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This final examination paper consists of 10 questions on 20 pages (including this one). *When you receive the signal to start, please make sure that your copy of the final examination is complete.*

Comments and docstrings are not required except where indicated, although they may help us mark your answers. They may also get you part marks if you can't figure out how to write the code.

You do not need to put `import` statements in your answers.

You may not use `break` or `continue` on this exam.

If you use any space for rough work, indicate clearly what you want marked.

Assume all input is valid unless otherwise indicated; there is no need to error-check.

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**Question 1.** [7 MARKS]

**Part (a)** [3 MARKS] Write the following function, according to its docstring:

```
def flip_lists(L):  
    '''L is a list of 2-element lists. Reverse the order of the elements in  
    the sublists of L.'''
```

**Part (b)** [4 MARKS] Write the following function, according to its docstring:

```
def valid_sizes(L, a, b):  
    '''L is a list of lists; a and b are ints; a <= b. Return True iff each  
    sublist has size between a and b inclusive.'''
```

**Question 2.** [6 MARKS]

Write the following function, according to its docstring:

```
def interleave(s1, s2):  
    '''Return a new string that contains the characters of string s1 and  
    string s2 "interleaved" so that it contains the first character of s1, the  
    first character of s2, the second character of s1, the second character of  
    s2, etc. If one string is longer than the other, the "extra" characters  
    are added on at the end. For example, interleave("ab", "12345") returns  
    "a1b2345".'''
```

**Question 3.** [6 MARKS]

The left-hand column in the table below shows a series of code fragments to be interpreted by the Python shell. For each, show the expected output in the right-hand column; if it would generate an error say so, and give the reason why.

**Hint:** Use the memory model to predict what will happen. The next page is provided for your rough work.

Code	Output (or "error" plus reason)
<pre>x = (1, 2, 3) for item in x:     item = item + 1 print x</pre>	
<pre>x = (1, 2, 3) for i in range(len(x)):     x[i] = x[i] + 1 print x</pre>	
<pre>x = ([1, 2], [], [8, 9, 3]) for item in x:     item.append(5) print x</pre>	
<pre>x = [6, 7, 8] for item in x:     item = item + 1 print x</pre>	
<pre>x = [6, 7, 8] for i in range(len(x)):     x[i] = x[i] + 1 print x</pre>	
<pre>x = [[1, 2], [], [8, 9, 3]] for item in x:     item.append(5) print x</pre>	

*Use the space below for rough work. This page will not be marked.*

**Question 4.** [12 MARKS]

Below are several functions that attempt to return True iff the given string has two characters in a row that are the same. For each version, indicate whether or not the function works. If it does not, write a call to the function that demonstrates one case where it fails (*i.e.*, the return value is incorrect or the function generates an error), and state what happens.

**Part (a)** [3 MARKS]

```
def doubles1(s):
    answer = False
    previous = s[0]
    for char in s:
        if char == previous:
            answer = True
        previous = char
    return answer
```

Does the function work (circle one)?:          works          doesn't work

If it doesn't work, a call to the function that demonstrates this:

and the outcome of that call (circle one):          incorrect return value          error

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS]

```
def doubles2(s):
    if s == "":
        return False
    else:
        answer = False
        previous = s[0]
        for char in s:
            if char == previous:
                answer = True
            previous = char
        return answer
```

Does the function work (circle one)?:          works          doesn't work

If it doesn't work, a call to the function that demonstrates this:

and the outcome of that call (circle one):          incorrect return value          error

## Part (c) [3 MARKS]

```
def doubles3(s):
    answer = False
    if s == "":
        return False
    else:
        answer = False
        previous = s[0]
        i = 1
        while i < len(s):
            if s[i] == previous:
                answer = True
            previous = s[i]
            i = i + 1
        return answer
```

Does the function work (circle one)?:      works      doesn't work

If it doesn't work, a call to the function that demonstrates this:

and the outcome of that call (circle one):      incorrect return value      error

## Part (d) [3 MARKS]

```
def doubles4(s):
    answer = False
    i = 0
    while i < len(s):
        if s[i] == s[i + 1]:
            answer = True
        i = i + 1
    return answer
```

Does the function work (circle one)?:      works      doesn't work

If it doesn't work, a call to the function that demonstrates this:

and the outcome of that call (circle one):      incorrect return value      error

**Question 5.** [6 MARKS]

Suppose we record information about students in a dictionary, where each key is student number (an int), and its value is a dictionary of information about that student. These inner dictionaries are structured like this: {"gpa": 3.95, "name": "Lucia", "campus": "stg"}. Suppose also that we have put the students into groups for a project, and that we keep track of the groups in a list of lists, where each inner list contains the student numbers of the members of one group.

Write the following function according to its docstring:

```
def describe_groups(groups, students):  
    '''For each group, print the group size, average GPA, and the number of  
    stg students. groups is a list, and students is a dict, as described  
    above.'''
```



**Question 6.** [18 MARKS]

Students in my other course, csc343, get 3 grace days (sorry about that!). For each assignment, I have a file with the grades and information about grace day usage. Here is the beginning of the Assignment 1 file:

\* CSC343H1S 20101: Assignment 1 marks for Horton's section

A1 / 75

A1grace / 3

```
123456789,Simpson,Homer,65,0
234567890,Kent,Clark,36,1
345678901,Horton,Diane,47,1
456789012,Flintstone,Wilma,70,0
567890123,Rubble,Barney,55,2
```

The first several lines are a header with information that is irrelevant to this question and will therefore need to be skipped over. The number of lines in the header is unknown; it ends with a blank line. The remaining lines have the following components, separated by commas:

- a nine-digit student number
- family name, which might include blanks
- first names, which might include blanks
- assignment grade (between 0 and 100)
- number of grade days used (between 0 and 3)

The list of students may not be exactly the same from one assignment file to another, since students can add and drop courses.

Your job is to write a program that will read my grades files `a1.txt`, `a2.txt`, and `a3.txt` and print the student number (one per line) of every student who has used more than three grace days in total. Your program will build and use a dictionary where each key is a student number, and its value is the number of grace days used by that student. The dictionary will start out empty, and each file you read will update it.

You will write three helper functions and then the main block. Wherever appropriate, you should call functions from earlier parts of the question in your solutions for later parts, even if you haven't written them. Just assume they work.

Part (a) [3 MARKS] Write this helper function, according to its docstring.

```
def skip_header(r):  
    '''r is an open reader for a grade file (in which nothing has been read  
    yet). Skip past the header and the blank line, so that the next line to be  
    read is the first line of student data.'''
```

Part (b) [7 MARKS] Write this helper function, according to its docstring.

```
def add_grace(r, grace_used):  
    '''r is an open reader for a grade file (in which nothing has been read  
    yet). grace_used is a dict whose keys are student numbers (as strings) and  
    whose values are ints indicating the number of grace days used by a  
    student. Read the grace day usage information in r and update grace_used  
    for each student encountered in r. If a student is not in the dict, add  
    him or her.'''
```

Part (c) [3 MARKS] Write this helper function, according to its docstring.

```
def print_overused(grace_used, limit):  
    '''grace_used is a dict whose keys are student numbers (as strings) and  
    whose values are ints indicating the number of grace days used by a  
    student. Print, one per line, the student number of every student whose  
    number of grace days used exceeds limit (an int).'''
```

Part (d) [5 MARKS] Write the main block (including its if statement), so that the program accomplishes what was described in the question.

**Question 7.** [7 MARKS]

Below is the outline of a program for keeping track of your DVDs. Its main block will use a variable called `dvds` to store information about them. You have three tasks:

1. Complete the main loop so that it calls the appropriate function from the `main_choices` dictionary. Note that all these functions need one argument: `dvds`.
2. Modify the program as appropriate so that it initializes the variable `dvds` by loading it from a cPickle file called `data.pkl`, if that file exists. If not, it should initialize `dvds` to be an empty dictionary. Recall that you can use `os.path.exists('data.pkl')` to see if file `data.pkl` exists.
3. Modify the program as so that right before it ends, it saves the contents of variable `dvds` in a cPickle file called `data.pkl`.

You may add, delete or change existing code. If your new code won't fit in the space available, use arrows to point to where the pieces should go.

```
import easygui, cPickle, sys, os
# Definitions of functions acquire_dvd, list_dvds, lend_dvd and return_dvd
# omitted to save space.

def quit(dvds):

    sys.exit()

if __name__ == '__main__':

    main_choices = {"lend" : lend_dvd, "return" : return_dvd,
                    "acquire": acquire_dvd, "list": list_dvds, "quit": quit}

    while 1:
        choice = easygui.buttonbox("Action", "DVD library", main_choices.keys())

        # Make sure the user chose something.
        if choice:
```

**Question 8.** [6 MARKS]

Don't guess. There is a 1-mark **deduction** for wrong answers on this question.

**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

```
def f1(L):  
    sum = 0  
    for item in L:  
        for i in range(1, 101):  
            if item >= i:  
                sum = sum + 1  
    return sum
```

Let  $n$  be the size of the list  $L$  passed to this function. Which of the following most accurately describes how the runtime of this function grows as  $n$  grows? Circle one.

- (a) It grows linearly, like  $n$  does.    (b) It grows quadratically, like  $n^2$  does.  
(c) It grows less than linearly.    (d) It grows more than quadratically.

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

```
def f2(L):  
    sum = 0  
    i = 1  
    while i < len(L):  
        sum = sum + L[i]  
        i = i * 2  
    return sum
```

Let  $n$  be the size of the list  $L$  passed to this function. Which of the following most accurately describes how the runtime of this function grows as  $n$  grows? Circle one.

- (a) It grows linearly, like  $n$  does.    (b) It grows quadratically, like  $n^2$  does.  
(c) It grows less than linearly.    (d) It grows more than quadratically.

**Part (c)** [2 MARKS]

```
def f3(L):  
    for i in range(len(L)):  
        L[i] = L[i] + 1  
    sum = 0  
    for item in L:  
        sum = sum + item  
    return sum
```

Let  $n$  be the size of the list  $L$  passed to this function. Which of the following most accurately describes how the runtime of this function grows as  $n$  grows? Circle one.

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**Question 9.** [10 MARKS]

Consider the following class:

```
class AcademicHistory(__builtin__.object)
|   A student's academic history.
|
|   Methods defined here:
|
|   __cmp__(self, other)
|       Return -1 if this student's average is lower than other's,
|       +1 if it is higher, and 0 if they are equal.
|
|   __init__(self, stnum, family_name, first_name)
|       A new academic history for the student with student number stnum
|       (an int), and the given family_name and first_name (strs).
|
|   __str__(self)
|       Return a str with the student's student number, name, course
|       results, and average grade.
|
|   average(self)
|       Return the average grade (a float) among this student's completed
|       courses.
|
|   complete(self, course, grade)
|       Record the fact that the student completed this course (a str)
|       with this grade (an int).
```

**Part (a)** [7 MARKS]

1. Create an `AcademicHistory` for a student named Nora Kingston, and make variable `nora` refer to it. Record the fact that she completed CSC108 with a grade of 72.
2. Which method does the above code call without mentioning it by name?
3. Without calling any `AcademicHistory` method by name, print out Nora's academic history.
4. Suppose you have a second `AcademicHistory` called `balraj`. Write a loop that will record the fact that Balraj earned 100 in each of these courses: HIS150, MUS100 and POL121.
5. Write a single line of code that will cause `__str__` to be called without mentioning it by name.

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS] Complete the following function according to its docstring description.

```
def best_student(L):  
    '''L is a non-empty list of AcademicHistories. Return the student number  
    of the one with the highest average.'''
```

**Question 10.** [8 MARKS]

Throughout this question, assume that we are sorting lists into non-descending order.

**Do not guess.** There is a one-mark deduction for incorrect answers.

**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Consider the following lists: L1 = [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1] and L2 = [8, 1, 3, 6, 9, 7, 4, 2, 5]  
Which list would cause bubblesort to do more swaps? Circle one answer.

L1                      L2                      they would both require an equal number of swaps

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

Suppose you have a list of 100 elements. Is it possible that if you call bubblesort on it, no items will move?  
Circle one.

yes                      no

**Part (c)** [2 MARKS]

Consider a list of 100 distinct numbers in order from largest to smallest, in other words, backwards to the order we want. Which sorting technique would cause items to be moved more times, if called on this list?  
Circle one.

selection sort                      insertion sort

**Part (d)** [2 MARKS]

We are partly through sorting a list, and have completed 4 passes through the data. The list currently contains [9, 12, 42, 59, 2, 99, 10, 60] Which sorting technique are we definitely *not* using. Circle one.

selection sort                      insertion sort



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## Short Python function/method descriptions:

`--builtins--:``len(x) -> integer`

Return the length of the list, tuple, dict, or string x.

`max(L) -> value`

Return the largest value in L.

`min(L) -> value`

Return the smallest value in L.

`open(name[, mode]) -> file object`

Open a file. Legal modes are "r" (read), "w" (write), and "a" (append).

`range([start], stop, [step]) -> list of integers`

Return a list containing the integers starting with start and ending with stop - 1 with step specifying the amount to increment (or decrement).

If start is not specified, the list starts at 0. If step is not specified, the values are incremented by 1.

`cPickle:``dump(obj, file)`

Write an object in pickle format to the given file.

`load(file) --> object`

Load a pickle from the given file

`dict:``D[k] --> value`

Return the value associated with the key k in D.

`k in d --> boolean`

Return True if k is a key in D and False otherwise.

`D.get(k) -> value`

Return D[k] if k in D, otherwise return None.

`D.keys() -> list of keys`

Return the keys of D.

`D.values() -> list of values`

Return the values associated with the keys of D.

`D.items() -> list of (key, value) pairs`

Return the (key, value) pairs of D, as 2-tuples.

`file (also called a "reader"):``F.close()`

Close the file.

`F.read([size]) -> read at most size bytes, returned as a string.`

If the size argument is negative or omitted, read until EOF (End of File) is reached.

`F.readline([size]) -> next line from the file, as a string. Retain newline.`

A non-negative size argument limits the maximum number of bytes to return (an incomplete line may be returned then). Return an empty string at EOF.

`float:``float(x) -> floating point number`

Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`int:``int(x) -> integer`

Convert a string or number to an integer, if possible. A floating point argument will be truncated towards zero.

`list:``x in L --> boolean`

Return True if x is in L and False otherwise.

`L.append(x)`

Append x to the end of the list L.

L.index(value) -> integer  
Returns the lowest index of value in L.

L.insert(index, x)  
Insert x at position index.

L.remove(value)  
Removes the first occurrence of value from L.

L.reverse()  
Reverse \*IN PLACE\*

L.sort()  
Sorts the list in ascending order.

str:

x in s --> boolean  
Return True if x is in s and False otherwise.

str(x) -> string  
Convert an object into its string representation, if possible.

S.find(sub[,i]) -> integer  
Return the lowest index in S (starting at S[i], if i is given) where the string sub is found or -1 if sub does not occur in S.

S.index(sub) -> integer  
Like find but raises an exception if sub does not occur in S.

S.isdigit() -> boolean  
Return True if all characters in S are digits and False otherwise.

S.lower() -> string  
Return a copy of the string S converted to lowercase.

S.lstrip([chars]) -> string  
Return a copy of the string S with leading whitespace removed.  
If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.

S.replace(old, new) -> string  
Return a copy of string S with all occurrences of the string old replaced with the string new.

S.rstrip([chars]) -> string  
Return a copy of the string S with trailing whitespace removed.  
If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.

S.split([sep]) -> list of strings  
Return a list of the words in S, using string sep as the separator and any whitespace string if sep is not specified.

S.strip() -> string  
Return a copy of S with leading and trailing whitespace removed.

S.upper() -> string  
Return a copy of the string S converted to uppercase.

Total Marks = 86