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NWEN241: Systems Programming

Mid-term Test

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Instructions

- Time allowed: **50 minutes**
- Attempt **all** the questions. There are **45** marks in total.
- Write your answers in this test paper and hand in all sheets.
- If you think a question is unclear, ask for clarification.
- This test contributes **15%** of your final grade.
- You may write notes and working on this paper, but make sure your answers are clear.
- Only silent non-programmable calculators or silent programmable calculators with their memories cleared are permitted in this examination.
- No electronic dictionaries are allowed.
- Paper foreign to English language dictionaries are allowed.

Sections

Marks

1. True or False

[10]

2. Multiple Choice Questions

[20]

3. Short Answer Questions

[15]

TOTAL:

SECTION A True (T) or False(F)

Write the letter of the correct answer in the box provided. Each correct answer will earn 1 mark.

1. During the preprocessing stage, the preprocessor converts C source code into an assembly file containing an assembly language program. [1 mark]

2. `_my_auto_var_2` is a valid identifier in C. [1 mark]

3. The rule: `sizeof(int) >= sizeof(short)` is always guaranteed in different implementations of C. [1 mark]

4. `'A'` is a valid string literal. [1 mark]

5. When executed, the following C program will complete without any issues: [1 mark]

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    char *p = "NWEN241 C-Test";
    p[0] = 'n';
    p[1] = 'w';
    printf("%s", p);
}
```

6. In C, memory leaks are automatically managed through garbage collection, freeing up leaked memory. [1 mark]

7. `9.022e-4` is a valid floating point literal. [1 mark]

8. Consider the following code snippet. Assuming the allocation is successful, the size (in bytes) of the memory block pointed to by `cp` will be 40 bytes. **[1 mark]**

```
char *cp;  
cp = (char)*malloc(20*sizeof(char));
```

9. In the following declaration:

[1 mark]

```
register int i;
```

The value of variable `i` is guaranteed to be stored in a CPU register.

10. Consider the following code snippet.

[1 mark]

```
char *ptr = (char *)malloc(8*sizeof(char));  
realloc(ptr, 12*sizeof(char));
```

After the call to `realloc()` on the second line, `ptr` still points to the previously allocated memory on the the first line.

SECTION B Multiple Choice Questions

Write the letter corresponding to your answer in the box provided. Each question is accompanied by its respective mark allocation.

11. A C program contains the following declarations:

[1 mark]

```
int i, j;
long ix ;
short s;
float x;
char c;
```

What is the resulting data type of the following expression?

$3 * i + (\text{long}) (ix / s) - x * c / j$

- a) int
- b) double
- c) long
- d) float

12. With every use of a memory allocation function, what function should be used to release allocated memory which is no longer needed?

[1 mark]

- a) dealloc()
- b) release()
- c) free()
- d) unalloc()

13. What will be the data type returned for the following C function?

[1 mark]

```
int func()
{
    return (float)(char)5.0;
}
```

- a) int
- b) float
- c) char
- d) No output, the program will generate a compile time error

14. Consider the following structure definition.

[1 mark]

```
struct node {
    int i;
    float j;
};
```

What does the following C statement declare?

```
struct node *s[10];
```

- a) An array of size 10, each element of which is pointer to a structure of type node
- b) A structure of 2 fields, each field being a pointer to an array of 10 elements
- c) An array of size 10, each element of which is a structure of type node
- d) None of these

15. Which of the following data type will throw an error on modulus operation(%)?

[1 mark]

- a) int
- b) short
- c) long
- d) float

16. What will be the output of the following C code?

[1 mark]

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
enum random { a, b = 99, c, d = -1};
```

```
main()
```

```
{
    printf("%d %d %d %d\n",a,b,c,d);
}
```

- a) 1 99 100 -1
- b) 0 99 100 -1
- c) 1 2 3 4
- d) 0 99 1 -1

17. What will be the output of the following C program?

[2 marks]

```
void count(int n)
{
    static int d = 1;

    printf("%d", n);
    printf("%d", d);
    d++;
    if(n>1)
        count(n-1);
    printf("\n");
}
```

```
void main()
{
    count(3);
}
```

- a) 3 1 2 2 1 3
- b) 3 1 2 1 1 1
- c) 3 1 2 2 1 3
- d) 3 1 2 1 1 1

18. What will be the output of the following C program?

[2 marks]

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char c[] = "STRINGS!!!";
    char *p = c;
    printf("%s\n", p + p[1] - p[4]);
}
```

- a) STRINGS!!!
- b) S!!!
- c) TRINGS
- d) !!!

19. What will be the output of the following C program?

[2 marks]

```
#include<stdio.h>

void f(int *p, int *q)
{
    p = q;
    *p = 2;
}

int i = 0, j = 1;

int main()
{
    f(&i, &j);
    printf("%d %d \n", i, j);
    return 0;
}
```

- a) 2 2
- b) 2 1
- c) 0 1
- d) 0 2

20. What will be the output of the following C program?

[2 marks]

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>

void main()
{
    char p[20];
    char *s = "string";
    int length = strlen(s);
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < length; i++)
        p[i] = s[length - i];
    printf("%s",p);
}
```

- a) gnirts
- b) gnirt
- c) string
- d) no output is printed

21. What will be the output of the following C code segment?

[2 marks]

```
void f1(int a, int b)
{
    int c;
    c = a;
    a = b;
    b = c;
}
void f2(int *a, int *b)
{
    int c;
    c = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = c;
}
int main(){
    int a = 7, b = 4, c = 9;
    f1(a,b);
    f2(&b, &c);
    printf("%d\n",c-a-b);
}
```

- a) -6
- b) -2
- c) -12
- d) 2

22. Consider the following C declaration.

[2 marks]

```
struct {
    short s[5];
    union {
        float y;
        long z;
    }u;
}t;
```

Assume that objects of the type short, float and long occupy 2 bytes, 4 bytes and 8 bytes, respectively. The memory requirement for variable t is:

- a) 22
- b) 18
- c) 10
- d) 14

23. What will be the output of the following C code?

[2 marks]

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define foo(x, y) x / y + x

int main()
{
    int i = -6, j = 3;
    printf("%d\n",foo(i + j, 3));
    return 0;
}
```

- a) -4
- b) -8
- c) 2
- d) 4

SECTION C Short answer questions

Write your answer in the space provided. Each question is accompanied by its respective mark allocation.

24. Describe the difference between `char s1[]="cat";` and `char s2[]={ 'c', 'a', 't' };` [2 marks]

25. Consider the following C function. Rewrite it as a function like macro named `PRODUCT`. [2 marks]

```
int product(int a, int b)
{
    return a*b;
}
```

26. Using only one C statement, declare an array which can hold 10 integers with initial values 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the first four elements, and 0 for the remaining elements. Name this array `iarray`. [2 marks]

27. What will be the output of the following code?

[2 marks]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int ary[4] = {1, 2, 3, 4};
    int *p = ary + 2;
    printf("%d %d\n", p[-2], ary[*p]);
}
```

28. What will be the output of the following code segment?

[2 marks]

```
#include <stdio.h>

struct point{
    int x;
    int y;
    int z;
};

void foo(struct point*);

int main()
{
    struct point p1[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
    foo(p1);
}

void foo(struct point p[])
{
    printf("%d\n", p->y++);
}
```

29. Consider the following C program.

[3 marks]

```
#include <stdio.h>
int a;
int main()
{
    int b;
    {
        int c;
    }
}
```

(a) [1 mark] What will be the sequence of allocation and deletion of variables in the above code?

(b) [1 mark] What is storage class of variable c?

(c) [1 mark] What is lifetime of variable a?

30. Given the following variable declarations:

[2 marks]

```
int a[] = {2,4,6,8,10};  
int *ip = a;  
int **pp = &ip;
```

Suppose that an int occupies 4 bytes in memory. The array a is at memory address 100, while ip is at memory address 200 and pp is at address 300(all addresses are in decimal).

(a) [1 mark] What is the numeric value of the expression *pp+1?

(b) [1 mark] What is the numeric value of the expression **pp+1?

SPARE PAGE FOR EXTRA ANSWERS

Cross out rough working that you do not want marked.
Specify the question number for work that you do want marked.