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1. If two tasks are executing in parallel, which of the following statements is true?

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- ☐ They are using exactly the same hardware at the same time.
- ☒ They are using different hardware, but running at the same time.
- ☐ Their executions are alternating in time.
- ☐ One task executes immediately after the other finishes.

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2. What does the von Neumann bottleneck state about computer architectures?

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- ☐ Power consumption is a limiting factor for performance.
- ☐ Temperature is a performance bottleneck.
- ☐ Clock frequency cannot be improved without considering temperature.
- ☒ Memory access time is a performance bottleneck.

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3. What does Moore's law directly observe?

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- ☐ Power consumption doubles every 18 months.
- ☒ Transistor density doubles every 2 years.
- ☐ Processor power doubles every 2 years.
- ☐ Transistor switching delay is cut in half every year.

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4. How is dynamic power consumption related to voltage swing?

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- ☒ Dynamic power is proportional to the square of the voltage swing.
- ☐ Dynamic power is proportional to the cube of the voltage swing.
- ☐ Dynamic power is proportional to the square root of the voltage swing.
- ☐ Dynamic power is proportional to the capacitance.

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5. Why can't Dennard Scaling continue forever?

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- I. The speed of light limits the potential performance improvements.
 - II. Voltage must remain above threshold voltage.
 - III. Some noise margin must be maintained.
- ☐ I only.
 - ☐ I and II, NOT III.
 - ☒ II and III, NOT I.
 - ☐ I, II, and III.

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6. What factor limits clock rates in future designs?

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- I. The speed of light.
 - II. Excessive power consumption.
 - III. Excessive temperature.
- ☐ I only.
 - ☐ I and II, NOT III.
 - ☐ II and III, NOT I.
 - ☒ I, II, and III.

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7. One benefit of concurrent execution on a single processor is that it can hide latency. What does this mean?

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- ☐ When tasks execute in parallel, only the delay of the slowest task matters.
- ☒ One task can execute while another task is waiting on something.
- ☐ The concurrent execution time of two tasks is less than the sum of their sequential execution times.
- ☐ Total latency is reduced because two tasks can execute at the same time.

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