

**Computing machinery and intelligence (Alan Turing)**  
**Reading Questions**

**Due:** Wednesday, October 1.

Submit computer-formatted, spell-checked answers to the following (one or two paragraphs per question).

1. In your opinion, is the Turing test (or “imitation game”) a good way to answer the question “Can Machines Think?”? Why or why not? What weaknesses do you think it has (if any)?
2. Give three questions you would ask if you were a judge in a Turing test.
3. In class we discussed “Captchas” (“Computer Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart”) and how the current ones used on Yahoo and elsewhere may in danger of being solved soon by computer programs. Can you suggest a Captcha that might be more robust, but still easy and quick to generate?
4. Which of the eight “contrary views” given by Turing in the article do you think is the strongest objection, and why?