

This exam has a maximum duration of 2 hours.

This exam has a maximum score of **10 points**, equivalent to **3.5** points of the final grade for the course. It contains questions of theoretical units and lab sessions. Indicate, for each of the following **58 statements**, if they are true (T) or false (F). **Each answer is worth: right= 10/58, wrong= -10/58, empty=0.**

Important: **first 3 errors do not penalize**, so they will be equivalent to an empty answer. From the 4th error (inclusive), the decrement for wrong answers will be applied.

## THEORY QUESTIONS

Regarding the concept of critical section (CS):

T/F

1. We denominate Critical Section to any fragment of code that accesses variables shared between threads.	T
2. The use of correct input and output protocols converts a Critical Section into an atomic action.	T
3. The input and output protocols of the Critical Section guarantee the properties of mutual exclusion, no pre-emption, and bounded waiting.	F
4. The use of correct input and output protocols prevents the appearance of race conditions.	T

Regarding the concurrent programming in Java:

5. Methods of an object that are not declared as synchronized can be executed while another thread is using the same object.	T
6. The compiler guarantees that each method with the synchronized label has its own Lock.	F
7. A shared object is any object maintained in the heap and referenced from 2 or more threads.	T
8. The code to be executed by a thread is contained in its <code>start</code> method.	F

Regarding the *lock* concept:

9. Only the owner (i.e. the thread currently running the Critical Section protected by the lock) can open the lock.	T
10. When a thread tries to close a lock that has already been closed by another thread, it goes to a suspended state.	T
11. Given a critical section protected by a lock, if the lock is opened at the output protocol, then all threads locked at the input protocol are allowed to enter in this critical section.	F

Regarding the possible states of a thread:

12. The only way that a thread that has executed <code>sleep(x)</code> can go to ready-to-run is when $x$ milliseconds has passed.	F
13. When we create a thread in Java, this thread goes directly into ready-to-run state.	F
14. The execution of <code>yield()</code> causes the corresponding thread to go from running to suspended.	F

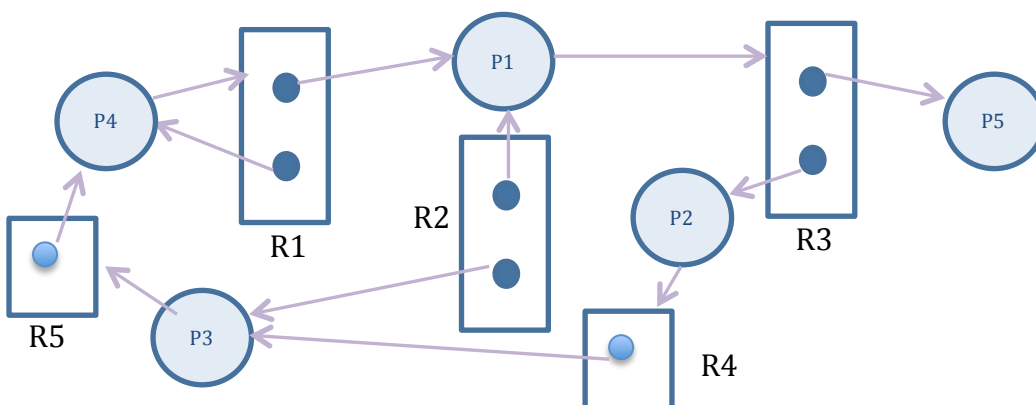
Regarding the definition of concurrent programming:

15. A sequential program may consist of different threads with logical parallelism.	F
16. The problems of communication and synchronization between activities must be resolved so that the activities of an application can cooperate with each other.	T
17. One of the disadvantages of the concurrent programming is the difficulty to adapt to changes on demand (i.e. few scalability).	F

Let's suppose that we have the following example of a server for the sale of tickets, which uses: (i) a shared constant *pvpTicket* with the sale value of the tickets; and (ii) a shared variable *numTickets* that indicates the amount of unsold tickets. In addition, several threads are created that sell tickets while *numTickets* > 0. Each thread consists of a loop in which there is a random wait and then sells a ticket and displays a message on the screen. The loop ends if there are no tickets left. The main thread shows a final message when there are no tickets available for sale.

18. This is not an example of concurrent programming, since the threads do not cooperate with each other.	F
19. The access to <i>pvpTicket</i> is a Critical Section (it can generate interferences).	F
20. For the program to be correct, a lock has to be used to protect access to <i>numTickets</i> .	T
21. If we want the main thread to wait for the rest of the threads to finish, we can achieve this by using a set of invocations to the <code>join()</code> method of the Thread class.	T

Given the following resource allocation graph:



22. In this graph there is a unique safe sequence.	T
23. We can affirm that in the current graph there is no deadlock.	T
24. If process P5 requests an instance of R4, then all processes will be in a deadlock.	T

## MODEL A

In a system there are eight processes in execution: P0, P1 ... P7, that want to use the resources R0, R1, ..., R7, each of them with a single instance, where the resources are used in mutual exclusion and nobody can appropriate resources assigned to another.

The execution profile of a  $P_i$  process is as follows:

```
while (TRUE) {  
    Request(R(i+1) % 8);    //Sentence A  
    Request(Ri);            //Sentence B  
    UsingResources();  
    Release(Ri);  
    Release(R(i+1) % 8);  
};
```

25. Deadlocks cannot occur since there is an even number of processes.	F
26. If all processes execute their "Sentence A" before either of them executes their "Sentence B", a situation is reached in which all the Coffman conditions are met.	T
27. If the execution profile of the even processes is modified, so that the sentences A and B are exchanged, the Coffman condition of "circular wait" is broken.	T
28. If the profile of a single process is modified so that it first performs its "Sentence B" and then its "Sentence A", and the rest of the processes maintain the profile indicated above, a deadlock would never occur.	T

Regarding the usage of *java.util.concurrent* tools:

29. With each lock of type <i>ReentrantLock</i> , you can create as many condition variables associated to this lock as required, indicating in the constructor of the <i>Condition</i> class the lock to which it belongs.	F
30. If the <i>ReentrantLock</i> is used to implement a Java monitor, the methods where the <i>Condition</i> objects are used must appear protected with the <i>synchronized</i> label.	F
31. For M threads of class A to wait for another thread of class B to notify them, a "c" object of <i>CountDownLatch</i> class can be used. To do this, we initialize "c" to 0, threads A will use <i>c.await()</i> and thread B will call <i>c.countDown()</i> a total of M times.	F
32. For a thread A to wait until other N threads of class B execute a sentence X, we can use a <i>Semaphore</i> S initialized to 0; thread A invokes N times <i>S.acquire()</i> , while threads B invoke <i>S.release()</i> after sentence X.	T
33. Among other properties, a <i>CountDownLatch</i> differs from a <i>CyclicBarrier</i> barrier in that a <i>run()</i> method can be specified in the <i>CountDownLatch</i> constructor, which will be executed just when the barrier is opened.	F
34. If several threads use the same <i>AtomicInteger</i> object, the methods that this object offers must be protected with the <i>synchronized</i> label, in order to avoid race conditions.	F

Given the following code:

```
import java.util.concurrent.BlockingQueue;

public class Producer extends Thread
{
    private final BlockingQueue queue;
    private int prodname;
    public Producer(BlockingQueue q, int name)
    {
        queue=q;
        prodname = name;
    }
    public void run()
    {
        int elem;
        for (int i = 1; i < 11; i++)
        {
            elem=i+(prodname*10);
            try{ queue.put(Integer.valueOf(elem));
            }catch (InterruptedException e) { }

            System.out.println("Producer #" + prodname + " puts: " + elem);
            try { sleep((int)(Math.random() * 100));
            } catch (InterruptedException e) { }
        }
    }
}

public class Consumer extends Thread
{
    private final BlockingQueue queue;
    private int cname;
    public Consumer(BlockingQueue q, int name)
    {
        queue=q;
        cname = name;
    }

    public void run()
    {
        int value = 0;
        for (int i = 1; i < 11; i++)
        {
            try{ value = (Integer)queue.take();
            }catch (InterruptedException e) { }
            System.out.println("Consumer #" + cname + " gets: " + value);
            try { sleep((int)(Math.random() * 100));
            } catch (InterruptedException e) { }
        }
    }
}

public class ConsumerProducerProblem
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        BlockingQueue q =new ArrayBlockingQueue(2);
        Consumer c1 = new Consumer(q, 1);
        Producer p1 = new Producer(q, 1);
        Consumer c2 = new Consumer(q, 2);
        Producer p2 = new Producer(q, 2);

        c1.start(); c2.start();
        p1.start(); p2.start();
    }
}
```

35. It is required to use the <i>synchronized</i> label in the methods of the <i>Producer</i> and <i>Consumer</i> classes to avoid race conditions.	F
36. Executing this code will not cause deadlocks.	T
37. The shared object "q" offers its "put" and "take" methods with access in mutual exclusion and guarantees conditional synchronization.	T

Given the following code that shows a monitor to manage access to a parking lot that has an exit and two gates (North and South). Assume that the threads (cars) invoke the `enterX()` and `exit()` methods, before and after accessing the parking respectively:

```
Monitor manageParkingLot{
    int n = 10;
    int nCars = 0;
    int nWaitNorth = 0;
    int nWaitSouth = 0;
    boolean turnS = true;
    boolean turnN = true;
    Condition freeSpace;

    entry void enterSouth()
    {
        nWaitSouth++;
        while(nCars == n || !turnS) freeSpace.wait(); freeSpace.notify();
        nWaitSouth--;
        nCars ++;
        if (nCars == n) {turnS = false; turnN = true;}
    }

    entry void enterNorth()
    {
        nWaitNorth++;
        while(nCars == n || !turnN) freeSpace.wait(); freeSpace.notify();
        nWaitNorth--;
        nCars ++;
        if (nCars == n) {turnS = true; turnN = false;}
    }

    entry void exit(){

        if (nCars < n ||
            (nCars == n && (nWaitNorth == 0 || nWaitSouth == 0 )))    {
                turnN = true;
                turnS = true;
            }
        nCars --;
        freeSpace.notify();
    }
}
```

38. With the Lampson-Redell model, the first car entering the parking lot has used the north gate.	F
39. With the Lampson-Redell model, in the queue of the condition variable <i>freeSpace</i> there may be simultaneously waiting cars that want to enter by the north gate and cars that want to enter by the south gate.	T
40. This monitor cannot be implemented with the Hoare model because in both <code>enterNorth()</code> and <code>enterSouth()</code> , we must use "if" instead of "while".	F
41. With the Brinch-Hansen variant, more than 10 cars can enter the parking lot.	T

In a banking system there are current accounts with several associated holders. Analyze the following proposed program to manage a current account that can be accessed by several holders simultaneously:

```
public class CurrentAccount {
    private AtomicInteger balance = new AtomicInteger(0);
    public void deposit(int n) {
        balance.addAndGet(n);
    }
    public void refund(int n) {
        balance.addAndGet(-n);
    }
    public int getBalance() {
        return balance.get();
    }
}
```

42.It is necessary to use the <code>synchronized</code> label at <code>deposit</code> and <code>refund</code> methods to avoid race conditions.	F
43.It is necessary to use the <code>synchronized</code> label in all methods to avoid race conditions.	F
44.The <code>balance</code> attribute may be left in an inconsistent value when the operations are performed.	F

We want to implement a Java monitor that provides the basic functionality of the *CountDownLatch*, with the *countDown* and *await* methods.

```
public class MyCountDownLatch {
    private int n;
    public MyCountDownLatch(int n0) {
        n=n0;
    }
    public synchronized void countDown() {
        n--;
        notifyAll();
    }
    public void await() throws InterruptedException {
        while (n > 0) wait();
    }
}
```

45.This solution is not correct because the <code>notifyAll()</code> must be performed only when the counter reaches zero.	F
46.For this solution to be correct, simply add the <i>synchronized</i> label in the <code>await</code> method.	T
47.After opening the barrier, the value of the initial counter must be reset to "n0".	F

Regarding monitors:

48. A monitor that follows the Lampson-Redell model suspends the thread that has invoked <code>c.notify()</code> , being "c" a condition variable, and activates one of the threads that called <code>c.wait()</code> before.	F
49. A monitor that follows the Brinch-Hansen model requires any <code>notify()</code> invocation to be the last statement in the monitor method in which such invocation appears.	T
50. A monitor that follows the Hoare model suspends (and leaves in a special queue) the thread that invoked <code>c.notify()</code> , being "c" a condition variable, and activates one of the threads that called <code>c.wait()</code> before.	T

## LAB. PRACTICES (8 STATEMENTS)

Regarding practice 1 "Shared use of a pool", where we have the following cases:

Pool0	Free access to the pool (no rules)
Pool1	Kids cannot swim alone (instructor must be with them in the pool)
Pool2	There is a maximum of kids per instructor
Pool3	There is a maximum pool capacity
Pool4	If there are instructors waiting to exit the pool, kids cannot enter into the pool

1. In Pool4, when a child leaves the pool invoking <code>kidRests()</code> it would only be necessary to make a <code>notifyAll()</code> if there is an instructor waiting to leave.	F
2. In Pool2, when a child leaves the pool invoking <code>kidRests()</code> it would only be necessary to make a <code>notifyAll()</code> if there is an instructor waiting to leave.	F
3. In Pool3, if we add a new method that allows us to consult the current state of the pool, this method requires the <code>synchronized</code> label.	T

Regarding practice 2 "Dining philosophers", where we have the following versions:

Version 1	Asymmetry (all but last)
Version 2	Asymmetry (even/odd)
Version 3	Both or none
Version 4	Capacity of the table

4. Deadlocks may occur in the solution for Version 2 if the delay (N) for picking up the forks is extremely high.	F
5. Any deadlock solution based on asymmetry requires that there are the same number of philosophers of both <code>Philo</code> and <code>LefthandedPhilo</code> classes.	F
6. All solutions developed in this practice break some Coffman's condition.	T

Regarding practice 3 "The ants problem", where we have the following versions:

Activity 1	ReentrantLock with one condition variable related to the territory
Activity 2	ReentrantLock with a condition variable for each cell of the territory

7.	If the ants could move diagonally across the territory, there would be no risk of deadlock.	F
8.	In activity 2, it is necessary to perform a <code>signalAll</code> on the condition variable of the cell that you are leaving and another one on the condition variable of the cell to which you are going.	F