

**Table 4.3** Conditional Jump Instructions

| Mnemonic                   | Condition                                             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Signed Operations</i>   |                                                       |
| JG/JNLE                    | Greater/not less or equal $((SF \oplus OF) + ZF) = 0$ |
| JGE/JNL                    | Greater or equal/not less $(SF \oplus OF) = 0$        |
| JL/JNGE                    | Less/not greater or equal $(SF \oplus OF) = 1$        |
| JLE/JNG                    | Less or equal/not greater $((SF \oplus OF) + ZF) = 1$ |
| JO                         | Overflow ( $OF = 1$ )                                 |
| JS                         | Sign ( $SF = 1$ )                                     |
| JNO                        | Not overflow ( $OF = 0$ )                             |
| JNS                        | Not sign ( $SF = 0$ )                                 |
| <i>Unsigned Operations</i> |                                                       |
| JA/JNBE                    | Above/not below or equal $(CF \oplus ZF) = 0$         |
| JAE/JNB                    | Above or equal/not below ( $CF = 0$ )                 |
| JB/JNAE                    | Below/not above or equal ( $CF = 1$ )                 |
| JBE/JNA                    | Below or equal/not above $(CF \oplus ZF) = 1$         |
| <i>Either</i>              |                                                       |
| JC                         | Carry ( $CF = 1$ )                                    |
| JE/JZ                      | Equal/zero ( $ZF = 1$ )                               |
| JP/JPE                     | Parity/parity even ( $PF = 1$ )                       |
| JNC                        | Not carry ( $CF = 0$ )                                |
| JNE/JNZ                    | Not equal/not zero ( $ZF = 0$ )                       |
| JNP/JPO                    | Not parity/parity odd ( $PF = 0$ )                    |

Note that in this program we have used the name A1 to represent the memory location in which the IN instruction is stored.

Large programs are often made up of many smaller *subprograms* (subroutines) or *procedures*. When it is desired to execute one of these procedures, the CALL instruction is used. The CALL transfers control to the subprogram but also saves the return address on the stack.<sup>10</sup> When the procedure finishes, it executes an RET instruction. This recovers the return address from the stack, allowing the calling program to resume from where it left off. (Chapters 4, 5, and 6 explore this programming concept in more detail.)

Finally, the *interrupt* instructions transfer control to an *interrupt service routine (ISR)* whose address is set up in a special interrupt vector table in low memory. (These instructions are covered in Section 4.3.)

**High-Level Language Instructions [Table 4.2(g)].** These instructions assist in the development of high-level languages. BOUND, for example, checks that the specified register is pointing within a predefined range of memory addresses. If not, an interrupt is generated. ENTER and LEAVE are used to allow variables to be passed to a subroutine via the stack.

<sup>10</sup>The stack is a special area of memory used for storing temporary values and memory addresses. The stack operates in a *last-in first-out* manner; that is, the last item written to the stack becomes the first item read from the stack. For more details, see *Using the Stack* on page 142.