

## 1999 Paper 8 Question 6

### Information Retrieval

Using natural language words directly for searching with a retrieval system has a number of disadvantages. What are they? [7 marks]

There are many different methods for compensating for the problems of simple word indexing. Describe *four* of these in detail, showing how they work and justifying their use in a system. [10 marks]

Which of these methods do you regard as most effective, and why? [3 marks]