

**1. What is a compiler?**

- A) A program that converts machine language to high-level language
- B) A program that translates high-level language to machine language
- C) A program that checks spelling errors in source code
- D) None of the above

**Answer: B**

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**2. What is the primary function of a translator?**

- A) To optimize source code
- B) To convert one language to another
- C) To execute the program directly
- D) To generate syntax trees

**Answer: B**

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**3. Which of the following is not a type of translator?**

- A) Compiler
- B) Interpreter
- C) Assembler
- D) Emulator

**Answer: D**

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**4. Which of these translates line by line?**

- A) Compiler
- B) Interpreter
- C) Assembler
- D) Preprocessor

**Answer: B**

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**5. What does an assembler do?**

- A) Converts machine code to assembly code
- B) Converts assembly code to machine code
- C) Converts high-level language to assembly code
- D) None of the above

**Answer: B**

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**6. What is a high-level language?**

- A) Machine-understandable language
- B) User-friendly language
- C) Assembly-level language
- D) Language used in hardware circuits

**Answer: B**

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**7. Which language uses mnemonics?**

- A) High-level language
- B) Assembly language
- C) Machine language
- D) Middle-level language

**Answer: B**

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**8. What is the output of the preprocessor?**

- A) Object code
- B) Source code
- C) Machine code
- D) Relocatable machine code

**Answer: B**

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**9. Which compiler phase generates tokens?**

- A) Semantic analysis
- B) Syntax analysis
- C) Lexical analysis
- D) Code generation

**Answer: C**

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**10. Which phase ensures type checking?**

- A) Syntax analysis
- B) Semantic analysis
- C) Lexical analysis
- D) Code optimization

**Answer: B**

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**11. What is intermediate code?**

- A) Machine-independent code
- B) Machine-specific code
- C) High-level language code
- D) None of the above

**Answer: A**

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**12. Which phase involves creating a syntax tree?**

- A) Semantic analysis
- B) Syntax analysis
- C) Lexical analysis
- D) Code optimization

**Answer: B**

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**13. What is three-address code?**

- A) High-level language code
- B) Assembly language code
- C) Intermediate representation code
- D) Machine code

**Answer: C**

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**14. What is the purpose of code optimization?**

- A) To reduce memory and execution time
- B) To detect and fix errors
- C) To generate syntax trees
- D) To improve lexical analysis

**Answer: A**

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**15. Which phase produces the final machine code?**

- A) Code optimization
- B) Intermediate code generation
- C) Code generation
- D) Syntax analysis

**Answer: C**

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**16. What is the role of the linker?**

- A) To detect errors in the source code
- B) To link machine code with libraries
- C) To convert assembly code to machine code
- D) To optimize the intermediate code

**Answer: B**

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**17. Which loader type modifies relocatable machine code?**

- A) Absolute loader
- B) Relocating loader
- C) Compile-and-go loader
- D) None of the above

**Answer: B**

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**18. What does static linking do?**

- A) Links at runtime
- B) Links during program execution
- C) Links at compile time
- D) None of the above

**Answer: C**

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**19. What is the smallest meaningful unit in lexical analysis?**

- A) Token
- B) Syntax tree
- C) Intermediate code
- D) Bytecode

**Answer: A**

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**20. Which of the following is machine-understandable?**

- A) High-level language
- B) Assembly language
- C) Machine language
- D) Middle-level language

**Answer: C**

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**21. What type of errors does the semantic analysis detect?**

- A) Syntactical errors
- B) Logical errors
- C) Type compatibility errors
- D) Compiler errors

**Answer: C**

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**22. Which is an example of a high-level language?**

- A) Assembly
- B) C++
- C) Binary code
- D) Mnemonics

**Answer: B**

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**23. What is the input for an assembler?**

- A) High-level language code
- B) Assembly code
- C) Machine code
- D) Intermediate code

**Answer: B**

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**24. Which type of compiler translates directly to machine code?**

- A) Cross-compiler
- B) Native compiler
- C) Incremental compiler
- D) JIT compiler

**Answer: B**

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**25. Which compiler type generates machine code for another architecture?**

- A) Native compiler
- B) Cross-compiler
- C) Bootstrap compiler
- D) Source-to-source compiler

**Answer: B**

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**26. Which phase produces a symbol table?**

- A) Lexical analysis
- B) Syntax analysis
- C) Semantic analysis
- D) All of the above

**Answer: A**

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**27. Which of these uses macro processing?**

- A) Preprocessor
- B) Linker
- C) Loader
- D) Code generator

**Answer: A**

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**28. Which of the following statements is correct?**

- A) Interpreters create object code.
- B) Assemblers generate high-level code.
- C) Compilers are faster than interpreters in execution.
- D) Preprocessors execute code.

**Answer: C**

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**29. What is the key feature of dynamic linking?**

- A) Linking at compile time
- B) Linking during execution
- C) Linking before preprocessing
- D) None of the above

**Answer: B**

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**30. Which translator produces an error report line by line?**

- A) Compiler
- B) Interpreter
- C) Assembler
- D) Preprocessor

**Answer: B**

## Unit 2

1. **What is the main purpose of a lexical analyser?**

- A) Parse the source code
- B) Generate assembly code
- C) Identify tokens in the source code
- D) Optimize the code

**Answer: C**

2. **What does the lexical analyser output?**

- A) Abstract Syntax Tree
- B) Tokens
- C) Machine code
- D) Error log

**Answer: B**

3. **Which of the following tasks is NOT performed by the lexical analyser?**

- A) Removing comments
- B) Syntax validation
- C) Generating tokens
- D) Handling errors

**Answer: B**

4. **Lexical errors are often resolved using which method?**

- A) Syntax Parsing
- B) Panic Mode Recovery
- C) Semantic Analysis
- D) Context-Free Grammar

**Answer: B**

5. **What is a lexeme?**

- A) A rule to define tokens
- B) A sequence of characters that matches a token pattern
- C) A symbol in the source code
- D) A type of error in lexical analysis

**Answer: B**

6. **Which of the following is NOT a type of token?**

- A) Identifier
- B) Constant
- C) Comment
- D) Delimiter

**Answer: C**

7. **What is a pattern in lexical analysis?**

- A) A sequence of tokens
- B) A rule defining a set of lexemes
- C) A source code segment
- D) An error-detection technique

**Answer: B**

## Input Buffering

8. **What is the purpose of input buffering?**

- A) Optimize source code
- B) Store intermediate results
- C) Reduce disk I/O operations
- D) Parse the program faster

**Answer: C**

9. **In buffer pairs, how many pointers are used?**

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4

**Answer: B**

10. **Which technique uses a special character as a sentinel?**

- A) Buffer Pairs
- B) Single Buffering
- C) Sentinel Buffers
- D) Look-Ahead Buffers

**Answer: C**

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## Specification and Recognition of Tokens

11. **A language is defined as a set of which of the following?**

- A) Tokens
- B) Characters
- C) Strings
- D) Lexemes

**Answer: C**

12. **What is Kleene Closure in regular expressions?**

- A) One occurrence of a string
- B) Zero or more occurrences of a string
- C) Zero or one occurrence of a string
- D) Concatenation of two strings

**Answer: B**

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## Regular Expression and Regular Definition

13. **What does the regular expression  $a^+$  mean?**

- A) One or more occurrences of  $a$
- B) Zero or more occurrences of  $a$
- C) Zero or one occurrence of  $a$
- D) Exactly one occurrence of  $a$

**Answer: A**



14. Which regular expression represents all binary strings?

- A)  $(0|1)^*$
- B)  $(0|1)^+$
- C)  $0|1$
- D)  $(0|1)?$

**Answer:** A

15. What is the precedence of the Kleene star (\*) operator?

- A) Highest
- B) Lowest
- C) Same as Concatenation
- D) Undefined

**Answer:** A

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## Finite Automata

16. Which automaton can accept regular languages?

- A) Pushdown Automaton
- B) Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA)
- C) Turing Machine
- D) Linear Bounded Automaton

**Answer:** B

17. How does an NFA differ from a DFA?

- A) DFA allows  $\epsilon$ -transitions; NFA does not
- B) NFA allows  $\epsilon$ -transitions; DFA does not
- C) Both are equivalent in computational power
- D) NFA is more powerful than DFA

**Answer:** B, C

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## Regular Expression to NFA

18. Which method is used to convert a regular expression to an NFA?

- A) Subset Construction
- B) Thompson's Construction
- C) DFA Minimization
- D) Grammar Reduction

**Answer:** B

19. What is the initial state of an NFA constructed from a regular expression?

- A) Always an accepting state
- B) Has transitions for every symbol
- C) Contains  $\epsilon$ -transitions
- D) None of the above

**Answer:** C

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## NFA to DFA Conversion

20. Which method is used for NFA to DFA conversion?

- A) Subset Construction
- B) DFA Minimization
- C) State Elimination
- D) Reverse Substitution

**Answer: A**

21. What does each state of the resulting DFA represent after subset construction?

- A) A single NFA state
- B) A set of NFA states
- C) A lexeme
- D) A symbol

**Answer: B**

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## DFA Optimization

22. Why is DFA minimization performed?

- A) To improve accuracy
- B) To reduce the number of states
- C) To handle more languages
- D) To convert it into an NFA

**Answer: B**

23. What is used to identify equivalent states during DFA minimization?

- A) State Partitioning
- B) Transition Table Analysis
- C)  $\epsilon$ -Closure
- D) Regular Expressions

**Answer: A**

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## Miscellaneous

24. Which of the following is NOT part of lexical analysis?

- A) Removing white spaces
- B) Generating parse trees
- C) Identifying tokens
- D) Error handling

**Answer: B**

25. What does the statement  $a|b$  represent in a regular expression?

- A) Either  $a$  or  $b$
- B) Both  $a$  and  $b$
- C) Only  $a$
- D) Only  $b$

**Answer: A**

26. Which of the following operations is NOT valid on regular languages?

- A) Union
- B) Intersection
- C) Complementation
- D) Exponentiation

**Answer: D**

27. What does  $\epsilon$  represent in regular expressions?

- A) A space
- B) A single character
- C) An empty string
- D) None of the above

**Answer: C**

28. What is the primary limitation of regular expressions?

- A) They cannot represent infinite languages
- B) They cannot handle nested constructs
- C) They are not deterministic
- D) They require DFA for conversion

**Answer: B**

29. Which technique is faster for token recognition?

- A) NFA
- B) DFA
- C) Regular Expressions
- D) Grammar Parsing

**Answer: B**

30. What is the role of the "forward" pointer in buffering?

- A) Mark the end of the buffer
- B) Track the beginning of a lexeme
- C) Indicate the next character to read
- D) Store the buffer content

**Answer: C**

### Set 1: Understanding States and Transitions

1. What is the initial  $\epsilon$ -closure of state 000 in the NFA for  $(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb$ ?

- (A)  $\{0,1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{0,1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{0,1,2,4,7\}$
- (B)  $\{0,1,2,3\} \setminus \{0,1,2,3\} \setminus \{0,1,2,3\}$
- (C)  $\{0\} \setminus \{0\} \setminus \{0\}$
- (D)  $\{1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{1,2,4,7\}$
- **Answer: (A)**

2. After processing input 'a' from state  $A = \{0,1,2,4,7\}$ , what is the resulting set of states?

- (A)  $\{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\}$
- (B)  $\{5\} \setminus \{5\} \setminus \{5\}$
- (C)  $\{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\}$
- (D)  $\{0\} \setminus \{0\} \setminus \{0\}$
- **Answer: (A)**

3. What does the  $\epsilon$ -closure of  $\{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\}$  result in?

- (A)  $\{3,6,7,1,2,4,8\} \setminus \{3,6,7,1,2,4,8\} \setminus \{3,6,7,1,2,4,8\}$

- (B)  $\{5,6,7\} \setminus \{5,6,7\} \setminus \{5,6,7\}$
  - (C)  $\{8\} \setminus \{8\} \setminus \{8\}$
  - (D)  $\{3,7,9\} \setminus \{3,7,9\} \setminus \{3,7,9\}$
  - **Answer: (A)**
4. Which state set is labeled as BBB during the construction?
- (A)  $\{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\}$
  - (B)  $\{5,6,7,9\} \setminus \{5,6,7,9\} \setminus \{5,6,7,9\}$
  - (C)  $\{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\}$
  - (D)  $\{0,1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{0,1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{0,1,2,4,7\}$
  - **Answer: (A)**
5. What is the result of  $\text{Move}(A,b) \setminus \text{Move}(A,b) \setminus \text{Move}(A,b)$ , where  $A = \{0,1,2,4,7\}$   $A = \{0,1,2,4,7\}$ ?
- (A)  $\{5\} \setminus \{5\} \setminus \{5\}$
  - (B)  $\{1,2,4\} \setminus \{1,2,4\} \setminus \{1,2,4\}$
  - (C)  $\{8\} \setminus \{8\} \setminus \{8\}$
  - (D)  $\{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\}$
  - **Answer: (A)**

## Set 2: Closure Operations

6. The  $\epsilon$ -closure of  $\text{Move}(A,b) = \{5\} \setminus \text{Move}(A,b) = \{5\}$  is:
- (A)  $\{5,6,7,1,2,4\} \setminus \{5,6,7,1,2,4\} \setminus \{5,6,7,1,2,4\}$
  - (B)  $\{1,2,4\} \setminus \{1,2,4\} \setminus \{1,2,4\}$
  - (C)  $\{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\}$
  - (D)  $\{6,7\} \setminus \{6,7\} \setminus \{6,7\}$
  - **Answer: (A)**
7. State CCC is defined as:
- (A)  $\{1,2,4,5,6,7\} \setminus \{1,2,4,5,6,7\} \setminus \{1,2,4,5,6,7\}$
  - (B)  $\{3,6,7\} \setminus \{3,6,7\} \setminus \{3,6,7\}$
  - (C)  $\{0,1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{0,1,2,4,7\} \setminus \{0,1,2,4,7\}$
  - (D)  $\{1,3,8\} \setminus \{1,3,8\} \setminus \{1,3,8\}$
  - **Answer: (A)**
8. When transitioning from CCC on input 'a', what is the next set of states?
- (A)  $\{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\}$
  - (B)  $\{1,3,8\} \setminus \{1,3,8\} \setminus \{1,3,8\}$
  - (C)  $\{7,9,10\} \setminus \{7,9,10\} \setminus \{7,9,10\}$
  - (D)  $\{6,7\} \setminus \{6,7\} \setminus \{6,7\}$
  - **Answer: (A)**
9. The  $\epsilon$ -closure of  $\text{Move}(C,b) = \{5\} \setminus \text{Move}(C,b) = \{5\}$  results in:
- (A)  $\{5,6,7,1,2,4\} \setminus \{5,6,7,1,2,4\} \setminus \{5,6,7,1,2,4\}$
  - (B)  $\{5,7,9\} \setminus \{5,7,9\} \setminus \{5,7,9\}$
  - (C)  $\{7,8,9\} \setminus \{7,8,9\} \setminus \{7,8,9\}$
  - (D)  $\{0,3,8\} \setminus \{0,3,8\} \setminus \{0,3,8\}$
  - **Answer: (A)**
10. How many states are needed in the DFA equivalent of the NFA for  $(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb$ ?
- (A) 4
  - (B) 5
  - (C) 6

- (D) 7
- **Answer: (B)**

### Set 3: DFA Construction

11. State **DDD** is defined as:

- (A)  $\{1,2,4,5,6,7,9\} \setminus \{1,2,4,5,6,7,9\} \setminus \{1,2,4,5,6,7,9\}$
- (B)  $\{6,8,9\} \setminus \{6,8,9\} \setminus \{6,8,9\}$
- (C)  $\{1,3,7\} \setminus \{1,3,7\} \setminus \{1,3,7\}$
- (D)  $\{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\}$
- **Answer: (A)**

12. Which set represents the final accepting state in the DFA?

- (A)  $\{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\} \setminus \{9,10\}$
- (B)  $\{8,9\} \setminus \{8,9\} \setminus \{8,9\}$
- (C)  $\{7,9\} \setminus \{7,9\} \setminus \{7,9\}$
- (D)  $\{9\} \setminus \{9\} \setminus \{9\}$
- **Answer: (D)**

13. On input 'b' from state **BBB**, the resulting state is:

- (A)  $D = \{5,6,7,9\} \setminus D = \{5,6,7,9\} \setminus D = \{5,6,7,9\}$
- (B)  $C = \{1,2,4,5,6,7\} \setminus C = \{1,2,4,5,6,7\} \setminus C = \{1,2,4,5,6,7\}$
- (C)  $\{8,9\} \setminus \{8,9\} \setminus \{8,9\}$
- (D)  $B = \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus B = \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus B = \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\}$
- **Answer: (A)**

14. The transition  $\text{Move}(D,a) \setminus \text{Move}(D,a) \setminus \text{Move}(D,a)$  leads to:

- (A)  $\{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\} \setminus \{3,8\}$
- (B)  $\{5,7,9\} \setminus \{5,7,9\} \setminus \{5,7,9\}$
- (C)  $\{8,9\} \setminus \{8,9\} \setminus \{8,9\}$
- (D)  $B = \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus B = \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\} \setminus B = \{1,2,3,4,6,7,8\}$
- **Answer: (A)**

15. How many transitions are there in the final DFA?

- (A) 8
- (B) 9
- (C) 10
- (D) 11
- **Answer: (B)**

1. What is the initial state of a DFA constructed from an NFA?

- (A) All accepting states of the NFA
- (B)  $\epsilon$ -closure of the NFA's initial state
- (C) A single state
- (D) None of the above

**Answer: (B)**

2. In the subset construction algorithm, how many states will a DFA have at most if the NFA has  $n$  states?

- (A)  $2n^{2n}$
- (B)  $n^{2n}$
- (C)  $n$
- (D)  $n+1$

**Answer: (A)**

3. What does the  $\epsilon$ -closure of a state in an NFA represent?
- (A) All states reachable by one  $\epsilon$  transition
  - (B) All states reachable by zero or more  $\epsilon$  transitions
  - (C) Only the starting state
  - (D) None of the above
- Answer: (B)**
4. How are the final states of the DFA determined when constructing from an NFA?
- (A) Any state containing at least one NFA final state in its subset
  - (B) Only the NFA's final state
  - (C) Union of all NFA states
  - (D) All reachable states
- Answer: (A)**
5. What is the correct  $\epsilon$ -closure of state  $q_0q_0q_0$  if  $q_0q_0q_0$  has  $\epsilon$ -transitions to  $q_1q_1q_1$  and  $q_2q_2q_2$ ?
- (A)  $\{q_0, q_1, q_2\} \setminus \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$
  - (B)  $\{q_1, q_2\} \setminus \{q_1, q_2\}$
  - (C)  $\{q_0\} \setminus \{q_0\}$
  - (D) None of the above
- Answer: (A)**
6. Which of the following is **true** about deterministic finite automata (DFA)?
- (A) A DFA may have multiple transitions for the same input symbol
  - (B) A DFA can have  $\epsilon$ -transitions
  - (C) A DFA must have exactly one transition for each symbol from every state
  - (D) None of the above
- Answer: (C)**
7. In the DFA  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 7\}$ ,  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 7\}$ , what does  $\text{Move}(A, b)\text{Move}(A, b)\text{Move}(A, b)$  represent?
- (A) States reachable from AAA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions
  - (B) States reachable from AAA with input bbb
  - (C) States reachable from AAA with input aaa
  - (D) None of the above
- Answer: (B)**
8. Which of the following is **true** for a DFA?
- (A) It can represent any NFA
  - (B) It is always equivalent to an NFA
  - (C) DFA states can be a power set of NFA states
  - (D) All of the above
- Answer: (D)**
9. How is the DFA transition table constructed?
- (A) Using  $\epsilon$ -closures and subset construction
  - (B) By directly copying the NFA transitions
  - (C) By converting to a grammar first
  - (D) None of the above
- Answer: (A)**
10. What is the time complexity of converting an NFA to a DFA in terms of states?
- (A)  $O(2^n)O(2^n)O(2^n)$
  - (B)  $O(n^2)O(n^2)O(n^2)$
  - (C)  $O(n)O(n)O(n)$
  - (D)  $O(1)O(1)O(1)$
- Answer: (A)**

11. If a DFA has states  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 7\}$ ,  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 7\}$ , and  $\text{Move}(A, a) = \{3, 8\}$ ,  $\text{Move}(A, a) = \{3, 8\}$ , what is the  $\epsilon$ -closure of  $\text{Move}(A, a)$ ?

- (A)  $\{3, 8\}$
- (B)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\}$
- (C)  $\{3, 6, 7, 1, 2, 4, 8\}$
- (D) None of the above

**Answer:** (C)

12. If a DFA state  $B = \{1, 2, 4, 6, 7\}$ , transitions on input bbb to  $\{5, 9\}$ , the next DFA state is:

- (A)  $\{5, 9\}$
- (B)  $\epsilon$ -closure of  $\{5, 9\}$
- (C)  $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9\}$
- (D) None of the above

**Answer:** (B)

13. How many distinct states are there in the minimized DFA for the language  $(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb$ ?

- (A) 4
- (B) 3
- (C) 5
- (D) 6

**Answer:** (A)

14. In the language  $(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb(a|b)^*abb$ , what does the DFA final state represent?

- (A) Acceptance of strings ending with abbabbabb
- (B) Acceptance of strings starting with abbabbabb
- (C) Strings containing abbabbabb as a substring
- (D) None of the above

**Answer:** (A)

15. Which of the following is not possible with a DFA?

- (A) Recognizing regular languages
- (B) Recognizing context-free languages
- (C) Accepting only finite-length strings
- (D) Having a unique transition for each input

**Answer:** (B)

• **What is the primary role of a parser in the compiler model?**

- (A) Translate code into assembly
- (B) Verify syntax and construct parse trees
- (C) Generate machine code
- (D) Optimize the code

**Answer:** (B)

• Which type of error does the parser handle?

- (A) Logical errors
- (B) Syntax errors
- (C) Runtime errors
- (D) Lexical errors

**Answer:** (B)

• What does a parse tree represent?

- (A) Syntax rules
- (B) Semantic structure
- (C) Syntactic structure of tokens
- (D) Compiler output

**Answer:** (C)

• Which grammar type is the most restrictive?

- (A) Type-0
- (B) Type-1
- (C) Type-2
- (D) Type-3

**Answer:** (D)

• Which grammar is known as Context-Free Grammar (CFG)?

- (A) Type-0
- (B) Type-1
- (C) Type-2
- (D) Type-3

**Answer:** (C)

• What is the output of leftmost derivation for the string  $id + id * id$  using the grammar  $S \rightarrow S+S | S*S | id$   $S \rightarrow S+S | S * S | id$   $S \rightarrow S+S | S*S | id$ ?

- (A)  $S \rightarrow id+S*idS \rightarrow id + S * idS \rightarrow id+S*id$
- (B)  $S \rightarrow id+id*idS \rightarrow id + id * idS \rightarrow id+id*id$
- (C)  $S \rightarrow id+id+idS \rightarrow id + id + idS \rightarrow id+id+id$
- (D)  $S \rightarrow id*id+idS \rightarrow id * id + idS \rightarrow id*id+id$

**Answer:** (B)

• In top-down parsing, which issue needs to be eliminated?

- (A) Ambiguity
- (B) Left recursion
- (C) Semantic errors
- (D) Lexical errors

**Answer:** (B)



- **Which is not a type of left recursion?**

- (A) Direct
- (B) Hidden
- (C) Indirect
- (D) Associative

**Answer:** (D)

- **Which technique is used to address ambiguity in grammar?**

- (A) Left factoring
- (B) Recursive descent parsing
- (C) Semantic analysis
- (D) Lexical analysis

**Answer:** (A)

- **What is the purpose of syntax error handling in parsers?**

- (A) Debugging semantic errors
- (B) Detecting logical errors
- (C) Reporting and recovering from syntax errors
- (D) Improving code efficiency

**Answer:** (C)

- **Which parser uses lookahead to make decisions?**

- (A) Top-down parser
- (B) Bottom-up parser
- (C) Recursive descent parser
- (D) Predictive parser

**Answer:** (D)

- **What is the input to a parser?**

- (A) Source code
- (B) Syntax tree
- (C) Tokens from the lexical analyzer
- (D) Intermediate code

**Answer:** (C)

- **Which LR parser is the most powerful?**

- (A) LR(0)
  - (B) SLR
  - (C) LALR
  - (D) CLR
- Answer:** (D)

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• Which grammar production is not allowed in regular grammar?

- (A)  $A \rightarrow aBA \rightarrow aBA \rightarrow aB$
- (B)  $A \rightarrow aA \rightarrow aA \rightarrow a$
- (C)  $A \rightarrow BaA \rightarrow BaA \rightarrow Ba$
- (D)  $A \rightarrow \epsilon A \rightarrow \epsilon A \rightarrow \epsilon$

**Answer:** (C)

• Which parser constructs a derivation tree using a stack?

- (A) LL Parser
- (B) LR Parser
- (C) Recursive Descent Parser
- (D) Syntax Directed Translator

**Answer:** (B)

• What is the root of a parse tree for a given grammar?

- (A) A terminal symbol
- (B) A non-terminal symbol
- (C) Start symbol
- (D) Lexeme

**Answer:** (C)

• Which derivation replaces the leftmost non-terminal first?

- (A) Leftmost derivation
- (B) Rightmost derivation
- (C) Bottom-up derivation
- (D) Top-down derivation

**Answer:** (A)

• What is the main disadvantage of ambiguous grammar?

- (A) It generates no parse trees
- (B) It generates multiple parse trees
- (C) It generates logical errors
- (D) It generates syntax errors

**Answer:** (B)

• How can left recursion be eliminated?

- (A) By removing non-terminals
- (B) By using rightmost derivation
- (C) By rewriting the grammar rules
- (D) By simplifying the lexical analyzer

**Answer:** (C)

• What is the common solution for resolving ambiguities in predictive parsing?

- (A) Lookahead
- (B) Backtracking
- (C) Left factoring
- (D) LL(1) Parsing

**Answer:** (C)

• **What is the role of reduction in parsing?**

- (A) Replace a non-terminal with a terminal
- (B) Replace a substring by its production rule
- (C) Replace the start symbol with terminals
- (D) Replace errors with correct syntax

**Answer:** (B)

• **Which of the following is a bottom-up parsing approach?**

- (A) LL Parser
- (B) SLR Parser
- (C) Recursive Descent Parser
- (D) Predictive Parser

**Answer:** (B)

• **What is Left Factoring?**

- (A) Removing ambiguity from grammar
- (B) Eliminating left recursion
- (C) Refactoring production rules to common prefixes
- (D) Optimizing parse trees

**Answer:** (C)

• **How many types of LR parsers exist?**

- (A) Two
- (B) Three
- (C) Four
- (D) Five

**Answer:** (C)

• **What is a distinguishing feature of LALR parsers?**

- (A) Less memory usage than CLR parsers
- (B) Handles ambiguous grammar efficiently
- (C) Constructs parse trees recursively
- (D) Generates fewer conflicts than SLR parsers

**Answer:** (A)

• **What is the primary limitation of Type-0 Grammar?**

- (A) It is ambiguous

- (B) It is too general for programming languages
- (C) It cannot generate infinite strings
- (D) It lacks context sensitivity

**Answer:** (B)

• **Which method allows a grammar to be predictive?**

- (A) Left recursion
- (B) Recursive descent
- (C) Left factoring
- (D) Ambiguity removal

**Answer:** (C)

• **What type of derivation does an LL parser use?**

- (A) Leftmost derivation
- (B) Rightmost derivation
- (C) Reverse derivation
- (D) Mixed derivation

**Answer:** (A)

• **What is the main difference between parse tree and syntax tree?**

- (A) Parse tree represents precedence clearly
- (B) Syntax tree eliminates unnecessary nodes
- (C) Parse tree is generated after the syntax tree
- (D) Syntax tree contains non-terminal nodes only

**Answer:** (B)

• **What does an LR(0) parser lack compared to LALR?**

- (A) Lookahead capability
- (B) Efficient error recovery
- (C) Handling of large grammars
- (D) Grammar simplification

**Answer:** (A)

1. **What does LL(1) stand for in LL(1) parsing?**

- a) Left-to-right scanning, Leftmost derivation, and 1 lookahead symbol
- b) Left-to-right scanning, Rightmost derivation, and 1 lookahead symbol
- c) Right-to-left scanning, Leftmost derivation, and 1 lookahead symbol
- d) Right-to-left scanning, Rightmost derivation, and 1 lookahead symbol

**Answer:** a) Left-to-right scanning, Leftmost derivation, and 1 lookahead symbol

2. **Which data structures are commonly used by an LL(1) parser?**

- a) Tree and Stack
- b) Input buffer, Stack, and Parsing Table
- c) Queue and Tree
- d) List and Queue

**Answer:** b) Input buffer, Stack, and Parsing Table

3. **What is the purpose of a predictive parsing table?**
  - a) To parse regular expressions
  - b) To predict the next token in the input
  - c) To determine the appropriate grammar rule based on lookahead
  - d) To optimize memory usage during parsing

**Answer:** c) To determine the appropriate grammar rule based on lookahead
4. **Which step is NOT required when constructing an LL(1) parser?**
  - a) Compute FIRST and FOLLOW sets
  - b) Remove left recursion
  - c) Create an operator precedence table
  - d) Construct the predictive parsing table

**Answer:** c) Create an operator precedence table
5. **What does the FOLLOW set of a non-terminal represent?**
  - a) All terminals that can appear immediately after the non-terminal
  - b) All terminals that can appear before the non-terminal
  - c) All terminals in the grammar
  - d) The last terminal in the production rule

**Answer:** a) All terminals that can appear immediately after the non-terminal
6. **In LL(1) parsing, what does the '1' in LL(1) indicate?**
  - a) One non-terminal in the grammar
  - b) One lookahead symbol
  - c) One production rule per grammar
  - d) One step to derive the string

**Answer:** b) One lookahead symbol
7. **How does an LL(1) parser handle an error during parsing?**
  - a) It skips the current input symbol
  - b) It halts parsing and throws an error
  - c) It calls an error recovery routine
  - d) It continues parsing with the next production

**Answer:** c) It calls an error recovery routine
8. **Which of the following is a handle in a parse tree?**
  - a) The root of the tree
  - b) A substring that matches the RHS of a production rule
  - c) A terminal symbol
  - d) The leftmost non-terminal in the tree

**Answer:** b) A substring that matches the RHS of a production rule
9. **What is the first step in constructing an LL(1) parser?**
  - a) Compute the parsing table
  - b) Compute FOLLOW sets
  - c) Remove left recursion from the grammar
  - d) Parse the input string

**Answer:** c) Remove left recursion from the grammar
10. **What action does an LL(1) parser take if  $X = a \neq \$$ ?**
  - a) Halts parsing
  - b) Pops X off the stack and advances the input pointer
  - c) Calls the error recovery routine
  - d) Pushes a onto the stack

**Answer:** b) Pops X off the stack and advances the input pointer

**11. What is "handle pruning"?**

- a) Identifying and expanding a handle in the parse tree
- b) Identifying and reducing a handle to the left-hand side of a production
- c) Optimizing the input buffer for parsing
- d) Removing unnecessary symbols from the grammar

**Answer:** b) Identifying and reducing a handle to the left-hand side of a production

**12. What is the main feature of operator precedence parsing?**

- a) No two adjacent terminals in a production
- b) Use of FIRST and FOLLOW sets
- c) Ability to handle left recursion directly
- d) Dependence on predictive parsing tables

**Answer:** a) No two adjacent terminals in a production

**13. What does the relation " $a < \cdot b$ " indicate in operator precedence parsing?**

- a) a has lower precedence than b
- b) a has the same precedence as b
- c) a has higher precedence than b
- d) a is equivalent to b

**Answer:** a) a has lower precedence than b

**14. Which of these parsers uses a stack to store partial parse trees?**

- a) Operator precedence parser
- b) Shift-reduce parser
- c) Recursive descent parser
- d) CYK parser

**Answer:** b) Shift-reduce parser

**15. What is the key advantage of LL(1) parsing?**

- a) Supports ambiguous grammars
- b) Simple and efficient table-driven parsing
- c) Does not require a lookahead symbol
- d) Directly supports operator precedence parsing

**Answer:** b) Simple and efficient table-driven parsing

**16. What is the starting stack symbol in an LL(1) parser?**

- a) The start symbol of the grammar
- b) The first terminal in the input string
- c) \$ (end-of-input marker)
- d) The first non-terminal in the parsing table

**Answer:** c) \$ (end-of-input marker)

**17. What is the relationship between FIRST and FOLLOW sets in grammar analysis?**

- a) FIRST is derived from FOLLOW
- b) FOLLOW is derived from FIRST
- c) Both are computed independently
- d) FOLLOW is the inverse of FIRST

**Answer:** c) Both are computed independently

**18. Which action in shift-reduce parsing moves a terminal from the input buffer to the stack?**

- a) Shift
- b) Reduce
- c) Accept
- d) Error

**Answer:** a) Shift

19. What happens when the parser stack contains only the start symbol, and the input is empty?

- a) The parser shifts the start symbol
- b) The parser reduces the start symbol
- c) The parser accepts the input
- d) The parser throws an error

**Answer:** c) The parser accepts the input

20. In a grammar  $E \rightarrow E + E$ , what type of recursion is present?

- a) Left recursion
- b) Right recursion
- c) Indirect recursion
- d) No recursion

**Answer:** a) Left recursion

## unit 4

21. • What is the main role of the intermediate code generator in a compiler?

- a) Translate source code directly into machine code
- b) Generate target code
- c) Translate source code into an intermediate representation
- d) Perform lexical analysis

**Answer:** c

• Which of the following is an advantage of using an intermediate representation in compilers?

- a) Easier debugging
- b) Facilitates retargeting
- c) Improves source code readability
- d) Direct execution of the source program

**Answer:** b

• Which of the following is NOT a type of intermediate representation?

- a) Abstract Syntax Tree
- b) Postfix Notation
- c) Three Address Code
- d) Machine Code

**Answer:** d

• What structure is used to identify common subexpressions in intermediate code?

- a) Binary Tree
- b) Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
- c) Hash Table
- d) Linked List

**Answer:** b

- In postfix notation, how is the expression  $a + b * c$  represented?

- a)  $a + b * c$
- b)  $abc*+$
- c)  $ab+c*$
- d)  $a*bc+$

**Answer:** b

- Which of the following is an example of Three Address Code?

- a)  $x := y \text{ op } z$
- b)  $x := y + z * w$
- c)  $x + y + z$
- d)  $a := b + c + d$

**Answer:** a

- What does the "Three" in Three Address Code refer to?

- a) The number of instructions
- b) The number of operands in each statement
- c) The number of temporary variables used
- d) The number of address fields per instruction

**Answer:** d

- Which of the following represents a temporary value using the position of the statement that computes it?

- a) Quadruples
- b) Triples
- c) Indirect Triples
- d) None of the above

**Answer:** b

- In a quadruple, the result of the statement  $x := y \text{ op } z$  is stored in which field?

- a) op
- b) arg1
- c) arg2
- d) result

**Answer:** d

- Which representation avoids storing temporary names in the symbol table?

- a) Quadruples
- b) Triples
- c) Indirect Triples
- d) Abstract Syntax Tree

**Answer:** b



- **What is an indirect triple?**

- a) A representation that uses pointers to triples
- b) A direct representation of syntax tree
- c) A hybrid of Quadruples and Triples
- d) None of the above

**Answer:** a

- **A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) does not contain:**

- a) Nodes
- b) Edges
- c) Cycles
- d) Values

**Answer:** c

- **In Syntax-Directed Definitions, what are attributes?**

- a) Variables in source code
- b) Semantic information associated with grammar symbols
- c) Operators used in intermediate code
- d) Rules for parsing

**Answer:** b

- **A syntax-directed definition using only synthesized attributes is known as:**

- a) Inherited Attribute Definition
- b) L-attributed Definition
- c) S-attributed Definition
- d) Context-Free Grammar

**Answer:** c

- **What type of attribute propagates information from parent to child in a parse tree?**

- a) Synthesized
- b) Inherited
- c) Context-Free
- d) Syntax-Directed

**Answer:** b

- **Which attribute is used to pass information bottom-up in the parse tree?**

- a) Synthesized
- b) Inherited
- c) Both a and b
- d) None of the above

**Answer:** a

• Which of the following attributes is used only in L-attributed Syntax-Directed Definitions?

- a) Synthesized
- b) Inherited
- c) Both Synthesized and Inherited
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

• Which of the following structures is used for parameter passing during runtime?

- a) Quadruples
- b) DAG
- c) Activation Record
- d) Postfix Notation

**Answer: c**

• In an activation record, where are local variables stored?

- a) Heap
- b) Stack
- c) Global Memory
- d) Symbol Table

**Answer: b**

• What is the purpose of an Annotated Parse Tree?

- a) To visualize the DAG
- b) To compute attribute values at each node
- c) To identify syntax errors
- d) To optimize memory usage

**Answer: b**

• Which parameter-passing method copies the actual value of arguments?

- a) Call by Value
- b) Call by Reference
- c) Call by Name
- d) Call by Copy-restore

**Answer: a**

• What does the `op` field in Quadruples contain?

- a) Temporary variable
- b) Operation type
- c) Operand name
- d) Memory location

**Answer: b**

• **What is the result of  $t1 := \text{uminus } c$  in a three-address code?**

- a) The negative of  $c$  is stored in  $t1$
- b) The value of  $c$  is added to  $t1$
- c) The value of  $c$  is assigned to  $t1$
- d) None of the above

**Answer:** a

• **In Syntax-Directed Translation, what does  $E.val = E1.val + T.val$  indicate?**

- a)  $E.val$  inherits its value from  $E1.val$  and  $T.val$
- b)  $E.val$  is synthesized from  $E1.val$  and  $T.val$
- c) Both inherited and synthesized attributes are used
- d) None of the above

**Answer:** b

• **Which of the following is an intermediate language?**

- a) Java Bytecode
- b) Assembly Language
- c) Machine Code
- d) Python

**Answer:** a

• **What does a DAG identify in an expression?**

- a) Temporary variables
- b) Common subexpressions
- c) Syntax errors
- d) Parameter dependencies

**Answer:** b

• **In an activation record, the control link points to:**

- a) Local variables
- b) The previous activation record
- c) The current function code
- d) None of the above

**Answer:** b

• **Which type of intermediate code is human-readable and close to assembly language?**

- a) Postfix Notation
- b) Abstract Syntax Tree
- c) Three Address Code
- d) Machine Code

**Answer:** c

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- **What does the operator [ ] in Quadruples represent?**

- a) Function Call
- b) Array Access
- c) Pointer Dereference
- d) Assignment

**Answer: b**

- **In parameter passing, what does Call by Reference do?**

- a) Copies the value of the argument
- b) Copies the address of the argument
- c) Does not copy anything
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

## **unit 5**

### **1. What is the primary purpose of code optimization?**

- A) To change the program output
- B) To improve program readability
- C) To make code more efficient in terms of time and space
- D) To increase code complexity

**Answer: C**

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### **2. Which of the following is NOT an optimization technique?**

- A) Constant Folding
- B) Code Motion
- C) Function Inlining
- D) Syntax Highlighting

**Answer: D**

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### **3. What does "Common Subexpression Elimination" achieve?**

- A) Removes duplicate variable names
- B) Eliminates repeated computation of the same expression
- C) Improves the readability of expressions
- D) Eliminates unused variables

**Answer: B**

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**4. What is "Dead Code Elimination"?**

- A) Removing unreachable or unused code
- B) Replacing inefficient loops
- C) Modifying code structure for readability
- D) Eliminating recursive function calls

**Answer: A**

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**5. Which of the following applies to "Peephole Optimization"?**

- A) Global data flow analysis
- B) Loop optimization
- C) Optimization of short sequences of code
- D) Dead code removal

**Answer: C**

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**6. In loop optimization, "Code Motion" refers to:**

- A) Adding new variables inside a loop
- B) Moving loop-invariant computations outside the loop
- C) Eliminating redundant loops
- D) Changing the order of loop instructions

**Answer: B**

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**7. "Reduction in Strength" replaces:**

- A) Complex instructions with simpler, faster ones
- B) Multiple variables with single variables
- C) Function calls with inline code
- D) Recursive calls with iterative loops

**Answer: A**

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**8. Which of these is an example of "Compile Time Evaluation"?**

- A) A loop executed at runtime
- B) Calculating constants during compilation
- C) Allocating memory during runtime
- D) Optimizing register usage

**Answer: B**

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### **9. What is a "Basic Block"?**

- A) A sequence of code with multiple entry points
- B) A section of code with a single entry and exit point
- C) A group of unrelated statements
- D) A set of functions

**Answer: B**

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### **10. In "Global Data Flow Analysis," what does "kill[S]" represent?**

- A) Data generated by a statement
- B) Data removed or invalidated by a statement
- C) Errors encountered during execution
- D) Constants eliminated during compilation

**Answer: B**

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### **11. What is the goal of "Register Allocation"?**

- A) Assign variables to registers efficiently
- B) Remove unnecessary registers
- C) Increase the size of machine code
- D) Simplify intermediate code

**Answer: A**

### **12. Which of these is an example of "Peephole Optimization"?**

- A) Removing unused variables
- B) Eliminating unnecessary jumps
- C) Reducing the strength of operators
- D) All of the above

**Answer: D**

**13. An expression is considered "Busy" when:**

- A) It is used frequently in a loop
- B) It is computed but not used immediately
- C) No operands are redefined before its use
- D) It involves complex arithmetic

**Answer: C**

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**14. What type of instruction is optimized using "Machine Idioms"?**

- A) Arithmetic operations
- B) High-level source code
- C) Target-specific efficient instructions
- D) Error-checking statements

**Answer: C**

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**15. What are the inputs to a Code Generator?**

- A) Assembly code
- B) Optimized source code
- C) Intermediate representation of source code
- D) Machine-level code

**Answer: C**

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**16. Which of the following forms the output of a Code Generator?**

- A) Source code
- B) Intermediate code
- C) Executable machine code
- D) Compiler errors

**Answer: C**

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**17. What is the primary objective of “Instruction Selection”?**

- A) Minimize register usage
- B) Select appropriate target-machine instructions
- C) Detect syntax errors
- D) Allocate memory dynamically

**Answer: B**

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**18. “Live Variable” analysis is used to:**

- A) Identify unused variables
- B) Determine if a variable’s value is used along any path before being redefined
- C) Track memory allocation for variables
- D) Eliminate loop-invariant computations

**Answer: B**

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**19. What is an “Available Expression”?**

- A) An expression available in the symbol table
- B) An expression not modified before its use
- C) A computed value stored in memory
- D) A statement with no side effects

**Answer: B**

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**20. The term “Instruction Ordering” refers to:**

- A) Arranging code instructions for optimal performance
- B) Removing redundant instructions
- C) Changing loop structures
- D) Debugging machine code

**Answer: A**

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**21. What type of language is "Postfix Notation"?**

- A) High-level language
- B) Assembly language
- C) Intermediate representation
- D) Machine language

**Answer: C**

**22. "Unreachable Code" occurs when:**

- A) The program enters an infinite loop
- B) A section of code cannot be executed
- C) Variables are never initialized
- D) A jump instruction is omitted

**Answer: B**

**23. "Flow Graph" is used for:**

- A) Representing function calls
- B) Tracking memory usage
- C) Visualizing control flow in code
- D) Optimizing variable names

**Answer: C**

**24. DAG stands for:**

- A) Direct Allocation Graph
- B) Directed Acyclic Graph
- C) Data Allocation Graph
- D) Dead Assignment Graph

**Answer: B**

**25. What is the role of "Semantic Analysis" in code generation?**

- A) Detect syntax errors
- B) Ensure type correctness and variable declarations
- C) Optimize register allocation
- D) Improve loop efficiency

**Answer: B**

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**26. Which of the following is NOT a property of optimized target code?**

- A) Correctness
- B) High quality
- C) Increased code size
- D) Efficient resource utilization

**Answer: C**

**27. Which optimization involves replacing " $x^2$ " with " $x*x$ "?**

- A) Dead code elimination
- B) Reduction in strength
- C) Constant folding
- D) Peephole optimization

**Answer: B**

**28. Register assignment is a sub-problem of:**

- A) Instruction selection
- B) Register allocation
- C) Code motion
- D) Constant propagation

**Answer: B**

**29. "Redundant Load and Store" optimization eliminates:**

- A) Unused variables
- B) Extra memory access instructions
- C) Dead code
- D) Infinite loops

**Answer: B**

**30. What does "Absolute Machine Language" represent?**

- A) Intermediate code
- B) Code with fixed memory addresses ready for execution
- C) Assembly code
- D) Object files

**Answer: B**