2001 Paper 9 Question 4

Advanced Graphics and HCI

- (a) Which usability evaluation techniques are most appropriate to the following situations? For *each*, say why this is so.
 - (i) An expert user performing a familiar task.
 - (ii) An expert user designing a novel solution.
 - (iii) A new user using a system for the first time.

[6 marks]

- (b) Sketch *three* screens of a prototype for an online newspaper that can be customised to users' interests.
 - (i) How could a development team test the usability of this prototype cheaply and quickly? Describe some basic procedures that could be applied during testing.
 - (ii) Contrast the benefits of doing a Cognitive Walkthrough evaluation to those of the procedure you have just described, in the context of this system.
 - (iii) Give an example of one stage of the Cognitive Walkthrough process, as it would apply to one of the screens you have sketched.

[14 marks]