

The Instructions:

Answer each question as completely as you can. Support all assertions you make with documented evidence. You are limited to the papers and books you have read for class. The entire exam is open book and is worth 20% of your grade. Please type your responses, which should be double-spaced (11 or 12 pt font), and pages should be numbered. Organization, clarity, and a well-supported argument are as important as content. You can take as long as you want to research and think about your responses, but take no more than **two hours** to actually write your answers. Your responses are due on **Friday, October 22, at 9 am**. Feel free to send me the exam via e-mail if it is ready earlier than the due date.

The Questions:

1) To date (though Oct 15), you have read 38 of the 77 most cited papers in the MIS discipline. Based on these 38 papers, please answer this question: What is MIS? Support your answer.

2) The 38 papers you have read so far have been categorized under 12 different themes. Of these themes, choose the one you think is the most important to MIS as an academic field (past, present, and/or future), and use the papers associated with this theme as evidence for why you think this is true. Then choose the second most important theme and similarly justify that choice. (Obviously there is no right or wrong answer here, so the strength of your argument and its support will be very important.)

Main concern
→ answer the question!

Expect about 5-7 pages per question
(but if it's less or more that's perfectly fine.)

do not use
first week's
readings or
papers chosen by
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