

CS SET 2

Q1. Which of the following best explains why cache memory improves CPU performance?

- A) It stores all main memory data permanently
- B) It operates slower than main memory but larger
- C) It reduces the average time to access data from main memory
- D) It acts as secondary storage for CPU

Answer: C) It reduces the average time to access data from main memory

Explanation: Cache memory is faster and closer to the CPU, reducing latency by storing frequently accessed instructions/data.

Q2. The logic expression $(A + B)(A + B')$ simplifies to:

- A) A
- B) B
- C) AB
- D) A + B

Answer: A) A

Explanation: By applying the distributive law: $(A + B)(A + B') = A + BB' = A + 0 = A$.

Q3. In C language, what happens if you use `free()` on a pointer that was not dynamically allocated?

- A) It compiles but may cause runtime error
- B) It safely does nothing
- C) It automatically allocates memory
- D) It initializes the pointer to NULL

Answer: A) It compiles but may cause runtime error

Explanation: Calling `free()` on non-dynamic memory causes undefined behavior and potential crash.

Q4. Which data structure is used by compilers to implement function call and return mechanisms?

- A) Queue
- B) Stack

- C) Tree
- D) Linked list

Answer: B) Stack

Explanation: Function calls use a call stack to store activation records, return addresses, and local variables.

Q5. The time complexity of building a Binary Search Tree from an unsorted array is:

- A) $O(n)$
- B) $O(n \log n)$
- C) $O(n^2)$
- D) $O(\log n)$

Answer: C) $O(n^2)$

Explanation: In the worst case (sorted input), every insertion takes $O(n)$, resulting in $O(n^2)$ overall.

Q6. A transaction that reads and writes data but fails before committing causes which problem?

- A) Dirty read
- B) Uncommitted dependency
- C) Inconsistent retrieval
- D) Lost update

Answer: C) Inconsistent retrieval

Explanation: If a transaction fails mid-way, data read or written may not match the database's consistent state.

Q7. Which scheduling algorithm may cause *starvation* of long processes?

- A) Round Robin
- B) FCFS
- C) Priority Scheduling
- D) SJF (Shortest Job First)

Answer: D) SJF (Shortest Job First)

Explanation: SJF favors short jobs; longer processes may never execute if new shorter jobs keep arriving.

Q8. Which of the following best describes subnetting?

- A) Combining two networks into one
- B) Dividing a network into smaller logical networks
- C) Encrypting network traffic
- D) Assigning public IP addresses

Answer: B) Dividing a network into smaller logical networks

Explanation: Subnetting optimizes IP address usage and improves routing efficiency by segmenting networks.

Q9. Which software testing technique uses boundary values to detect errors?

- A) Black box testing
- B) White box testing
- C) Regression testing
- D) Mutation testing

Answer: A) Black box testing

Explanation: Boundary value analysis (a black-box method) checks edge conditions for input ranges.

Q10. The main goal of symmetric key cryptography is:

- A) Using public and private keys
- B) Using one key for encryption and decryption
- C) Providing message authentication only
- D) Generating digital signatures

Answer: B) Using one key for encryption and decryption

Explanation: Symmetric encryption uses the same secret key for both encryption and decryption.

Q11. In HTML5, which element is used to draw graphics dynamically using JavaScript?

- A) <svg>
- B) <canvas>
- C) <embed>
- D) <object>

Answer: B) <canvas>

Explanation: The <canvas> element allows rendering of 2D graphics via JavaScript.

Q12. The binary equivalent of hexadecimal number “3F2” is:

- A) 1111110010
- B) 1101110010
- C) 1010110010
- D) 1110110110

Answer: A) 1111110010

Explanation: 3 → 0011, F → 1111, 2 → 0010 → Combined: 00111110010 → 1111110010.

Q13. Which component in an op-amp circuit determines its gain in an inverting amplifier configuration?

- A) Input capacitor
- B) Feedback resistor
- C) Output diode
- D) Power supply voltage

Answer: B) Feedback resistor

Explanation: The gain of an inverting op-amp = $-(R_f / R_{in})$, where R_f is the feedback resistor.

Q14. In C++, what will happen if a base class destructor is not declared virtual?

- A) No effect
- B) Derived destructor won't be called through base pointer
- C) Compilation error
- D) Memory leak prevention

Answer: B) Derived destructor won't be called through base pointer

Explanation: Without a virtual destructor, deleting a derived object through base pointer causes incomplete cleanup.

Q15. Which tree traversal method is best suited for copying a tree structure?

- A) Preorder

- B) Inorder
- C) Postorder
- D) Level order

Answer: A) Preorder

Explanation: Preorder visits root first, allowing construction of new nodes before processing subtrees.

Q16. Which algorithm design paradigm is used in Kruskal's algorithm?

- A) Divide and Conquer
- B) Greedy
- C) Dynamic Programming
- D) Backtracking

Answer: B) Greedy

Explanation: Kruskal's algorithm greedily selects the smallest edge to form a Minimum Spanning Tree.

Q17. Which anomaly occurs when two transactions read and write the same data item concurrently?

- A) Lost update
- B) Unrepeatable read
- C) Phantom read
- D) Deadlock

Answer: A) Lost update

Explanation: Lost updates occur when one transaction overwrites another's uncommitted changes.

Q18. The OS component responsible for translating virtual addresses to physical addresses is:

- A) Scheduler
- B) Memory Manager
- C) MMU (Memory Management Unit)
- D) Kernel Driver

Answer: C) MMU (Memory Management Unit)

Explanation: The MMU maps virtual memory addresses to actual physical memory locations.

Q19. What is the purpose of the ARP protocol in networking?

- A) To resolve domain names
- B) To translate IP addresses to MAC addresses
- C) To encrypt data packets
- D) To establish TCP connections

Answer: B) To translate IP addresses to MAC addresses

Explanation: ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) maps IP addresses to corresponding MAC addresses in a LAN.

Q20. Which software development model combines iterative development with risk analysis?

- A) Waterfall
- B) Agile
- C) Spiral
- D) Prototype

Answer: C) Spiral

Explanation: Spiral model iteratively refines the system while analyzing risks at each phase.

Q21. The process of ensuring that data has not been altered in transmission is called:

- A) Confidentiality
- B) Integrity
- C) Authentication
- D) Availability

Answer: B) Integrity

Explanation: Integrity ensures data remains accurate and unmodified during transfer or storage.

Q22. In CSS, what is the specificity order from lowest to highest?

- A) Inline → ID → Class → Element
- B) Element → Class → ID → Inline
- C) ID → Class → Element → Inline

D) Class → Element → Inline → ID

Answer: B) Element → Class → ID → Inline

Explanation: Inline styles have the highest priority, followed by IDs, classes, and elements.

Q23. The Boolean function $AB + A'B$ simplifies to:

- A) A
- B) B
- C) $A + B$
- D) AB

Answer: B) B

Explanation: $AB + A'B = B(A + A') = B(1) = B$.

Q24. A Zener diode in a circuit is used for:

- A) Amplification
- B) Voltage regulation
- C) Rectification
- D) Switching

Answer: B) Voltage regulation

Explanation: Zener diodes maintain a constant output voltage when reverse-biased beyond breakdown voltage.

Q25. In Java, what is the difference between `==` and `.equals()` for object comparison?

- A) Both compare content
- B) `==` compares references, `.equals()` compares content
- C) `==` compares content, `.equals()` compares references
- D) Both perform deep comparison

Answer: B) `==` compares references, `.equals()` compares content

Explanation: `==` checks memory address equality; `.equals()` checks logical (value) equality when overridden.

Q26. In computer architecture, “pipelining” improves:

- A) CPU clock speed

- B) Instruction throughput
- C) Instruction latency
- D) Memory bandwidth

Answer: B) Instruction throughput

Explanation: Pipelining increases the number of instructions completed per unit time (throughput), though latency per instruction may remain unchanged.

Q27. The minimal SOP form of Boolean expression $A'BC + AB'C + ABC'$ is:

- A) $A + B + C$
- B) $AB + BC + AC$
- C) $A \oplus B \oplus C$
- D) $(A + B)(B + C)(C + A)$

Answer: C) $A \oplus B \oplus C$

Explanation: This expression is the XOR of three variables, which outputs 1 for an odd number of 1s.

Q28. Which of the following correctly represents Ohm's Law?

- A) $I = R/V$
- B) $V = IR$
- C) $P = I/R$
- D) $R = VI$

Answer: B) $V = IR$

Explanation: Ohm's Law defines voltage as the product of current and resistance.

Q29. In C language, what is the size of the expression `sizeof('A')` on a 32-bit system?

- A) 1 byte
- B) 2 bytes
- C) 4 bytes
- D) Depends on compiler

Answer: C) 4 bytes

Explanation: Character literals like 'A' are of type int, not char, so typically 4 bytes on 32-bit systems.

Q30. Which of the following data structures cannot be implemented using linked lists?

- A) Queue
- B) Stack
- C) Hash table
- D) Array

Answer: D) Array

Explanation: Arrays have contiguous memory allocation, unlike linked structures.

Q31. What is the average time complexity of searching in a balanced binary search tree?

- A) O(1)
- B) O(log n)
- C) O(n)
- D) O(n log n)

Answer: B) O(log n)

Explanation: Balanced BSTs (like AVL or Red-Black Trees) maintain logarithmic height.

Q32. Which normal form removes transitive dependency in a relational database?

- A) 1NF
- B) 2NF
- C) 3NF
- D) BCNF

Answer: C) 3NF

Explanation: 3NF eliminates transitive dependencies (non-prime \rightarrow non-prime via another attribute).

Q33. Which of the following memory types is *volatile*?

- A) ROM
- B) EEPROM

- C) Flash
- D) SRAM

Answer: D) SRAM

Explanation: Static RAM retains data only while powered, making it volatile.

Q34. The banker's algorithm in OS is used for:

- A) Page replacement
- B) Deadlock detection
- C) Deadlock avoidance
- D) Mutual exclusion

Answer: C) Deadlock avoidance

Explanation: Banker's algorithm ensures system never enters an unsafe state by simulating allocations.

Q35. The maximum number of hosts supported in a /26 subnet is:

- A) 32
- B) 62
- C) 64
- D) 126

Answer: B) 62

Explanation: /26 means 6 host bits $\rightarrow 2^6 - 2 = 62$ usable addresses.

Q36. Which software development model ensures working software is delivered frequently in iterations?

- A) Waterfall
- B) Agile
- C) Spiral
- D) V-model

Answer: B) Agile

Explanation: Agile emphasizes iterative, incremental delivery and customer feedback.

Q37. The type of attack where data is captured and resent later to deceive the receiver is:

- A) Spoofing
- B) Replay attack
- C) Phishing
- D) Sniffing

Answer: B) Replay attack

Explanation: Replay attacks resend valid data packets to gain unauthorized access.

Q38. Which of the following HTML elements is semantic?

- A) <div>
- B)
- C) <article>
- D)

Answer: C) <article>

Explanation: <article> conveys meaning about content structure, unlike purely stylistic tags.

Q39. The propagation delay of a logic gate is mainly due to:

- A) Input capacitance and transistor switching time
- B) Power supply voltage
- C) Gate oxide thickness
- D) Output resistance only

Answer: A) Input capacitance and transistor switching time

Explanation: Delay results from charging/discharging internal capacitances through transistor resistances.

Q40. Which keyword in Java is used to prevent method overriding?

- A) abstract
- B) static
- C) final
- D) volatile

Answer: C) final

Explanation: A final method cannot be overridden in a derived class.

Q41. Which data structure efficiently supports both LRU cache implementation and fast lookup?

- A) Stack
- B) HashMap + Doubly Linked List
- C) Queue
- D) Binary Search Tree

Answer: B) HashMap + Doubly Linked List

Explanation: HashMap provides O(1) access; linked list maintains order of usage.

Q42. The master theorem helps in analyzing:

- A) Dynamic programming algorithms
- B) Recurrence relations
- C) Graph traversals
- D) Backtracking problems

Answer: B) Recurrence relations

Explanation: Master theorem provides asymptotic bounds for divide-and-conquer recurrences.

Q43. In DBMS, ACID property “Isolation” ensures:

- A) Transactions execute serially
- B) Transactions’ intermediate results are invisible to others
- C) Transactions are atomic
- D) Database recovers automatically

Answer: B) Transactions’ intermediate results are invisible to others

Explanation: Isolation prevents concurrent transactions from interfering.

Q44. Page replacement algorithm with the lowest page-fault rate is:

- A) FIFO
- B) LRU
- C) Optimal
- D) Clock

Answer: C) Optimal

Explanation: Optimal replaces the page that won’t be used for the longest future period (theoretical benchmark).

Q45. In computer networks, TCP provides:

- A) Unreliable, connectionless service
- B) Reliable, connection-oriented service
- C) Connectionless multicast service
- D) Error-free delivery without sequencing

Answer: B) Reliable, connection-oriented service

Explanation: TCP guarantees ordered, reliable delivery using acknowledgment and retransmission.

Q46. The main purpose of software validation is to ensure:

- A) The program runs faster
- B) The software meets user requirements
- C) Code follows coding standards
- D) All modules are compiled successfully

Answer: B) The software meets user requirements

Explanation: Validation checks “Are we building the right product?” as opposed to verification.

Q47. The process of disguising data to protect its confidentiality is called:

- A) Encoding
- B) Hashing
- C) Encryption
- D) Compression

Answer: C) Encryption

Explanation: Encryption transforms readable data into ciphertext using algorithms and keys.

Q48. In CSS, the z-index property works only for elements with:

- A) position: relative;
- B) position: absolute; or fixed;
- C) display: flex;
- D) visibility: hidden;

Answer: B) position: absolute; or fixed;

Explanation: z-index controls stacking order, effective only for positioned elements.

Q49. The output of NAND gate followed by NOT gate is equivalent to:

- A) AND gate
- B) OR gate
- C) NOR gate
- D) XOR gate

Answer: A) AND gate

Explanation: $\text{NOT}(\text{NAND}(A,B)) = \text{AND}(A,B)$.

Q50. A differential amplifier rejects:

- A) Common-mode signals
- B) Differential signals
- C) Input offset voltage
- D) Output noise

Answer: A) Common-mode signals

Explanation: Differential amplifiers amplify voltage differences while rejecting common-mode interference.

Q51. The CPI (cycles per instruction) of a pipelined processor ideally approaches:

- A) 0
- B) 1
- C) 2
- D) Infinity

Answer: B) 1

Explanation: In ideal pipelining, one instruction completes every cycle, so CPI = 1.

Q52. Which of the following logic gates is *functionally complete*?

- A) AND
- B) OR
- C) NAND

D) XOR

Answer: C) NAND

Explanation: NAND alone can implement all basic logic functions (NOT, AND, OR).

Q53. The maximum power transfer occurs when load resistance equals:

- A) Source voltage
- B) Source current
- C) Source resistance
- D) Zero

Answer: C) Source resistance

Explanation: According to the maximum power transfer theorem, $R_L = R_S$.

Q54. In C, the output of `printf("%d", sizeof(strlen("Hello")));` is:

- A) 5
- B) 6
- C) Compiler dependent
- D) Size of integer return type

Answer: D) Size of integer return type

Explanation: printf returns an int, so sizeof gives sizeof(int) (usually 4 bytes).

Q55. Which data structure is used to implement recursion?

- A) Queue
- B) Stack
- C) Array
- D) Linked list

Answer: B) Stack

Explanation: Function calls and recursive invocations are managed through the call stack.

Q56. The average-case time complexity of QuickSort is:

- A) $O(n^2)$
- B) $O(n \log n)$
- C) $O(\log n)$

D) $O(n)$

Answer: B) $O(n \log n)$

Explanation: On average, QuickSort divides data efficiently, giving $O(n \log n)$.

Q57. In relational algebra, the θ -join operation combines tuples based on:

- A) Cartesian product only
- B) Matching attribute values
- C) Conditional comparison
- D) Natural key

Answer: C) Conditional comparison

Explanation: θ -join merges relations using a general condition like $A.id < B.id$.

Q58. The principle of *locality of reference* in OS means:

- A) Data access is random
- B) Consecutive instructions access nearby locations
- C) All memory is accessed equally
- D) Paging reduces performance

Answer: B) Consecutive instructions access nearby locations

Explanation: Programs often access nearby instructions/data, enabling caching efficiency.

Q59. The minimum number of bits required to represent 256 unique values is:

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) 10

Answer: B) 8

Explanation: $2^8 = 256$; hence 8 bits are needed.

Q60. In software project estimation, COCOMO model is primarily used to estimate:

- A) Memory usage
- B) Development effort and cost
- C) CPU time

D) Error rate

Answer: B) Development effort and cost

Explanation: COCOMO predicts project cost, effort, and duration based on size and complexity.

Q61. A digital signature ensures:

- A) Confidentiality only
- B) Authentication and integrity
- C) Non-encryption verification
- D) Data compression

Answer: B) Authentication and integrity

Explanation: Digital signatures verify sender authenticity and detect message alterations.

Q62. Which HTML5 feature allows local storage of key-value pairs without cookies?

- A) IndexedDB
- B) LocalStorage
- C) WebSQL
- D) SessionStorage

Answer: B) LocalStorage

Explanation: LocalStorage stores persistent data in the browser for the same origin.

Q63. The Boolean function $(A + B')(A' + B)$ simplifies to:

- A) AB
- B) $A \oplus B$
- C) $A'B'$
- D) $A + B$

Answer: B) $A \oplus B$

Explanation: $(A + B')(A' + B)$ is equivalent to the XOR function.

Q64. A diode conducts when:

- A) Forward biased beyond threshold voltage

- B) Reverse biased
- C) Zero bias
- D) Reverse breakdown only

Answer: A) Forward biased beyond threshold voltage

Explanation: A silicon diode conducts after $\sim 0.7V$ forward bias.

Q65. In Java, which concept allows multiple methods with the same name but different parameters?

- A) Overriding
- B) Overloading
- C) Inheritance
- D) Encapsulation

Answer: B) Overloading

Explanation: Method overloading allows same-name methods with different parameter lists.

Q66. Which traversal technique prints a Binary Search Tree in ascending order?

- A) Preorder
- B) Postorder
- C) Inorder
- D) Level order

Answer: C) Inorder

Explanation: Inorder traversal of a BST outputs nodes in sorted order.

Q67. The algorithmic complexity of Dijkstra's shortest path using a min-priority queue is:

- A) $O(V^2)$
- B) $O(V \log V + E \log V)$
- C) $O(E^2)$
- D) $O(V + E)$

Answer: B) $O(V \log V + E \log V)$

Explanation: Using a binary heap, Dijkstra's algorithm achieves near-linear efficiency for sparse graphs.

Q68. In DBMS, the serializability concept ensures:

- A) Transactions follow serial execution order
- B) Transactions are independent
- C) Deadlocks cannot occur
- D) All updates are permanent

Answer: A) Transactions follow serial execution order

Explanation: Serializability guarantees concurrent transactions' outcome equals that of a serial schedule.

Q69. Thrashing in OS occurs when:

- A) CPU utilization is high
- B) Processes frequently swap pages
- C) Memory is underutilized
- D) Disk I/O is zero

Answer: B) Processes frequently swap pages

Explanation: Excessive paging (swapping) leads to low CPU utilization — known as thrashing.

Q70. Which protocol provides email sending functionality?

- A) POP3
- B) SMTP
- C) IMAP
- D) FTP

Answer: B) SMTP

Explanation: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol handles outgoing email.

Q71. The *V-model* in software engineering emphasizes:

- A) Parallel testing and development
- B) Strict sequential development
- C) Prototyping approach
- D) Continuous integration

Answer: A) Parallel testing and development

Explanation: The V-model maps each development stage to a corresponding testing phase.

Q72. The process of verifying a user's identity before granting system access is:

- A) Authorization
- B) Authentication
- C) Accounting
- D) Encryption

Answer: B) Authentication

Explanation: Authentication confirms the identity, while authorization defines permissions.

Q73. The <meta> tag in HTML is used for:

- A) External styling
- B) Storing metadata like keywords and viewport settings
- C) Script execution
- D) Embedding multimedia

Answer: B) Storing metadata like keywords and viewport settings

Explanation: <meta> provides metadata for search engines and browser behavior.

Q74. The Boolean function $A'B + AB'$ represents which gate?

- A) AND
- B) OR
- C) XOR
- D) NOR

Answer: C) XOR

Explanation: $A'B + AB'$ is the canonical form of XOR operation.

Q75. The slew rate of an op-amp is defined as:

- A) Maximum change in output voltage per unit time
- B) Input offset voltage
- C) Differential input impedance
- D) Common-mode gain

Answer: A) Maximum change in output voltage per unit time

Explanation: Slew rate indicates how fast an op-amp can respond to rapid input changes.

Q76. In a RISC processor, one instruction is typically executed:

- A) In one clock cycle
- B) In multiple micro-instructions
- C) Using complex addressing modes
- D) Only by microcode

Answer: A) In one clock cycle

Explanation: RISC architecture simplifies instructions for single-cycle execution to increase throughput.

Q77. The Boolean function $A + AB'$ simplifies to:

- A) A
- B) B
- C) $A + B$
- D) AB

Answer: A) A

Explanation: $A + AB' = A(1 + B') = A$.

Q78. A BJT operates in active region when:

- A) Base-emitter and base-collector are both reverse biased
- B) Base-emitter forward biased, base-collector reverse biased
- C) Both junctions forward biased
- D) Collector-emitter shorted

Answer: B) Base-emitter forward biased, base-collector reverse biased

Explanation: That bias condition enables transistor amplification.

Q79. In C, the statement `int *ptr = malloc(sizeof(int));` requires which header?

- A) `<string.h>`
- B) `<stdlib.h>`
- C) `<malloc.h>`
- D) `<stdio.h>`

Answer: B) `<stdlib.h>`

Explanation: malloc() and memory allocation functions are declared in <stdlib.h>.

Q80. Which data structure supports efficient median finding in streaming data?

- A) Stack
- B) Two Heaps (max-heap + min-heap)
- C) AVL tree only
- D) Linked list

Answer: B) Two Heaps (max-heap + min-heap)

Explanation: Balanced heaps maintain lower and upper halves for $O(\log n)$ median updates.

Q81. The worst-case time complexity of Merge Sort is:

- A) $O(n)$
- B) $O(n \log n)$
- C) $O(n^2)$
- D) $O(\log n)$

Answer: B) $O(n \log n)$

Explanation: Merge Sort consistently divides and merges arrays producing $O(n \log n)$ even in worst case.

Q82. Which relational algebra operation is equivalent to SQL's SELECT with WHERE clause?

- A) Union
- B) Projection
- C) Selection
- D) Join

Answer: C) Selection

Explanation: Selection (σ) filters tuples based on a predicate.

Q83. In demand paging, page fault rate decreases when:

- A) Working-set size increases
- B) Page size decreases
- C) Swapping increases

D) Disk I/O reduces

Answer: A) Working-set size increases

Explanation: More resident pages reduce faults since needed data stays in memory.

Q84. In IPv4, Class C networks have how many host bits?

- A) 8
- B) 16
- C) 24
- D) 32

Answer: A) 8

Explanation: Class C uses /24 mask — 8 bits for host addressing.

Q85. The SDLC phase ensuring code meets design specification is:

- A) Requirement analysis
- B) Design
- C) Verification
- D) Implementation testing

Answer: C) Verification

Explanation: Verification confirms conformance of product to design and specifications.

Q86. In cryptography, AES operates on blocks of size:

- A) 56 bits
- B) 64 bits
- C) 128 bits
- D) 192 bits

Answer: C) 128 bits

Explanation: AES is a symmetric block cipher processing 128-bit blocks.

Q87. In CSS, position: sticky; behaves like:

- A) Absolute only
- B) Relative until a threshold, then fixed
- C) Fixed always

D) Static positioning

Answer: B) Relative until a threshold, then fixed

Explanation: Sticky elements act relative until scroll crosses their container boundary.

Q88. The Boolean equation $(A + B)(A' + C)$ simplifies to:

- A) AC + B
- B) A + BC
- C) B + C
- D) A' + B + C

Answer: B) A + BC

Explanation: Expansion gives $AA' + AC + BA' + BC = A + BC$.

Q89. A rectifier converts:

- A) AC to DC
- B) DC to AC
- C) High voltage to low
- D) Power to signal

Answer: A) AC to DC

Explanation: Rectifiers use diodes to allow current flow in only one direction.

Q90. In Java, a checked exception must be:

- A) Ignored by JVM
- B) Declared or handled in code
- C) Subclass of RuntimeException
- D) Unrecoverable

Answer: B) Declared or handled in code

Explanation: Checked exceptions require throws declaration or try-catch handling.

Q91. Which data structure provides O(1) average lookup using hash function?

- A) Stack
- B) Hash table
- C) Tree

D) Linked list

Answer: B) Hash table

Explanation: Hashing enables constant-time average case for search and insertion.

Q92. The recurrence $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n^2$ resolves to:

- A) $O(n)$
- B) $O(n \log n)$
- C) $O(n^2)$
- D) $O(n^3)$

Answer: C) $O(n^2)$

Explanation: Master theorem: $a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n^2 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$.

Q93. In DBMS, cascading rollback happens due to:

- A) Lost update
- B) Dirty read
- C) Deadlock
- D) Phantom read

Answer: B) Dirty read

Explanation: If a transaction reads uncommitted data from another that later aborts, rollbacks cascade.

Q94. A page table entry typically does **not** contain:

- A) Frame number
- B) Protection bits
- C) Page reference counter
- D) Virtual address

Answer: D) Virtual address

Explanation: Virtual address indexes the page table; it isn't stored inside entries.

Q95. The 3-way TCP handshake sequence is:

- A) SYN → ACK → SYN-ACK
- B) SYN → SYN-ACK → ACK

C) ACK → SYN → SYN-ACK

D) SYN-ACK → ACK → SYN

Answer: B) SYN → SYN-ACK → ACK

Explanation: Connection initiation uses three packets establishing reliable session.

Q96. In software testing, “mutation testing” evaluates:

A) Code complexity

B) Test case effectiveness

C) User requirements

D) Algorithm speed

Answer: B) Test case effectiveness

Explanation: Small code changes (mutations) verify whether tests detect introduced faults.

Q97. The principle “least privilege” in security means:

A) Denying all access

B) Granting only minimal rights needed

C) Providing admin rights to all

D) Allowing unrestricted access temporarily

Answer: B) Granting only minimal rights needed

Explanation: Minimizing permissions reduces potential attack surface.

Q98. The `<iframe>` tag in HTML is used to:

A) Insert an inline frame (another webpage)

B) Display images

C) Embed CSS styles

D) Add form controls

Answer: A) Insert an inline frame (another webpage)

Explanation: `<iframe>` loads an external HTML document within the current page.

Q99. The Boolean function $(A + B')(A' + B')$ simplifies to:

A) B'

- B) $A + B$
- C) $A'B'$
- D) $A \oplus B$

Answer: A) B'

Explanation: Simplify: $A + B' = (A + B')(A' + B') = B'(A + A') = B'$.

Q100. A Schmitt trigger circuit is primarily used for:

- A) Frequency multiplication
- B) Noise immunity and waveform shaping
- C) Voltage regulation
- D) Phase shifting

Answer: B) Noise immunity and waveform shaping

Explanation: Schmitt triggers convert noisy or slow-rising signals into clean digital transitions with hysteresis.