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## INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL SOFTWARE & PROGRAMMING

Time allowed 60 Minutes

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*None.*

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## 1. GeoGebra

1. Consider the list  $L=\{1,2,3,4,5\}$ . What is the output of  $L(1+Length(L))$ ?  
☐ 0                      ☐ 1                      ☐ 6                      ☒ error
2. Reconsider the list L in Question 1; what is the output of  $Append(0,L)$ ?  
☐  $\{1,2,3,4,5,0,0\}$                       ☐  $\{1,2,3,4,5,0\}$                       ☒  $\{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$                       ☐ NONE
3. Reconsider the list L in Question 1; suppose we want the list to become  $L=\{1,2,3,4,15\}$ . Which of the following commands is suitable?  
☐ SetValue(L,L+10)  
☐ SetValue(L,Append(L,10))  
☐ Append(L,L(Length)+10)  
☒ SetValue(L,L(Length)+10)
4. Consider  $L=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ ; what is the output of:  $SetValue(L,Append((L(5)+L(6),L)))$ ?  
☐  $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,11\}$   
☒  $\{11,1,2,3,4,5,6\}$   
☐  $\{11,1,2,3,4,5,6,11\}$   
☐  $\{6,5,1,2,3,4,5,6\}$
5. Suppose that you want to create a RESET button that upon click, cleans the list L in Question 4. Which scripting command will perform this?  
☐ clean(L)                      ☐ L=0                      ☐ SetValue(L,L=0)                      ☒ SetValue(L,L={})
6. Suppose in an animation APP, you are asked to design a STOP button which is linked to a slider called S. What is the appropriate scripting command?  
☐ SetValue(S,0)  
☐ StopAnimation(S,true)  
☒ StartAnimation(S,false)  
☐ All correct

7. Suppose you have a list of points called  $\text{data} = \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), \dots, (10,10)\}$ .

Which of the following commands will connect all these points together?

- ☐ `Segment(data(k), data(k+1))`
- ☒ `Sequence(Segment(data(k), data(k+1)), k, 1, 10)`
- ☐ `Segment(Sequence(data(k), data(k+1)), k, 1, 10)`
- ☐ ALL correct

8. What is the output of: `Random()+RandomBetween(0,5)+0.75`?

- ☐ A random number in the range from 1.75 to 5.75
- ☐ A random number in the range from 0.75 to 5.75
- ☐ A random number in the range from 0 to 5.75
- ☒ A random number in the range from 0.75 to 6.75

9. Suppose you want to create 100 random numbers using a slider. Which of the following commands will ensure the generation of a new random number as the slider value changes?

- ☐ `RandomBetween(0,100)`
- ☐ `Random()*RandomBetween(0,100)`
- ☒ `UpdateConstruction()`
- ☐ `SetValue(Random())`

10. Suppose that you make a slider in GeoGebra with minimum value of 0, maximum of 1 and increments of 0.02. How many value points does this slider create?

- ☐ 500     
 ☐ 50     
 ☐ 49     
 ☒ 51

11. Which of the following scripting commands will activate a START button for an animation in GeoGebra?

- ☐ `start[true]`
- ☒ `StartAnimation[true]`
- ☐ `StartAnimation[ ]`
- ☐ none of the above

## 2. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

12. What is meant by the preamble in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X?

- ☐ The space between `\begin{document}` and `\end{document}`
- ☐ Anything that is typed after `\begin{document}`
- ☒ The space between `\documentclass` and `\begin{document}`
- ☐ The top of the PDF file

13. Which L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X command will produce the largest font size?

- ☐ `\tiny`
- ☐ `\large`
- ☒ `\LARGE`
- ☐ `\Large`

14. Which L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X command will produce: PRIME NUMBERS are *finite*

- ☒ `\textsc{Prime Numbers} are \textit{finite}`
- ☐ `\textsc{PRIME NUMBERS} are \textit{finite}`
- ☐ `\textsc{Prime Numbers} are \finite`
- ☐ `\Prime \Numbers are \finite`

15. What is the output of: `\textbf{recursive} algorithms are \underline{sometimes} faster.`

- ☐ recursive algorithms are sometimes faster
- ☒ **recursive** algorithms are sometimes faster
- ☐ **recursive** *algorithms are sometimes faster*
- ☐ none of the above

16. Which of the following commands will produce: the price of butter is 5.20RMB

- ☐ `\texttt{the price of butter is 5.20RMB}`
- ☐ the price of butter is \$5.20RMB\$
- ☒ the price of butter is `\texttt{5.20RMB}`
- ☐ the price of butter is `\5.20RMB`

17. What is the output of the following L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X command: `\sqrt{\frac{y}{x+1}}`

- ☐  $\sqrt{\frac{y}{x} + 1}$
- ☒  $\sqrt{\frac{y}{x+1}}$
- ☐  $\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} + 1$
- ☐  $\frac{\sqrt{y}}{x+1}$

18. Which of the following commands cannot be used in the preamble of a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  document?

- ☐ `\parindent`
☒ `\tabular`
☐ `\setlength`
☐ ALL of them

19. What **specific** environment within `eqnarray` environment do we need to use in order to display the following:

$$|x| = \begin{cases} -x & (x < 0) \\ x & (x > 0) \end{cases}$$

- ☒ `cases`
☐ `equation`
☐ `option`
☐ `align`

20. What is the output of the following command: `\A_{ij}=a_{i}b^{kj}`

- ☐  $A_{ij} = aibkj$ 
☐  $A_{ij} = a_i b_{kj}$ 
☐  $A_{ij} = a_i b^{kj}$ 
☒  $A_{ij} = a_i b^{kj}$

21. Which of the following commands will produce:  $\sqrt[3]{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

- ☐ `\sqrt{3}\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}`  
☐ `\sqrt[3]\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}`  
☒ `\sqrt[3]{x^2+y^2+z^2}`  
☐ `\sqrt{3}{x^2+y^2+z^2}`

22. Which of the following commands can only be used in the preamble of a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  document?

- ☐ `\parskip`
☐ `\usepackage`
☐ `\pagestyle`
☒ ALL of them

23. What is the action of clicking on the button created by:

`\hyperlink{55}{\beamergotobutton{Go Back!}}`

- ☐ goes to slide number 55  
☒ goes to a slide whose label is 55  
☐ goes to a slide whose title is 55  
☐ ALL of the above

24. Consider the following set of commands that will produce a table:

```
\begin{tabular}{|l|c|c|r|}
\hline
Given Name & Age & Weight (Kg)& Height (cm) \\
\hline \hline
John & 75 & 80 & 180 \\
Tom & 25 & 65 & 173 \\
Sally & 30 & 40 & 155 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
```

Which of the following statements about the above table is correct?

- ☐ The table has 5 columns and 4 rows
- ☐ ALL the rows are separated by a horizontal line
- ☒ ALL the columns are separated by vertical lines
- ☐ The last row of the table has no horizontal line

25. Which of the following options is the exact depiction of the last row of the table in Question 24?

- ☒

Sally	30	40	155
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☐

Sally	30	40	155
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☐

Sally	30	40	155
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☐

Sally	30	40	155
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26. Which of the following options is the exact depiction of the first column of the table in Question 24?

- ☒

Given Name
John
Tom
Sally

☐

Given Name
John
Tom
Sally

☐

Given Name
John
Tom
Sally

☐

Given Name
John
Tom
Sally

27. Which of the following options is the exact depiction of the last column of the table in Question 24?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<table><tr><th>Height (cm)</th></tr><tr><td>180</td></tr><tr><td>173</td></tr><tr><td>155</td></tr></table>	Height (cm)	180	173	155
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28. Which of the following statements will be treated as a comment by  $\text{\LaTeX}$ ?

- ☐  $\$x^2 - 4\$$ 
☒  $\% \text{\texttt{\textbf{Hello}}}$ 
☐  $\backslash\backslash\texttt{comment}$ 
☐  $\texttt{//comment}$

29. Which of the following commands will downsize the figure by 30%?

- ☒  $\backslash\texttt{includegraphics[scale=0.7]}{\texttt{myPic}}$   
☐  $\backslash\texttt{includegraphics[scale=0.3]}{\texttt{myPic}}$   
☐  $\backslash\texttt{includegraphics[scale=70\%]}{\texttt{myPic}}$   
☐  $\backslash\texttt{includegraphics[scale=30\%]}{\texttt{myPic}}$

30. What is the output of the following set of commands?

```

\begin{itemize}
\item[*] this is a star
\item[o] this is a circle
\item[-] this is a dash
\end{itemize}

```

- |                          |  |                                     |   |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | this is a star<br>this is a circle<br>this is a dash       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | * this is a star<br>o this is a circle<br>– this is a dash    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | • this is a star<br>• this is a circle<br>• this is a dash | <input type="checkbox"/>            | *1 this is a star<br>o2 this is a circle<br>–3 this is a dash |

31. Consider the following set of commands in eqnarray (equation array) environment:

```
\begin{eqnarray}
f(x) &= & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \nonumber \\
&= & 1+x+\frac{x^2}{2}+\frac{x^3}{6}+ \cdots \nonumber \\
&= & e^x \nonumber
\end{eqnarray}
```

Which of the following options is the correct display of the equation array above?

<input type="checkbox"/> $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ $= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \cdots$ $= e^x$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ $= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \cdots$ $= e^x$
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### 3. MATLAB

32. Which MATLAB command will clean the command window?

☐ cls      ☐ clear      ☒ clc      ☐ clean

33. Which MATLAB command will delete a variable called z?

☐ clean(z)      ☐ clear(z)      ☐ clc z      ☒ clear z

34. Which of the following MATLAB commands will have a suppressed output (shows no output)?

☐ v=[1,2,3,4] :      ☒ v=[1,2,3,4] ;      ☐ v=[1,2,3,4] ,      ☐ v=[1,2,3,4] .

35. Suppose that q=[1,-1,1,0] and p=[-1,0,1,-1], What is the result of q\*p in MATLAB?

☐ [0;-1;2;-1]      ☐ [0,-1,2,-1]      ☐ [0]      ☒ error

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☐ [-1;0;1;0]      ☐ [0,1,0,-1]      ☒ [0]      ☐ error



37. Suppose that  $R = [9, 4, 1; 0, 6, 7; 0, 0, 0]$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- ☐ R is a row vector with 9 elements  
☐ R is a column vector with 9 elements  
☐ R is a matrix with 2 rows and 3 columns  
☒ R is a matrix with 3 columns

38. Consider the vector  $N = [3, -3, 2, -2]$ . What is the outcome of  $M = N.^3$ ?

- ☐  $M = [9, -9, 6, -6]$ 
☒  $M = [27, -27, 8, -8]$ 
☐  $M = [27; -27; 8; -8]$ 
☐ error

39. Consider running the following three lines of command in MATLAB Command Window:

1. `>> t=3*0.4;`
2. `>> format rat;`
3. `>> t`
4. `>> ????`

What would be the output on the fourth line (instead of ????)?

- ☐ 1.200
 ☒ 6/5
 ☐ 12e-1
 ☐ 1.200000

40. Which of the following commands divides the interval  $[-1, 1]$  into 25 equally-spaced subintervals?

- ☒ `linspace(-1,1,26)`
☐ `linspace(-1,1,24)`
☐ `linspace(-1,1,25)`
☐ `linspace(-1,1,0.08)`

41. Consider the matrix  $P = \text{ones}(10, 5)$ . What is the outcome of calling `sum(sum(P))`?

- ☒ 50
 ☐ 10
 ☐ 5
 ☐ error

42. Consider the matrix  $E = \text{eye}(5)$ . What is the outcome of  $E(:, \text{end}) = []$ ?

- ☐ Deletes the last element of E  
☐ Deletes the last row of E  
☐ The size of matrix E becomes  $4 \times 5$   
☒ The size of matrix E becomes  $5 \times 4$

43. Consider the vector  $x$  generated via  $x = 0:0.01:1$ ; What is the output of calling `length(x)`?

- ☐ 100
 ☒ 101
 ☐ 1001
 ☐ 99

44. Consider the value  $p = 13.141516171819$ . What is the output of calling `sprintf('p=%0.4f', p)`?

- ☐  $p = 13.14$ 
☒  $p = 0.1415$ 
☐  $p = 13.1415$ 
☐  $p = 13.0000$

45. Consider the matrix  $A = [1, 2, 4; 6, 9, 8; -1, 5, 4]$  in MATLAB. What is the outcome of  $A(A < 5) = 0$ ?
- ☐ All the elements of  $A$  become zero
  - ☐ The elements on the last row of  $A$  become all zeros
  - ☒ The elements on the first row of  $A$  become all zeros
  - ☐ The elements on the first and the last row of  $A$  become all zeros
46. Which of the following commands will produce a random number between 10 and 100?
- ☐ `10*rand()+90`
  - ☐ `10*rand()+89`
  - ☒ `90*rand()+10`
  - ☐ `100*rand()-10`
47. Which of the following commands generates a  $10 \times 10$  matrix  $M$  with different random entries?
- ☐ `M=rand()*eye(10)`
  - ☒ `M=rand(10)`
  - ☐ `M=100*rand()*eye(10)`
  - ☐ `M=rand()*ones(10)`
48. Which of the following plot commands will generate a dotted line curve?
- ☐ `plot(y,x,'--')`
  - ☐ `plot(y,x,'- . -')`
  - ☐ `plot(y,x,'dotted')`
  - ☒ `plot(y,x,'. .')`
49. Which of the following set of commands in MATLAB is most accurate?
- ☐ `ceil(0.05)=0.1; floor(-0.05)=0; round(1.488)=1`
  - ☒ `ceil(0.05)=1; floor(-0.05)=-1; round(-1.488)=-1`
  - ☐ `ceil(0.05)=0; floor(-0.05)=-0.1; round(-1.488)=-2`
  - ☐ `ceil(0.05)=0.1; floor(-0.05)=0; round(-0.94)=-0.90`
50. Suppose  $A = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6; 7, 8, 9]$ . Which of the following MATLAB commands will convert the matrix  $A$  to  $A = [1, 2, 3; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0]$ ?
- ☒ `A(2:3,:) = 0`
  - ☐ `A(1,:) = [1, 2, 3]`
  - ☐ `A(:, 2:3) = [0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0]`
  - ☐ `A(2:3, end) = [0, 0, 0]`