee. He said:
    A good management information system should provide the manager with as much information as possible and that information should be provided in no more than five seconds after it is requested.
Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why? Be specific?

3.   a. Is the "scope" the same thing as the "definition" of the system? Why or why not? (12 points)
    b. How do you know if you have defined your scope properly? Be specific. (13 points)

4.   Consider the principles of Systems Thinking that we discussed earlier in the semester. How should you apply those principles to the decision of getting (or getting a new) job after completion of your degree?