EAS 421/521 Structural Geology and Tectonics

Sample questions to illustrate the format of mid-term test B; November 2012

Answer all the questions. You are encouraged to use clearly labelled diagrams to illustrate your answers.

Permitted to use: Formula sheets (unmarked); Wulff net; Schmidt net; calculator; tracing paper; graph paper; drawing instruments.

At the end of the test, pass in this paper and all the paper you have used.

Time allowed: 45 minutes

- 1. Draw a diagram of a typical extensional normal fault system. Make sure your diagram includes the following features, which should be clearly labelled:
 Listric normal fault, Rollover fold,
 Synthetic and antithetic normal faults,
 Horst, graben, half-graben,
 Extensional duplex
- 3. Explain the difference between the following pairs:
 - a Strain and stress
 - b Strain axes and lines of no finite extension
 - c Pure shear and simple shear
 - d Coaxial strain history and non-coaxial strain history (40%)
- 3. Explain with the aid of diagrams the differences between the following types of ramps in thrust belts:

Footwall ramp and hanging wall ramp Lateral ramp, oblique ramp, frontal ramp