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**Example Examination for the Degree of
Bachelor and Master of Engineering and Bachelor and Master of
Science**

**COMS10012/COMSM0085
Software Tools**

**TIME ALLOWED:
1 Hour**

This paper contains 16 questions, all of which are used for assessment; the maximum for this paper is 16.

Other Instructions:

This exam is open-book: you may bring in any handwritten or printed materials. You may use a faculty-approved calculator model.

TURN OVER ONLY WHEN TOLD TO START WRITING

Q1. Alice wishes to merge the branch `hotfix` into the branch `testing`. Which commands should they run?

- A. `git checkout testing; git merge hotfix`
- B. `git checkout hotfix; git merge testing`
- C. `git checkout testing; git rebase hotfix`
- D. `git checkout hotfix; git merge testing --no-ff`

[1 mark]

Q2. When trying to fetch from a git remote Alice encounters the following error:

```
$ git fetch
ssh: Could not resolve hostname github.com: no address associated with name
fatal: Could not read from remote repository.
```

Please make sure you have the correct access rights
and the repository exists.

What is the issue?

- A. Their public key has not been correctly set up on Github.
- B. The repository doesn't exist; they need to create it before they can pull;
- C. There is a merge conflict
- D. Their network is down or misconfigured.

[1 mark]

Q3. When running a command into their favourite pager `more` (so they can scroll it on the terminal) Alice notices the following unusual output. What is going on, and what are the weird `ESC[01;34m` bits?

```
$ ls --color=always | more
ESC[0mESC[01;34mBackupsESC[0m
ESC[01;34mDesktopESC[0m
ESC[01;34mDocumentsESC[0m
ESC[01;36mDownloadsESC[0m
ESC[01;34mMailESC[0m
ESC[01;34mMusicESC[0m
ESC[01;36mNotesESC[0m
ESC[01;34mPicturesESC[0m
ESC[01;34mReposESC[0m
ESC[01;34mVideosESC[0m
mbox
- (END)
```

- A. They are part of the filenames

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- B. They are ANSI color escape codes. The pager more doesn't know to translate them into colors
- C. The terminal has glitched and is displaying random noise
- D. They are escape codes embedded as part of the filenames to make some filenames italic

[1 mark]

Q4. Alice has the following Makefile. Since the last build, they have made some updates to `main.c`. Which rules will be run when next typing `make`?

```
main: main.c interface.o analysis.o
```

```
docs.html: main.c interface.c analysis.c library.c
```

```
documentation-generator main.c interface.c analysis.c library.c -o $@
```

```
interface.o: interface.c config.c
```

```
analysis.o: analysis.c library.o
```

```
library.o: library.c
```

- A. `main`
- B. `main interface.o analysis.o`
- C. `main docs.html`
- D. `main interface.o analysis.o docs.html`

[1 mark]

Q5. Alice has created a new program in Java using the Maven buildsystem.

Their pom.xml file looks like the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
    http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>

  <groupId>com.mycompany.app</groupId>
  <artifactId>my-app</artifactId>
  <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>

  <name>my-app</name>
  <url>http://www.example.com</url>

  <properties>
    <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncoding>
    <maven.compiler.source>1.7</maven.compiler.source>
    <maven.compiler.target>1.7</maven.compiler.target>
  </properties>

  <build>
    <pluginManagement><!-- lock down plugins versions to avoid using Maven defaults
      (may be moved to parent pom) -->
      <plugins>
        <!-- clean lifecycle, see
          https://maven.apache.org/ref/current/maven-core/lifecycles.html#clean_Lifecycle
          -->
        <plugin>
          <artifactId>maven-clean-plugin</artifactId>
          <version>3.1.0</version>
        </plugin>
        <!-- default lifecycle, jar packaging: see
          https://maven.apache.org/ref/current/maven-core/default-bindings.html#Plugin_bindings_for_jar_packaging
          -->
        <plugin>
          <artifactId>maven-resources-plugin</artifactId>
          <version>3.0.2</version>
        </plugin>
        <plugin>
          <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
          <version>3.8.0</version>
        </plugin>
        <plugin>
          <artifactId>maven-surefire-plugin</artifactId>
          <version>2.22.1</version>
        </plugin>
        <plugin>
          <artifactId>maven-jar-plugin</artifactId>
```

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```
        <version>3.0.2</version>
    </plugin>
    <plugin>
        <artifactId>maven-install-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>2.5.2</version>
    </plugin>
    <plugin>
        <artifactId>maven-deploy-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>2.8.2</version>
    </plugin>
    <!-- site lifecycle, see
        https://maven.apache.org/ref/current/maven-core/lifecycles.html#site_Lifecycle
    -->
    <plugin>
        <artifactId>maven-site-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>3.7.1</version>
    </plugin>
    <plugin>
        <artifactId>maven-project-info-reports-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>3.0.0</version>
    </plugin>
</plugins>
</pluginManagement>
</build>
</project>
```

When Alice builds their project and run the tests Maven throws the following error:

```
$ mvn test
[INFO] Scanning for projects...
[INFO]
[INFO] -----< com.mycompany.app:my-app >-----
[INFO] Building my-app 1.0-SNAPSHOT
[INFO] -----[ jar ]-----
[INFO]
[INFO] --- maven-resources-plugin:3.0.2:resources (default-resources) @ my-app ---
[INFO] Using 'UTF-8' encoding to copy filtered resources.
[INFO] skip non existing resourceDirectory /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/main/resources
[INFO]
[INFO] --- maven-compiler-plugin:3.8.0:compile (default-compile) @ my-app ---
[INFO] Nothing to compile - all classes are up to date
[INFO]
[INFO] --- maven-resources-plugin:3.0.2:testResources (default-testResources) @
    my-app ---
[INFO] Using 'UTF-8' encoding to copy filtered resources.
[INFO] skip non existing resourceDirectory /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/resources
[INFO]
[INFO] --- maven-compiler-plugin:3.8.0:testCompile (default-testCompile) @ my-app ---
[INFO] Changes detected - recompiling the module!
[INFO] Compiling 1 source file to /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/target/test-classes
[INFO] -----
```

```

[ERROR] COMPILATION ERROR :
[INFO] -----
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [3,24]
    package org.junit does not exist
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [3,1]
    static import only from classes and interfaces
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [5,17]
    package org.junit does not exist
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [15,6]
    cannot find symbol
    symbol:   class Test
    location: class com.mycompany.app.AppTest
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [18,9]
    cannot find symbol
    symbol:   method assertTrue(boolean)
    location: class com.mycompany.app.AppTest
[INFO] 5 errors
[INFO] -----
[INFO] -----
[INFO] BUILD FAILURE
[INFO] -----
[INFO] Total time: 0.917 s
[INFO] Finished at: 2023-02-14T15:42:26Z
[INFO] -----
[ERROR] Failed to execute goal
    org.apache.maven.plugins:maven-compiler-plugin:3.8.0:testCompile
    (default-testCompile) on project my-app: Compilation failure: Compilation
    failure:
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [3,24]
    package org.junit does not exist
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [3,1]
    static import only from classes and interfaces
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [5,17]
    package org.junit does not exist
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [15,6]
    cannot find symbol
[ERROR] symbol:   class Test
[ERROR] location: class com.mycompany.app.AppTest
[ERROR] /tmp/test/my-app/my-app/src/test/java/com/mycompany/app/AppTest.java: [18,9]
    cannot find symbol
[ERROR] symbol:   method assertTrue(boolean)
[ERROR] location: class com.mycompany.app.AppTest
[ERROR] -> [Help 1]
[ERROR]
[ERROR] To see the full stack trace of the errors, re-run Maven with the -e switch.
[ERROR] Re-run Maven using the -X switch to enable full debug logging.
[ERROR]
[ERROR] For more information about the errors and possible solutions, please read
    the following articles:
[ERROR] [Help 1]

```

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`http://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/MAVEN/MojoFailureException`

What has gone wrong?

- A. The Java compiler version is incorrect
- B. The `pom.xml` is syntactically incorrect
- C. The syntax of the `mvn` command is wrong
- D. A dependency is missing

[1 mark]

Q6. Bob wants to store a table containing students answers in an SQL database. The table should have 3 attributes:

- `student` (an 8 digit number which references the `id` attribute of the `student` table)
- `question` (a 2 digit number which references the `id` attribute of the `question` table)
- `answer` (text containing their answer)

What SQL command would create the most appropriate table?

- A. `CREATE TABLE answers(student VARCHAR(8), question INTEGER, answer TEXT, FOREIGN KEY student REFERENCES student(id), FOREIGN KEY question REFERENCES question(id), PRIMARY KEY (answer));`
- B. `CREATE TABLE answers(student VARCHAR(8), question INTEGER, answer TEXT UNIQUE, FOREIGN KEY student REFERENCES student(id), FOREIGN KEY question REFERENCES question(id), PRIMARY KEY (student, question));`
- C. `INSERT INTO answers(student, question, answer) VALUES ("0607970", 10, "C");`
- D. `CREATE TABLE answers(student VARCHAR(8), question INTEGER, answer TEXT, FOREIGN KEY student REFERENCES student(id), FOREIGN KEY question REFERENCES question(id), PRIMARY KEY (student, question));`

[1 mark]

Q7. Bob wants to find each student's mark in the exam. If each question is worth 1 mark, which SQL query will find the students' total scores?

You can assume the following tables in Bob's database:

Exam:

Student	Question	Answer
1	1	A
1	2	B
2	1	A
2	2	C
3	1	-
3	2	-

Answers:

Question	Answer
1	A
2	B

- A. `SELECT student, COUNT(exam.answer = answers.answer) AS mark FROM exam JOIN answers WHERE exam.question=answers.question GROUP BY student_id;`
- B. `SELECT student, SUM(exam.answer = answers.answer) AS mark FROM exam JOIN answers WHERE exam.question=answers.question GROUP BY student_id;`
- C. `SELECT student, SUM(exam.answer = answers.answer) AS mark FROM exam JOIN answers WHERE exam.question=answers.question GROUP BY exam.question;`
- D. `SELECT student, COUNT(exam.answer = answers.answer) AS mark FROM exam JOIN answers WHERE exam.question=answers.question GROUP BY exam.question;`

[1 mark]

Q8. Bob is trying to run a command but it isn't working. To debug their issue they run their command with `strace`. What command are they trying to run?

```
execve("/usr/bin/cd", ["cd", "/home/jhl8636"], 0x7fff0476de18 /* 28 vars */) = 0
brk(NULL)                                = 0x1020000
access("/etc/ld.so.preload", R_OK)      = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/etc/ld.so.cache", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=43207, ...}) = 0
close(3)                                = 0
open("/lib64/libtinfo.so.5", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
read(3, "\177ELF\2\1\1\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\3\0>\0\1\0\0\0\0\316\0\0\0\0\0"... , 832) =
    832
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0755, st_size=174576, ...}) = 0
close(3)                                = 0
open("/lib64/libdl.so.2", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
read(3, "\177ELF\2\1\1\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\3\0>\0\1\0\0\0P\16\0\0\0\0\0"... , 832) =
    832
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0755, st_size=19248, ...}) = 0
close(3)                                = 0
open("/lib64/libc.so.6", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
read(3, "\177ELF\2\1\1\3\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\3\0>\0\1\0\0\0'\2\0\0\0\0\0"... , 832) = 832
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0755, st_size=2156592, ...}) = 0
close(3)                                = 0
arch_prctl(ARCH_SET_FS, 0x7f96437f7740) = 0
access("/etc/sysconfig/strcasecmp-nonascii", F_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or
    directory)
access("/etc/sysconfig/strcasecmp-nonascii", F_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or
    directory)
munmap(0x7f96437fa000, 43207)            = 0
open("/dev/tty", O_RDWR|O_NONBLOCK)      = 3
close(3)                                = 0
brk(NULL)                                = 0x1020000
brk(0x1041000)                           = 0x1041000
brk(NULL)                                = 0x1041000
open("/usr/lib/locale/locale-archive", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=106176928, ...}) = 0
close(3)                                = 0
brk(NULL)                                = 0x1041000
getuid()                                 = 377810
getgid()                                 = 1349
geteuid()                                = 377810
getegid()                                = 1349
open("/proc/meminfo", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0444, st_size=0, ...}) = 0
read(3, "MemTotal:      3868352 kB\nMemF"... , 1024) = 1024
close(3)                                = 0
munmap(0x7f9643804000, 4096)             = 0
uname({sysname="Linux", nodename="seis-shell", ...}) = 0
stat("/home/jhl8636", {st_mode=S_IFDIR|0700, st_size=512, ...}) = 0
stat(".", {st_mode=S_IFDIR|0700, st_size=512, ...}) = 0
getpid()                                 = 48130
```

```

open("/usr/lib64/gconv/gconv-modules.cache", O_RDONLY) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=26970, ...}) = 0
close(3) = 0
getppid() = 48128
getpgrp() = 48128
getrlimit(RLIMIT_NPROC, {rlim_cur=4*1024, rlim_max=14900}) = 0
open("/usr/bin/cd", O_RDONLY) = 3
ioctl(3, TCGETS, 0x7ffef00471e0) = -1 ENOTTY (Inappropriate ioctl for device)
lseek(3, 0, SEEK_CUR) = 0
read(3, "#!/bin/sh\nbuiltin cd \"$@\"\n", 80) = 26
lseek(3, 0, SEEK_SET) = 0
getrlimit(RLIMIT_NOFILE, {rlim_cur=1024, rlim_max=4*1024}) = 0
fcntl(255, F_GETFD) = -1 EBADF (Bad file descriptor)
dup2(3, 255) = 255
close(3) = 0
fcntl(255, F_SETFD, FD_CLOEXEC) = 0
fcntl(255, F_GETFL) = 0x8000 (flags O_RDONLY|O_LARGEFILE)
fstat(255, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0755, st_size=26, ...}) = 0
lseek(255, 0, SEEK_CUR) = 0
read(255, "#!/bin/sh\nbuiltin cd \"$@\"\n", 26) = 26
stat("/home", {st_mode=S_IFDIR|0755, st_size=2097152, ...}) = 0
stat("/home/jhl8636", 0x7ffef0046e80) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/locale.alias", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=2502, ...}) = 0
read(3, "# Locale name alias data base.\n#...", 4096) = 2502
read(3, "", 4096) = 0
close(3) = 0
munmap(0x7f96437fd000, 4096) = 0
open("/usr/share/locale/en_GB.UTF-8/LC_MESSAGES/libc.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No
such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en_GB.utf8/LC_MESSAGES/libc.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No
such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en_GB/LC_MESSAGES/libc.mo", O_RDONLY) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=1474, ...}) = 0
close(3) = 0
open("/usr/share/locale/en.UTF-8/LC_MESSAGES/libc.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No
such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en.utf8/LC_MESSAGES/libc.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such
file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en/LC_MESSAGES/libc.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file
or directory)
fstat(2, {st_mode=S_IFCHR|0620, st_rdev=makedev(136, 8), ...}) = 0
open("/usr/share/locale/en_GB.UTF-8/LC_MESSAGES/bash.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No
such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en_GB.utf8/LC_MESSAGES/bash.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No
such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en_GB/LC_MESSAGES/bash.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such
file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en.UTF-8/LC_MESSAGES/bash.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No
such file or directory)

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```
open("/usr/share/locale/en.utf8/LC_MESSAGES/bash.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such
file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en/LC_MESSAGES/bash.mo", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file
or directory)
write(2, "/usr/bin/cd: line 2: cd: /home/j"... , 66/usr/bin/cd: line 2: cd:
/home/jhl8636: No such file or directory
) = 66
read(255, "", 26) = 0
exit_group(1) = ?
+++ exited with 1 +++
```

- A. bash
- B. cd
- C. execve
- D. /etc/ld.so.preload

[1 mark]

Q9. Which of the following bash scripts would produce the output string “the easiest ques-
tion”?

- A.

```
#!/bin/bash
input="the_hardest_question"
echo input | sed s/easiest/hardest/
```
- B.

```
#!/bin/bash
input="the_hardest_question"
echo $input | sed s/hard/easi/
```
- C.

```
#!/bin/bash
input=the hardest question
echo "$input_|sed_s/hardest/easiest/"
```
- D.

```
#!/bin/bash
input="the_hardest_question"
echo "input_|sed_s/easi/hard/"
```

[1 mark]

Q10. Alice is trying to set up key-based login on a service she currently accesses via using ssh and entering her password. Here are listings of her .ssh directory on her local machine:

```
-rw----- 1 alice alice 389 Jan 19 10:56 authorized_keys
-rw-r--r-- 1 alice alice 395 Feb 21 13:03 id_rsa.pub
-rw-r--r-- 1 alice alice 225 Feb 21 13:01 known_hosts
```

And on the server:

```
-r----- 1 alice alice 395 Feb 21 13:30 authorized_keys
-rw-r--r-- 1 alice alice 395 Feb 21 13:21 id_rsa.pub
-rw-r--r-- 1 alice alice 225 Jan 19 11:02 known_hosts
```

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There's a problem evident with her current setup. Identify which file's presence, absence or visible details indicates the problem.

- A. The problem lies with 'authorized_keys' on the local machine.
- B. The problem lies with 'known_hosts' on the server.
- C. The problem lies with 'id_rsa' on the local machine.
- D. The problem lies with 'id_rsa.pub' on the server.

[1 mark]

Q11. Imran is trying to create a copy of a file `commented.c` with all lines that begin with `'//'` in the original removed from the copy. Which of the below commands would produce this effect?

- A. `grep -v ^// commented.c > uncommented.c`
- B. `grep -i // commented.c > uncommented.c`
- C. `grep -v //$ commented.c > uncommented.c`
- D. `grep -i //$ commented c > uncommented.c`

[1 mark]

Q12. Which of the below would redirect both standard output and standard error from `myprogram` to `log.txt`?

- A. `./myprogram > log.txt 1> log.txt`
- B. `./myprogram 1> log.txt 2>&1`
- C. `./myprogram 2>&1 > log.txt`
- D. `./myprogram 2&1> log.txt`

[1 mark]

Q13. What would be the output when executing the following piped command?

```
echo "text_in_here" | sed 's/in//' | wc -w
```

- A. "text here"
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. None of the above.

[1 mark]

Q14. The Unix philosophy suggests that:

- A. Each program should do one thing well.
- B. Programs do not need to be able to cooperate.

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- C. The universal interface between programs should be a video stream.
- D. All of the above.

[1 mark]

Q15. If `command2` ignores standard input and will only work with a file passed as an argument, how can we redirect the output of `command1` to be used by `command2`?

- A. `command1 > command2`
- B. `command2 $(command1)`
- C. `command1 | command2`
- D. `command2 <(command1)`

[1 mark]

Q16. Look at the below shell session:

```
$ cp * ~/backup/  
cp: cannot stat '*': No such file or directory
```

What can be said about the state of the filesystem and shell environment?

- A. There is no file called '*' in the current working directory.
- B. There is no file called 'cp' in the current working directory.
- C. The current working directory is empty.
- D. All of the above.

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