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**Instruction/Notes:** Attempt all questions on the question paper.

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Question 1 [10] Short Q/As

a. [1] Name a function in LISP (discussed in class) that is no longer widely used due to readability issues:

b. [1] Function in LISP is in notation.

a. Postfix

b. Infix

c. Prefix

d. None of the above

c. [1] A particular CNF grammar defines rules to form a “word” is as follows:

```
<word>      →      <letter> | <letter><letter pair> | <letter><digit pair>
<letter pair> →      <letter><letter> | <letter pair><letter><letter>
<digit pair>  →      <digit><digit> | <digit pair><digit><digit>
<letter>      →      a|b|c|d|...|x|y|z
<digit>       →      0|1|2|3|...|8|9
```

Which of the following strings can be derived from the above grammar?

I. word

II. words

III. c22

a. None of them

b. I and II only

c. II and III only

d. All of them.

d. [1] If the program written in a particular language is less \_\_\_\_\_ than the cost of failure of the system may be significant.

a. Writable

b. Reliable

c. General

d. Readable

e. [1] Which of the following is not an imperative language?

a. LISP

b. C++

c. SNOBOL

d. All of them are imperative

f. [1] In SNOBOL, binary operators must have at least \_\_\_\_ spaces

g. [2] In SNOBOL, spaces can be used as an operator for different purposes. List two of those:

h. [1]

Consider the following grammar:

$S \rightarrow AB$

$A \rightarrow 0 \mid B1B$

$B \rightarrow bbA$

Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?

- a. The length of every string produced by this grammar is even.
- b. Every string produced by this grammar has at least as many 1's as 0's.
- c. No string produced by this grammar has three consecutive 0's.
- d. No string produced by this grammar has four consecutive 1's.

i. [1] Consider the following grammar:

$S \rightarrow ( S ) \mid \emptyset$

Which of the following statements is (are) **TRUE**?

- I. The grammar is ambiguous.
- II. The grammar is suitable for top-down parsing.
- III. The grammar is suitable for bottom-up parsing.

- a. II only                      b. I and II only                      c. II and III only                      d. All of them

**Question 2 [10]**

Let = {void, int, double, name, (, ), ,, ;}

Define a CFG for C++ function prototype

For example:

- void name (int name, double name);
- int name ();
- int name (int, double name, int);
- void name(int, int);

Note that there can be more than three parameters sent in the function prototype.

**Question 3 [20 = 5 + 5 + 10]**

**Part a) and b) has no partial credit.**

- a. Consider the following function:

```
(defun mystery (list))  
  (cond  
    ((null list)      NIL)  
    ((null (rest list)) (list (first list)))  
    (t                (cons (first list)  
                             (mystery (rest (rest list)))))))
```

Assuming that the list L is (4 3 2 1), what will be the result returned by the following:

**(mystery L)**

**Show your work to get credit.**

- b. Assuming that the following definitions are executed in this order:

```
(define x '(3 28 400))
```

```
(define y (cons (cdr x) '(6 15 77)))
```

What is the result of typing the following into the LISP compiler?

i)      y => ???

ii)     (cons 'x (cdr (cdr x))) => ???

- c. Define a Scheme function, `odds`, that takes a list and returns every other one, starting with the first. See the example to the right below.

```
> (odds '() )  
()  
> (odds '(a))  
(a)  
> (odds '(a b))  
(a)  
> (odds '(a b c))  
(a c)  
> (odds '(a b c d e f g h))  
(a c e g)
```

**Question 4 [10 = 5 + 3 + 2]**

**Part a) does not have partial credit.**

a.

- i) Explain the following SNOBOL code with respect to replacement through Pattern Matching.  
Explain what is happening in each line

VERB = 'MASH'

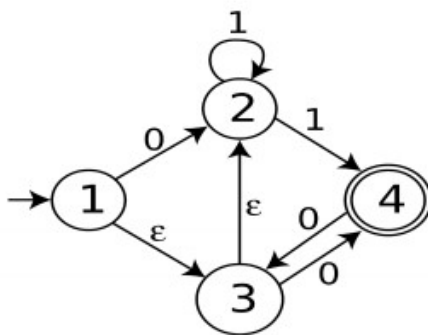
Verb 'm' = 'B'

OUTPUT = VERB

- ii) What will be the final result?

- b. A class of assignment statements in C/C++ has the following form: a **op**= b where **op** is an arithmetic or logic operator. Discuss the pros and cons of these statements from the perspective of readability and writability.

- c. Determine whether the following strings are accepted or not by the NFA given below. Show complete path to get credit for both acceptance and rejection:



a) 10001

b) 0111101