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## Sample Exam

### Faculty of Information Technology

**EXAM CODES:** FIT1045  
**TITLE OF PAPER:** INTRODUCTION TO ALGORITHMS AND PROGRAMMING – PAPER 1  
**EXAM DURATION:** 3 hours writing time  
**READING TIME:** 10 minutes

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**For Questions 1-6 circle only one letter for each question corresponding to the correct response.**

### **Question 1 [1 mark]**

What is printed by the following code?

```
def anon(n):  
    if n % 2 == 1:  
        return 0  
    else:  
        return 1 + anon(n//2)  
  
print(anon(36))
```

- (a) 5
- (b) 4
- (c) 2
- (d) 1

### **Question 2 [1 mark]**

Suppose you have the following function:

```
def secret(aList):  
    val = 0  
    for i in range(0, len(aList)//2):  
        val += aList[i]*aList[len(aList)-i-1]  
    return val
```

What is printed by the following code?

```
myList = [4, 3, 2, 1, 5]  
print(secret(myList))
```

- (a) 7
- (b) 23
- (c) 25
- (d) 27

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### Question 3 [1 mark]

The base case for Merge sort is a list of size?

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) Both 0 and 1
- (d) None of the above.

### Question 4 [1 mark]

A function  $g(n)$  is said to be  $O(f(n))$  if there exists constants  $k$  and  $L$  such that.

- (a)  $g(n) > k \cdot f(n)$  for all  $n < L$
- (b)  $g(n) < k \cdot f(n)$  for all  $n > L$
- (c)  $g(n) < k \cdot f(n)$  for all  $n < L$
- (d)  $g(n) > k \cdot f(n)$  for all  $n > L$

### Question 5 [1 mark]

How many solutions are there for the 3 Queens problem?

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 2
- (d) None of these.

### Question 6 [1 mark]

An  $O(n \log(n))$  algorithm always runs faster than an  $O(n^2)$  algorithm. True or False? Why?

- (a) False. For small  $n$ , constant factors may dominate the running time.
- (b) True.  $O(n \log(n))$  complexity is better than  $O(n^2)$ .
- (c) True, but only if the input given to both algorithms is the same.
- (d) False.  $O(n^2)$  complexity is better than  $O(n \log(n))$ .

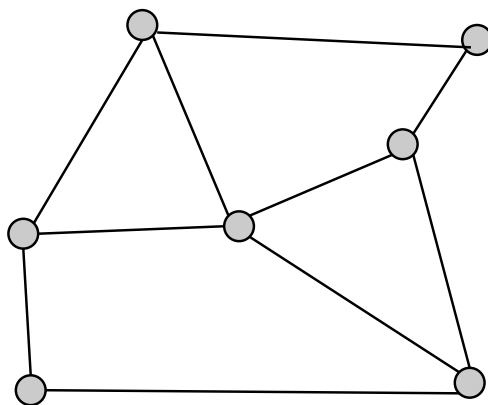
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**Question 7 [2 + 2 + 2 = 6 marks]**

(a) Give a definition of a process.

(b) Give a definition of a Hamiltonian cycle in a connected graph G.

(c) How many cliques of each size less than 5 are there in the following graph?



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### Question 8 [1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 marks]

This question is about *time complexity*. For each of the given Python functions, state the time complexity in big O notation and provide a brief explanation.

(a)

```
def total_func(n):
    total = 0
    for k in range(n):
        for j in range(n-k, 0, -1):
            total + k*j
    return total
```

(b)

```
def fraction_func(n):
    fraction = 1
    for k in range(100):
        for j in range(k):
            fraction = k + j + 1/fraction
    return fraction
```

(c)

```
def another_total_func(n):
    total = 0
    for k in range(n):
        total += k
    for k in range(10*n):
        total += num
    return total
```

(d)

```
def mid_func(n):
    low = 0
    high = n
    while low <= high:
        mid = (low + high)//2
        low = mid + 1
    return mid
```

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### Question 9 [5 marks]

Write a Python function, **unique**, which takes as input a sorted list of strings, and returns **True** if the all the items in the list are unique. Otherwise the function should return **False**.

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**Question 10 [1 + 3 + 2 = 6 marks]**

The number comparisons for a version of Quick sort,  $C(n)$ , is defined by the following relations.

$$C(0) = 1 \text{ and } C(n) = C(n//2) + n + 1,$$

(a) Give the value of  $C(3)$ .

(b) Write a recursive Python function which has as input a non-negative integer,  $n$ , and returns  $C(n)$ .

(c) State and explain the time complexity for your function.

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### Question 11 [5 + 5 = 10 marks]

Consider the 4 Queen problem. Suppose we use the representation of a list of numbers where the  $k$ th number represents the row which the  $k$ th Queen,  $Q_k$ , is in, e.g., [2, 1, 3, 0] would represent the following board.

Row 0				$Q_3$
Row 1		$Q_1$		
Row 2	$Q_0$			
Row 3			$Q_2$	

(a) Write a Python function, **lastQueenOk**, which has as input a list of numbers representing the positions of the Queens on 4x4 board. This function should return **True** if no Queen is attacking the Queen represented by the last number in the list, otherwise it should return **False**.

(b) Using the function, **lastQueenOk**, write a Python function, **isSolution**, which has as input a list of numbers representing the positions of the Queens on 4x4 board. This function should return **True** if no Queen is attacking any other Queen, otherwise it should return **False**.

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### Question 12 [5 marks]

Suppose you have a collection of **n** items. All the items have the same weight, **w**, and you can choose at most **one** of each item. Write a Python function which is given as input, the capacity of the knapsack, **capacity**, a list (sorted in ascending order) of values, **values**, of each item, and the weight, **w**, and returns the maximum value that the knapsack can hold.

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### Question 13 [5 marks]

Write a Python function, **duplicate**, which takes two lists sorted in ascending order) as input and returns a list of items that appear in both lists.

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### Question 14 [6 marks]

Insert the following numbers, in the order they appear, into a Heap. You are allowed to choose whether the Heap is a min-Heap or a max-Heap.

**10 6 11 -6 13 2**

Show the Heap after each number has been inserted. The answer should consist of **6 Heaps**.

### Question 15 [2 marks]

Insert the following numbers, in the order they appear, into Binary Search Tree.

**10 6 11 -6 13 2**

Show the Binary Search Tree after all the numbers have been inserted.

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**Question 16 [2 + 6 = 8 marks]**

Consider the problem of finding all the permutations of  $N$  different items.

a) Describe how a partial solution can be represented as list of numbers.

b) Show how you could use backtracking to solve this problem, when  $N = 3$ .

In particular, show a search tree and indicate on your diagram for each position the corresponding partial solution (represented as a list of numbers).

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**Question 17 [4 + 3 + 3 = 10 marks]**

(a) Explain why if a NP-complete problem could be solved in polynomial time, then  $P = NP$ .

(b) Give **3** examples of NP problems given in lectures and state their certificates.

(c) Describe the Halting problem.

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### Question 18 [1 + 1 = 2 Marks]

(a) Give an example of a sorting method that has linear time complexity in the best case.

(b) Give an example of a sorting method that uses divide and conquer and has quadratic time complexity in the worst case.

### Question 19 [5 Marks]

Write a Python function, **isVertexCover**, that checks whether a list of vertices, **vertexList**, is a vertex cover in a given graph.

The graph is represented as an adjacency matrix, **graphTable**, where **graphTable[j][k] = 1** if vertex **j** is adjacent to vertex **k**. The function, **isVertexCover**, takes **vertexList** and **graphTable** as input and returns **True** if the vertices in **vertexList** form a vertex cover of the graph represented by **graphTable**, and returns **False** otherwise.