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**DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS 2200 (CITS2200)**

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There are 10 questions and you have 35 minutes to complete the test. Each question has exactly one correct answer.

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|------|---|---|---|---|
| (1)  | A | B | C | D |
| (2)  | A | B | C | D |
| (3)  | A | B | C | D |
| (4)  | A | B | C | D |
| (5)  | A | B | C | D |
| (6)  | A | B | C | D |
| (7)  | A | B | C | D |
| (8)  | A | B | C | D |
| (9)  | A | B | C | D |
| (10) | A | B | C | D |



Good luck

For each of the following items, please enter one answer A, B, C or D, on the sheet provided.

1. Assume that `Labradoodle` has been defined as a subclass of `Dog`, and `Pound` has been defined as a stack of `Dogs` (that is, it has the same operations as a generic `Stack`, but it consists of items of type `Dog` rather than type `Object`). Assume that the code

```
Pound p = new Pound();  
Dog d = new Dog();  
Labradoodle l = new Labradoodle();
```

is directly followed by one of the following:

- i. `p.push(l);`  
`l = p.pop();`
- ii. `p.push(l);`  
`d = p.pop();`
- iii. `p.push(d);`  
`l = p.pop();`
- iv. `p.push(l);`  
`l = (Labradoodle) p.pop();`

Identify which of the above will cause an error?

- (a) (i) and (iii)
  - (b) (ii) and (iii)
  - (c) (iii) only
  - (d) (i), (iii) and (iv)
2. Suppose that  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$ ,  $g(n)$  is  $O(h(n))$  but  $h(n)$  is not  $O(f(n))$ . Which of the following are possible functions for  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$ ?
- (a)  $f(n) = 2^n$ ,  $g(n) = n2^{(n)}$  and  $h(n) = 2^{n+4}$ .
  - (b)  $f(n) = 8n$ ,  $g(n) = 2n$  and  $h(n) = n + \sqrt{n}$ .
  - (c)  $f(n) = n^3$ ,  $g(n) = 3n^2$  and  $h(n) = 6n$ .
  - (d)  $f(n) = n^2$ ,  $g(n) = n^2 + n$  and  $h(n) = n^2 \lg n$ .

3. The following code is for the Partition method used by the QUICKSORT algorithm:

```
procedure PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )  
   $x \leftarrow A[r]$ ;  $i \leftarrow p - 1$   
  for  $j \leftarrow p$  to  $r - 1$   
    do if  $A[j] \leq x$   
      then  $i \leftarrow i + 1$   
        exchange  $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$   
  exchange  $A[i + 1] \leftrightarrow A[r]$   
  return  $i + 1$ 
```

Suppose that PARTITION( $A, 1, 6$ ) is called over the array  $A = [8, 4, 2, 7, 1, 5]$  (assuming the array indexes from 1). What is the result?

- (a)  $A = [4, 2, 1, 5, 8, 7]$  and 4 is returned.
  - (b)  $A = [1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8]$  and 5 is returned.
  - (c)  $A = [4, 2, 1, 5, 8, 7]$  and 5 is returned.
  - (d)  $A = [4, 2, 1, 5, 7, 8]$  and 4 is returned.
4. A **deque** (double-ended queue) is implemented using an array called **items** and left and right indices called **left** (an index to the leftmost item) and **right** (an index to the rightmost item) respectively. The deque is cyclic (or “wraps around”) so that all space in the array can be used. The method **pushLeft** adds an item to the left end of the deque and is implemented as follows:

```
public void pushLeft(char c) throws Overflow {  
  if (!isFull()) {  
  
    << missing code >>  
  
  }  
  else throw new Overflow(“Pushing to full deque”.)  
}
```

Which of the following is a correct implementation of the missing lines:

- (a) `left = (left-1)%items.length;`  
`items[left] = c;`
- (b) `left = (left+1)%(items.length-1);`  
`items[left] = c;`
- (c) `left = left-1;`  
`if (left==right+1) left = (left-1)%items.length;`  
`items[left] = c;`
- (d) `left = left-1;`  
`if (left == -1) left = items.length-1;`  
`items[left] = c;`

5. A (singly) linked implementation of a Queue contains the following instance variables:

**front** — a reference to the front of the queue, that is, the end with the item that has been in longest

**back** — a reference to the back of the queue, that is, the end with the item that was added most recently

The enqueue method can be implemented as follows:

```
public void enqueue (Object a) {  
    if (isEmpty()) {  
        front = new Link(a,null);  
        back = front;  
    }  
  
    << missing code >>  
  
}
```

*All operations in the queue must be able to operate in constant time.*

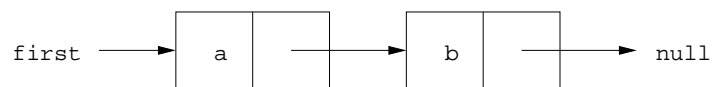
Which of the following is a correct implementation of the missing code?

- (a)    else front = new Link(a,front);
- (b)    else back.successor = new Link(a,null);
- (c)    else {  
          front.successor = new Link(a,front);  
          front = front.successor;  
      }
- (d)    else {  
          back.successor = new Link(a,null);  
          back = back.successor;  
      }

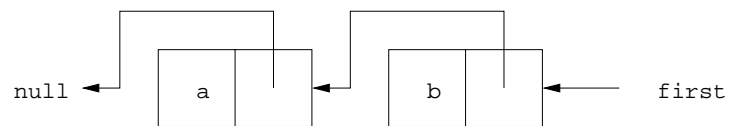
6. Let `Link` be an object with two member variables:

```
public class Link {  
    char item;  
    Link successor;  
}
```

Assume that `first` is a reference to a `Link` object containing 'a', whose successor is a link object containing 'b', whose successor is `null`.



Which of the following successfully reverses this structure as follows?



- (a) `first.successor.successor = first;`  
`first = first.successor;`  
`first.successor = null;`
- (b) `first.successor = first;`  
`first = first.successor;`  
`first.successor.successor = null;`
- (c) `Link temp = first.successor;`  
`temp.successor = first;`  
`first.successor = null;`  
`first = temp;`
- (d) `Link temp = first;`  
`first = temp.successor;`  
`first.successor = temp;`

7. A block implementation of a List contains the following instance variables:

`block` — an array of objects that stores the items in the list  
`before` — a reference to the before-first position  
`after` — a reference to the after-last position

It is used with a window class that contains one variable:

`index` — the position in the list of the window item

The `insertBefore` method can be implemented as follows:

```
public void insertBefore (Object e, WindowBlock w) throws
    OutOfBounds, Overflow {
    if (!isFull()) {
        if (!isBeforeFirst(w)) {

            << missing code >>

        }
        else throw new OutOfBounds ("Inserting before start of list.");
    }
    else throw new Overflow("Inserting in full list.");
}
```

Which of the following is the best implementation of the missing code?

- (a) 

```
for (int i=block.length-1; i>=w.index; i--) block[i+1] = block[i];
after++;
block[w.index] = e;
w.index++;
```
- (b) 

```
for (int i=after-1; i>=w.index; i--) block[i+1] = block[i];
w.index++;
block[w.index] = e;
after++;
```
- (c) 

```
for (int i=after-1; i>=w.index; i--) block[i+1] = block[i];
after++;
block[w.index] = e;
w.index++;
```
- (d) 

```
for (int i=w.index; i<block.length; i++) block[i+1] = block[i];
after++;
block[w.index] = e;
w.index++;
```

8. The following method searches an array (stored in `block`) to see if the same item appears twice.

```
public boolean hasMatch (int[] block) {  
    boolean found = false;  
    for (int i=0; i<block.length; i++) {  
        for (int j=0; j<block.length; j++)  
            found = found || (i != j && block[i]==block[j]);  
    }  
    return found;  
}
```

If the function  $f(x)$  describes the time performance of this method, where  $x$  denotes the size of the block, which of the following is the smallest 'big O' for  $f(x)$ ?

- (a)  $f(x)$  is  $O(1)$
  - (b)  $f(x)$  is  $O(\log n)$
  - (c)  $f(x)$  is  $O(n)$
  - (d)  $f(x)$  is  $O(n^2)$
9. A mountain climber can climb 10 kms in a day. She can descend 30 kms in a day. What is her amortized rate of travel?
- (a) 10 kms per day
  - (b) 15 kms per day
  - (c) 20 kms per day
  - (d) 30 kms per day



10. Suppose that you have a block implementation of a stack of objects, and you would like to call a method, `removeNulls` that removes all of the null elements in that stack.

```
public class Stack{
    public Object[] items;
    public int top;

    public Stack(int size){
        items = new Object[size];
        top = -1;
    }

    //push, pop, peek and isEmpty are implemented as in the notes

    public void removeNulls(){
        //missing code
    }
}
```

Which of the following is an incorrect implementation of the missing code in the `removeNulls` method?

- (a) 

```
for(int i = 0; i < top; i++){
    if(items[i] == null){
        for(int j = i; j < top; j++) items[j] = items[j+1];
        top--;
    }
}
```
- (b) 

```
int count = 0;
for(int i = 0; i < top; i++){
    if(items[i] != null) items[count++] = items[i];
}
top = count;
```
- (c) 

```
Stack s = new Stack();
while(!isEmpty()){
    Object o = pop();
    if(o != null) s.push(o);
}
while(!s.isEmpty()) push(s.pop());
```
- (d) 

```
Stack s = new Stack();
while(!isEmpty()){
    Object o = pop();
    if(o != null) s.push(o);
}
items = s.items;
top = s.top;
```