

Multiple Choice Quiz 1

1. Which of the following Visual C++ objects are contained within a "Project"? (a)

- I. Files II. Visual C++ Solutions III. Flow charts

- a. I only
b. I, II and III
c. II only
d. II and III only

Which is the start point of a Windows program (d)

- a. the status window of the Visual C++ environment
b. built by using sophisticated "Application Wizards"
c. a program that is able to control the operating system of a windows computer
d. the simplest type of application Visual C++ can generate

3. Which of the following is able to describe a computation at the highest level of abstraction? (a)

- a. C++ code
b. logic Gates
c. machine code
d. C code

4. Consider the following fragment of C++ source code. (c)

```
String msg; unsigned int x; int y;  
cin >> msg >> x >> y;  
cout << x + y;
```

Which of the following is (are) true regarding execution of the segment?

1. The input statement will always take the same amount of time to execute.

2. The output statement will always be executed immediately after the input statement.

3. If x and y are both positive, an integer greater than both will be printed.

- a. II and III only
b. I and II only
c. none
d. II only

5. Integrated programming environments make it difficult to mix and match tools from different sources. This is (b)

- a. good, because tools from different sources cannot be made to interact with each other
b. bad, because no single vendor is likely to be the source of all the best tools
c. bad, because all the tools will then have the

same user interface

d. good, because it ensures compilation is not done incrementally by accident

6. Compared to a sequence of machine code instructions, a fragment of C code (a)

- a. may describe the same algorithm
b. is the native way to program most computers
c. describes the actions of the computer, not just of the CPU
d. does not engage any transistors during its execution

7. Which of the following does a debugger do? (c)

1. Analyze the source code to find programming errors.
2. Decode machine code generated by a compiler.
3. Stop execution of a program.

- a. I, II, and III.
b. I and III only
c. II and III only
d. III only

8. When using a debugger to find the cause of a program's incorrect behavior, (a)

- a. it is often necessary to start the program multiple times under the debugger
b. the faulty code fragment must first be identified

- c. the program is usually executed to the point at which the behavior occurs and then executed backwards to find the cause
d. it is fastest to start by stopping the debugger long before the behavior appears

Multiple Choice Quiz 2

1. In a computer with 4-byte words, which of the following C expressions tests whether ptr contains the address of a word? (c)

- I. (ptr & 3) == 0
II. (ptr | 3) == 0
III. (ptr % 4) == 0

- a. III only
b. I only
c. I and III only
d. II only

2. What happens in a C program when an addition would cause integer overflow? (a)

- a. An incorrect result is produced and execution continues.

- b. An exception-handler is called with the two operands as parameters.
 - c. Execution is terminated.
 - d. The correct value is coerced to a floating point number.
3. In C, what is the following binary number in hexadecimal? (a)
- 11010101
- a. 0xD5
 - b. 0x5D
 - c. 0xB5
 - d. 0xAB
4. What is the purpose of the exponent in floating point numbers? (c)
- a. to specify the base as binary, octal, or hexadecimal
 - b. the mantissa is raised to the power of the exponent
 - c. to indicate where the decimal or binary point should be
 - d. to specify the superscript
5. How is -10 (decimal) represented in an 8-bit 2's complement binary format? (a)
- a. 11110110
 - b. 11110101
 - c. 10001010
 - d. 11111010
6. In C, using default floating point settings, what happens when a floating-point computation results in an overflow? (c)
- a. An erroneous value is computed and execution continues.
 - b. Program execution is halted.
 - c. A special value "infinity" is computed, testable with `_finite()`.
 - d. An exception is raised unless disabled by calling `_controlfp()`.
7. What is the value of the following C expression? (c)
- `0x1234 & 0x5432`
- a. 0x1111
 - b. 0x6666
 - c. 0x1030
 - d. 0x5636
8. Which of the following numerical operations is most likely to lead to loss of precision? (c)
- a. Floating-point multiplication
 - b. Integer addition
 - c. Floating-point addition
 - d. Integer multiplication

9. Which of the following could be represented by one bit of information? (c)
- a. the color of a single pixel on a true-color computer display
 - b. an ASCII character
 - c. the position of a light switch
 - d. the current channel of a television receiver
10. Which of the following statements about floating-point numbers in C is true? (a)
- I. Floating-point numbers are often only approximations of real numbers.
 - II. A 32-bit float only approximates decimal fractions, but a 64-bit double represents them exactly.
 - III. Floating-point numbers can represent any rational real number but not irrationals.
- a. I only
 - b. I and III only
 - c. II only
 - d. I and II only
11. How is 46 (decimal) represented in an 8-bit 2's complement binary format? (a)
- a. 00101110
 - b. 01000110
 - c. 00011110
 - d. 00101100
12. What is the value of the following C expression? (d)
- `0x1234 ^ 0x5432` (这是 XOR运算)
- a. 0x1030
 - b. 0x5434
 - c. 0x5636
 - d. 0x4606

Multiple Choice Quiz 3

- 1 : The program counter contains (D)
- a. the number of CPU instructions a program has executed so far
 - b. the number of times a program has been executed
 - c. the amount of memory a program is currently using
 - d. the address of the CPU instruction that is about to be fetched
- 2: Which of the following is a good reason (are good reasons) to equip the CPU with small amounts of fast memory? (a)
- I. To make the design of the compiler simpler

II. To make some CPU instructions smaller

III. To make some CPU instructions faster

- a. II and III only
- b. I, II, and III
- c. III only
- d. II only

3. Which of the following must be true if a program is stopped at a specific line within the Visual C++ debugger? (D)

- I. There is at least one breakpoint enabled.
- II. There is a breakpoint enabled on that line.
- III. There is a breakpoint enabled on the line preceding that line.

- a. I only
- b. I and II only
- c. I and III only
- d. none

4: Programs compiled for an Intel Pentium processor do not execute properly on a SPARC processor from Sun Microsystems because (B)

- a. copyrights regarding code cannot be violated
- b. the operation codes understood by the two processors are different
- c. the assembly mnemonics for the same "opcode" are different in the two processors
- d. the memory of a SPARC CPU is numbered from top to bottom

5: Within Visual C++, which of the following will reveal the value of variable when the program is stopped at a breakpoint? (B)

- I. Placing the mouse pointer over the variable name in the source file window.
- II. Inserting a `printf()` in the program.
- III. Typing the variable name on the "Watch" window.

- a. III only
- b. I and III only
- c. I, II, and III
- d. II and III only

6: Immediately after the CPU executes an instruction that is neither a branch nor a jump instruction, the program counter (B)

- a. remains unchanged
- b. is incremented to point to the following instruction
- c. has a value that cannot be determined without further information

d. is incremented by one

7: A CPU register is a word of CPU memory that (C)

- a. houses a critical variable for the duration of the execution of a program
- b. records the results of periodic CPU diagnostics
- c. is explicitly loaded and unloaded from normal memory by compiler-generated instructions
- d. is automatically loaded when a CPU instruction refers to a word of normal memory

8: Which of the following computations may be performed by exactly one CPU instruction? (A)

- 1. `a = 5;`
- 2. `a = b + c * 5;`
- 3. `for (i = 0; i < 10; i += a[i++]);`
 - a. I only
 - b. II only
 - c. I, II, and III
 - d. I and II only

9: Suppose that, using a tool such as the memory window of Visual C++, we found that a certain set of contiguous memory locations contained the integer `0xC605CD623A8365000000`. What could these memory locations hold? (D)

- 1. the integer `0xC605CD623A8365000000`
- 2. a string
- 3. a CPU instruction
 - a. I only
 - b. III only
 - c. I and II only
 - d. I, II, and III

10: A branch instruction (A)

- a. sets the program counter to one of two possible values
- b. increases the program counter by a fixed amount
- c. sets the program counter to one of many possible values
- d. unconditionally sets the program counter to its operand

11: A jump instruction (D)

- a. changes the program counter only if its operand is equal to zero
- b. changes a pointer to point to the next element of an array
- c. increases the program counter
- d. unconditionally sets the program counter to its operand

12: The machine code generated from source code by a compiler (C)

- a. associates variable values with their names
- b. executes more quickly than the source code
- c. does not preserve all the information given in the source code
- d. can be easily inspected to check the correctness of the compiler

13: Which of the following are true of the effect that optimizations have on the machine code generated by compilers? (B)

- I. The resulting code will be faster and/or smaller.
 - II. The resulting code will be clearer.
 - III. The resulting code will be harder to debug.
- a. I, II, and III
 - b. I and III only
 - c. I and II only
 - d. I only

Multiple Choice Quiz 4

1 : In C, assuming that an int takes 4 bytes, if array a is declared as follows and a has the value 0x10000, what is the value of the expression

a + 2? (D) (a 是 array 的首地址)

int a[12];

- a. 0x10004
- b. 8 plus the contents of location 0x10000
- c. 0x10002
- d. 0x10008

2 : The Visual C++ Memory window displays (A)

- a. the contents of memory, interpreted in one of several ways, without the associated variable names
- b. the names and values of variables in memory, interpreted in one of several ways
- c. the names and values of variables in memory, interpreted as 32-bit integers no matter what the variables' types
- d. the contents of memory, interpreted as 32-bit integers, without the associated variable names

3 : Consider the following code fragment.

```
int a;
int b;
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
int c;
int d;
...
```

```
/* some code */
}
```

Which of the following must be true? (B)

- a. The value of *d is closer to the value of *c than to the value of *a.
- b. The value of &d is closer to the value of &c than to the value of &a.
- c. The values of *a and *b are closer to each other than the values of *c and *d.
- d. The values of &a and &b are closer to each other than the values of &c and &d.

4 : Consider the following code.

```
char a[100];
a[99] = *((char *) (((int) &a[0]) + 4))
```

If integers are 32 bits wide, which of the following values is equal to a[99]? (A)

- a. a[4]
- b. the integer stored in the bytes a[4], a[5], a[6] and a[7]
- c. a[3]
- d. a[0] + 4

5 : Which of the following statements about alignment within C struct's is true? (D)

- I. Alignment may cause the allocation of unused space.
 - II. Alignment is required by all modern processors.
 - III. Alignment can help processors access data more efficiently.
- a. I, II, and III
 - b. I only
 - c. II and III only
 - d. I and III only

6 : In C, assuming that an int takes 4 bytes, how many bytes are required to represent the following array? (C)

```
int a[12];
```

- a. 12
- b. 52
- c. 48
- d. 44

7 : Given the following declaration and initialization of s, what is the value of the expression s[6]? (D)

```
char s[] = "string";
```

- a. '\n'

- b. an unpredictable value
- c. 'g'
- d. '\0'

8 : Given the address of a C struct at runtime, how is the address of a member element in the struct determined? (C)

- a. A linear search is made from the base address of the struct.
- b. The element name is looked up in a symbol table.
- c. A constant offset associated with the member is added to the address.
- d. The struct consists of an array of pointers to the elements of the struct.

9 : In one computer, the bytes with addresses A, A+1, A+2 and A+3 contain the integer 256, and the variable declared with `int * a;` has the value A. In a different computer, the bytes with addresses B, B+1, B+2 and B+3 also contain the integer 256, and the variable declared with `int * b` has the value B. Which of the following are necessarily true? (A)
The contents of A+1 are equal to the contents of B+1.

The contents of A+1 are equal to the contents of B+2.

`*a == *b`

- a. III only
- b. I only
- c. II and III only
- d. I and III only

10 : We want the variable `factorialfunc` to hold the address of the first instruction of the following function: (B)

```
int factorial(int n) {
if (n == 1) return n;
return n * factorial(n -1);
```

- a. 8
- b. 4
- c. 5
- d. cannot be determined from the information given.

```
}
```

How would we declare the variable?

- a. `int (int) * factorialfunc`
- b. `int (*factorialfunc)(int);`
- c. `factorial() * factorialfunc;`

d. we can't: C cannot extract the addresses of instructions.

Multiple Choice Quiz 5

1: Consider the program given below.

```
#include
int callee(void) {
    int count = 5;
    printf("%d ", (int) &count);
    return count;
}
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int count = 4;
    count = callee();
    printf("%d ", (int) &count);
    return 0;
}
```

Which of the following describes the output of the program? (A)

- a. Two different integers are printed, and the value of neither can be determined from the information given.
- b. One integer is printed twice, and its value cannot be determined from the information given.
- c. 5 is printed twice on the same line.
- d. 5 and 4 are printed, in that order on the same line.

2: What does the following program print? (D)

```
int callee(int * count) {
    count++;
    return *count;
}
int callee(int * count) {
    count++;
    return *count;
}
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int count = 4;
    int retval;
    retval = callee(&count);
    printf("%d", retval);
    return 0; }
```

3: At which of the following times is an activation record created? (C)

- I. When a program starts executing.
- II. Every time a function is invoked.
- III. When a variable is declared.

- a. III only
- b. II only
- c. I and II only
- d. II and III only

4: What does the following program print? (D)

```
void callee(int * count) {
    (*count)++;
}

int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int count = 4;
    callee(count);
    printf("%d", count);
    return 0;
}
```

- a. 5
- b. 8
- c. 4
- d. nothing: it will not compile successfully

5: Consider the following program segment.

```
int factorial(int * arg) {
    int n = *arg;
    if (n == 1) return n;
    return n * factorial(n - 1);
}
```

When the segment is executed, the variable n is allocated to (C)

- a. just one address, and it is not known to the compiler
- b. just one address, and it was chosen by the compiler
- c. many addresses none of which is known to the compiler
- d. many addresses that were chosen by the compiler

6: Consider the following program.

```
int i;
int j = 1;
int callee(int number) {
    int plusone;
    plusone = number + 1;
    return plusone;
}

int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if (j == 1) return callee(i);
    return j;
}
```

Which of the following are allocated in the

activation record immediately after the function callee() is invoked? (D)

- a. i, j and number only.
- b. i only.
- c. plusone only.
- d. plusone and number only.

7: Consider the following program. (C)

```
int i;
int * jp = &i;
void main(int i, char * argv[]) {
    printf("%d %d\n", (int) &i, (int) jp);
}
```

Which of the following describes what it prints?

- a. two values, one 4 greater than the other
- b. nothing: it will not compile because it is ambiguous
- c. two very different integers
- d. two integers that are exactly the same

8: Consider the following program.

```
int square(int * arg) {
    int n = * arg;
    return n * n;
}

int main (int argc, char * argv[]) {
    int arg = strtol(argv[1], NULL, 0);
    return square(arg);
}
```

When it is executed with the argument 5, the variable n is allocated to (A)

- a. exactly one address not known to the compiler.
- b. many addresses chosen by the compiler.
- c. exactly one address chosen by the compiler.
- d. many addresses neither of which are known to the compiler

9: What is printed as a result of execution of the following program? (B)

```
#include <stdio.h>
void callee(int * count) {
    (*count)++;
}

int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int count = 4;
    callee(&count);
    printf("%d", count);
    return 0;
}
```

- a. 8

- b. 5
- c. 4
- d. It cannot be determined from the information given.

10: Consider the following segment of C source code.

```
int a = 8;
int b = *&a;
```

What is the value of variable b at the end of execution of the segment? (B)

- a. &a
- b. a
- c. (int) &a
- d. (int) &b

11: In one computer, the bytes with addresses A, A+1, A+2 and A+3 contain the integer 256, and the variable declared with `int * a;` has the value A. In a different computer, the bytes with addresses B, B+1, B+2 and B+3 also contain the integer 256, and the variable declared with `int * b` has the value B.

In a computer in which both addresses and integers are 32 bits wide, how many bytes of memory will the compiler allocate for following code fragment? (C)

```
int a;
int * b = &a;
```

- a. 0
- b. 32
- c. 8
- d. 4

12: Activation records are organized in stacks because (B)

- a. they are seldom needed during program execution.
- b. stacks are simple enough for the hardware to manage.
- c. stacks allow activation records to be pushed and popped in any order.
- d. functions need to access all the variables of the functions that call them.

13: When executing a function `callee()`, which of the following are true regarding the value of the frame pointer? (B)

- I. It marks the top of the stack frame of the function that invoked `callee()`.
 - II. It marks the bottom of the stack frame of `callee()`.
 - III. It is the top of the stack.
- a. II only

- b. I and II only
- c. I only
- d. III only

14: Consider the following function.

```
int factorial(int n) {
    if (n == 1) return n;
    return n * factorial(n - 1);
}
```

How many activation records are "popped" when it is invoked by the expression `factorial(4)`? (C)

- a. 0
- b. 5
- c. 4
- d. 1

Multiple Choice Quiz 6

1: Which of the following are true about statically allocated data in C programs? (B)

- 1. Its location is chosen by the compiler.
- 2. Its location may change during execution if more memory is required.
- 3. Its location is not known directly but can be found in a static symbol table.

a. III only.

b. I only.

c. II and III only.

d. I and II only.

2: A memory leak is caused by a (D)

- a. function that allocates a large amount of memory from the heap
- b. bug in which too much memory is allocated, causing internal fragmentation
- c. bug in the memory allocator that fails to free memory

d. failure to free allocated memory

3: In C, local variables allocated inside functions are allocated (B)

a. in a fifo

b. on the stack

c. in static storage

d. in the heap

4: Suppose a compiler uses static storage to store all variables, function parameters, saved registers, and return addresses. Which of the following language features can this compiler support? (C)

I. Local variables.

II. Function calls.

III. Recursion.

a. I only

b. II only

c. I and II only

d. I, II, and III

5: The key feature of implicit memory management is that memory is freed automatically. Which of the following features of C make(s) it difficult to add support for implicit memory management in C? (C)

I. Pointers are not always initialized.

II. Type casting makes it impossible to know when a value could be a pointer.

III. C programs can allocate memory at runtime.

a. II only

b. III only

c. I and II only

d. I only

6: Which of the following features apply to standard heap allocation in C? (D)

I. The size of heap objects must be known at compile time.

II. Heap memory must be explicitly allocated.

III. Heap memory is deallocated when a function returns.

a. I only.

b. I and II only.

c. I and III.

d. II only.

7: In this sequence of C statements (C)

```
long a[10];
```

```
ptr = a + 5;
```

```
*ptr++ = x;
```

the last line could be rewritten as

a. `a[6] = x;`

b. `ptr = x; *ptr++;`

c. `a[5] = x; ptr = ptr + 1;`

d. `ptr = ptr + 1; *ptr = x;`

8: Consider the following fragment of C code.

```
int *p = (int *) calloc(100);
```

```
int *q = p;
```

```
free(p);
```

Immediately after executing it, which of the following are true about p and q?

I. p and q are identical pointers to freed storage.

II. p points to freed storage, and q points to an allocated block of size 100.

III. p should not be freed again, but invoking free(q) is all right. (B)

a. II only

b. I only

c. III only

d. II and III only

9: In C, to allocate an array of 100 longs on the heap you should write (C)

a. `long a[] = (long *) malloc(100);`

b. `long *a = (long *) malloc(100);`

c. `long *a = (long *) malloc(100 * sizeof(long));`

d. `long a[100] = (long *) malloc(sizeof(a));`

10: What is the value of an uninitialized pointer variable declared within a function? (C)

a. its last value from the previous call to the function

b. 0xDEADBEEF

c. the value is undefined

d. 0 (or NULL)

11: Consider a system in which memory consists of the following hole sizes in memory order:

H0 H1 H2 H3 H4 H5 H6 H7

10K 4KB 20KB 18KB 7KB 9KB 12KB 15KB

and a successive segment request of

a) 12 KB

b) 10KB

c) 9KB

Which of the following sentences is true? (D)

I. First Fit algorithm allocates H2, H0, H3 for the mentioned request.

II. Worst Fit algorithm allocates H2, H3, H7 for the mentioned request.

III. Best Fit algorithm allocates H6, H0, H5 for the mentioned request.

a. I and III only

b. II only

c. II and III only

d. I, II, and III

12: Consider the malloc() function. Which one of the following sentences is correct? (D)

a. The malloc() returns the amount of memory allocated

b. The malloc() allocates the desired amount of memory on the stack

c. The allocated memory is only local to the function

d. The malloc() allocates the desired amount of memory on the heap

Multiple Choice Quiz 7

1. What properties of a variable are specified by the static keyword in C?

I. The variable will be statically allocated.

II. The variable name will be visible only to functions defined within the same file.

III. The variable's value does not change very often.

The compiler uses this fact to focus optimizations on other variables. (d)

- a. III only
- b. I and III only
- c. I only
- d. I and II only

2 what will be the output?

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main(){
char *p="Hello world!";
int *q;
p++;
q = (int *)p;
q++;
printf("%s%s\n",p,q);
}
```

(a)

- a. ello world! world!
- b. ello world!llo world!
- c. Hello world!Hello world!
- d. Error

3. To resolve memory leaks in C, one common approach is: (c)

- a. to ensure that memory blocks are allocated only on word boundaries.
- b. to add padding before and after allocated memory blocks and to fill that memory with a known value.
- c. to check whether the number of calls to malloc() is greater than the number of calls to free().
- d. to store the source code line whence each block is allocated.

4. Consider the following fragment of C code.

```
int *p = (int *) calloc(100);
int *q = p;
free(p);
```

Immediately after executing it, which of the following are true about p and q?

- I. p and q are identical pointers to freed storage.
- II. p points to freed storage, and q points to an allocated block of size 100.
- III. p should not be free()d again, but invoking free(q) is all right. (a)

- a. I only
- b. II and III only
- c. III only
- d. II only

5. A static variable by default gets initialized to (c)

- a. garbage value

b. blank space

c. 0

d. 1

6. The C expression a->b is equivalent to (b)

a. *(a + b)

b. (*a).b

c. (&a).b

d. (&a) + b

7. In C, when a struct is freed, (d)

- a. only those pointers within the struct that point into the heap are freed automatically.
- b. any pointers within the struct are also freed automatically.
- c. a destructor function is called automatically to clean up.
- d. no pointers within the struct are freed automatically.

8. In C, which of the following is the best way to detect when a pointer is freed twice? (a)

a. Flag all blocks as free or not, and check the flag when calling free().

b. Set pointers to NULL after freeing them.

c. Modify free() to set the freed data to zero.

d. Keep a log of addresses that have been freed and scan the log before calling free().

9. In C, calloc() differs from malloc() in that calloc(): (b)

a. is faster.

b. sets the contents of the block to zero before returning.

c. allocates additional memory from the stack.

d. detects memory allocation errors.

10. A memory leak is caused by a: (d)

a. bug in which too much memory is allocated, causing internal fragmentation

b. bug in the memory allocator that fails to free memory

c. function that allocates a large amount of memory from the heap

d. failure to free allocated memory

11. Why is it wrong to return the address of a local variable? (c)

a. The local variable may be in a machine register.

b. It allows illegal access to the variable from arbitrary functions.

c. The variable address is invalid after the return.

d. It is faster to return the value of the variable.

Multiple Choice Quiz 8

1:How does JAVA handle memory allocation? (A)

- a. JAVA always uses a garbage collector.
- b. JAVA has a garbage collector that can be used or turned off.
- c. Allocation and deallocation is the responsibility of the programmer.
- d. Allocation and deallocation is completely shielded from the programmer.

2: A garbage collector (A)

- a. frees memory blocks that cannot be reached by dereferencing pointers.
- b. removes old versions of local variables from the stack .
- c. frees memory blocks marked as "deleteable".
- d. frees all memory blocks that will not be accessed in the future.

3: A memory pool is a large block of memory from which small objects are allocated piecemeal by breaking them off from the pool as required. Under which of the following conditions would such a scheme result in greatly improved performance? (A)

- I. All objects allocated from the pool are freed at around the same time.
- II. All objects allocated from the pool are of similar sizes.
- III. A garbage collector takes care of freeing memory.
- a. I only.
- b. II only.
- c. III only.
- d. I and II only.

4: Reference counts used in implementations of garbage collectors count (C)

- a. the number of times a block has been allocated.
- b. the number of times a block has been accessed.
- c. the number of pointers pointing to a block.
- d. the number of times a datum has been referenced inside each block.

5: To quickly allocate and free many variables of a commonly used data type, we could (C)

- a. coalesce blocks when they are freed.
- b. use sizes which are powers of two.
- c. keep a linked list of free objects of that type's size.
- d. minimize the size of the data type.

Multiple Choice Quiz 9

1. Which of the following are useful for observing program performance?

- I. Direct measurement with a stopwatch.
- II. Statistical Sampling.
- III. System Monitors (d)

- a. I and III only
- b. I and II only
- c. II and III only

d. I, II, and III

2. Which of the following approaches towards optimizing programs is most advisable? (b)

a. "Optimize as you go": make sure every function is optimized before writing the next one.

b. Optimize after all functions are written and debugged.

c. Optimize main() first.

d. Optimize the more complex functions first. You did not answer this question. Correct answer is

3. Which of the following is likely to offer the best performance improvement for programs that spend 50% of their time comparing strings? (a)

a. Store strings uniquely so that pointer comparison can be used.

b. Be sure to use hardware string-comparison instructions.

c. Write in-line code for string comparison to eliminate a procedure call.

d. Call a library function for string comparison.

4. In the process of Software Optimization Process, what should do first? (b)

a. Investigate causes of Hotspots

b. find the Hotspots

c. Modify application.

d. think of better Algorithm or using better Data structure

5. "Wall time" measures (b)

a. idle time.

b. the total duration of a program's execution.

c. the time a program spends waiting for input and output.

d. the user time plus the system time.

6. What is TSC? (c)

a. A timer mechanism of OS

b. A system call of OS

c. A timer mechanism of x86 platform, which is the shortname of Time stamp counter

d. A timer mechanism of C library

7. "CPU time" measures (b)

a. the time spent executing system functions.

b. the time spent by a program executing program instructions

c. wall time

d. the percentage utilization of the CPU by the system.

8. Which is a function call of C library? (a)

a. Clock()

b. SetTimer

c. gettimeofday()

d. GetLocalTime

9. Which of the following are advantages of using statistical sampling to profile programs? (a)

I. Exact run times of all functions can be determined.

II. Code can be instrumented automatically.

III. The performance impact due to measurement can be minimal.

a. II and III only

b. I and II only

c. I and III only

d. I, II, and III

10. Amdahl's law, applied to program optimization, says that (d)

a. each optimization about doubles a program's performance

b. program measurement is a prerequisite to optimization

c. algorithmic design is more important than code quality for performance

d. successive program optimizations tend to produce diminishing returns

11. General wisdom, expressed by the 80/20 rule, says that (c)

a. 80% of the execution time is in the user interface, and 20% does the real work

b. algorithmic improvements account for the smallest amount of performance gain

c. most execution time is spent in a small amount of code

d. optimization can obtain between 20 and 80 percent improvement

Multiple Choice Quiz 10

1. Which of the following is likely to offer the best performance improvement for programs that spend 50% of their time comparing strings? (b)

a. Be sure to use hardware string-comparison instructions.

b. Store strings uniquely so that pointer comparison can be used.

c. Write in-line code for string comparison to eliminate a procedure call.

d. Call a library function for string comparison.

2. Read the following code, and how can we optimize it? (c)

```
void lower1(char *s)
```

```
{
```

```
int i;
```

```
for (i = 0; i < strlen(s); i++)
```

```
if (s[i] >= 'A' && s[i] <= 'Z')
```

```
s[i] -= ('A' - 'a');
```

```
}
```

a. Enhancing Parallelism

b. Loop Splitting

c. Reducing Procedure Calls

d. Converting to Pointer Code

3. Which of the following is/are related to optimizing program performance by making it running fast (b)

I. By using faster algorithm

II. By not using pointer

III. By using data structure that occupy less memory space

a. II and III only

b. I only

c. I, II, and III

d. I and II only

4. Which of the following is normal skill of making program run faster (d)

I. Reducing Procedure Calls

II. Enhancing Parallelism

III. Eliminating Unneeded Memory References

a. I, II, and III

b. I and II only

c. II and III only

d. all

5. In order to optimizing program performance, we should know (a)

I. What is the hot spot

II. Understanding features of that processor on which the program will run

III. All the system calls that the program uses.

a. I and II only

b. I only

c. II and III only

d. I, II, and III

6. To quickly allocate and free many variables of a commonly used data type, we could (a)

a. keep a linked list of free objects of that type's size.

- b. minimize the size of the data type.
 - c. use sizes which are powers of two.
 - d. coalesce blocks when they are freed.
7. On the following opinions of optimizing C programs, which is/are right? (a)
- I. Just config the compiler in its optimizing setting, then nothing else need to
 - II. Understanding the feature of CPU is needless
 - III. Everything can be done in the C level, so it is needless to know the assembly code
- a. none
 - b. I and II only
 - c. II and III only
 - d. I only
8. On profiling, which is/are wrong? (a)
- I. GPROF is the profiling tool on Linux platform
 - II. it can be used to estimate where time is spent in the program
 - III. it can incorporate instrumentation code to determine how much time the different parts of the program require.
- a. none
 - b. II only
 - c. III only
 - d. I only
9. Which of the following approaches towards

advisable? (c)

- a. Optimize the more complex functions first.
 - b. "Optimize as you go": make sure every function is optimized before writing the next one.
 - c. Optimize after all functions are written and debugged.
 - d. Optimize main() first.
10. Which of the following is not optimization technique? (c)
- a. constant folding
 - b. code motion
 - c. memory aliasing
 - d. loop unrolling

Multiple Choice Quiz 11

1. Which of the following is (are) true of the concept of locality of reference? (d)
- I. It is used to predict future memory references precisely, with the help of the compiler.
 - II. It is a quality of typical programs.
 - III. It has been mathematically proven.
- a. II and III only
 - b. I and II only
 - c. I only
 - d. II only
2. Which of the following levels of a typical memory hierarchy transfers data in chunks of biggest size? (d)
- a. cache <--> main memory.
 - b. CPU registers <--> cache.
 - c. they all transfer one byte at a time.
 - d. main memory <--> disk.
3. Current technology trends suggest that the need for memory hierarchies (d)
- a. will disappear when "broadband" communications start delivering data over the internet at speeds greater than 1Mbps.
 - b. will disappear once processors reach clock frequencies greater than about 1000MHz.
 - c. will disappear once DRAM speeds improve.
 - d. will never disappear.
4. Which of the following is necessarily true regarding the following code fragment? (b)
- ```

a = b;
c = d;
if (e == 1) return;

```

- a. It exhibits no locality of reference.
  - b. It exhibits locality of reference no matter where the variables are allocated.
  - c. It exhibits locality of reference but only when a == b.
  - d. It exhibits locality of reference because the variables are allocated near each other.
5. Which of the following manages the transfer of data between the cache and main memory? (c)
- a. Compiler.
  - b. Operating System.
  - c. Hardware.
  - d. Registry.
6. Which of the following levels of a typical memory hierarchy transfers data in chunks of smallest size? (d)
- a. they all transfer one byte at a time.
  - b. main memory <--> disk.
  - c. cache <--> main memory.
  - d. CPU registers <--> cache.
7. Compared to dynamic RAM (SRAM), disks are
- I. more expensive per megabyte. II. slower per word access. III. more persistent. (c)
  - a. I only.
  - b. I and III only.
  - c. II and III only.
  - d. II only.

8. Which of the following manages the transfer of

and the cache? (d)

- a. Hardware.
- b. Operating System.
- c. Registry.
- d. Compiler.

9. A memory hierarchy (b)

- a. limits programs' size but allows them to execute more quickly.
- b. takes advantage of the speed of SRAM and the capacity of disk.
- c. makes programs execute more slowly but allows them to be bigger.
- d. is a way of structuring memory allocation decisions.

10. Compared to static RAM (SRAM), dynamic RAM (DRAM) is (c)

- 1. more expensive per megabyte.
- 2. slower per word access.
- 3. more persistent.

- a. I only. d
- b. II and III only. a
- c. II only. t
- d. I and III only. a

## Multiple Choice Quiz 12

1. A certain program is found to execute with a cache hit ratio of 0.90 on computer A, and of 0.95 on computer B. However, because of other design parameters of these computers, its wall time is the same in both A and B. Then, a clever programmer finds a way to improve the locality of the program, so that it now executes with a hit ratio of 0.92 on A, and of 0.97 on B. . t

Which of the following statements is valid? ( d )

- a. The wall time is still the same on A and B, though it is smaller than before on both of them.
- b. The wall time is now greater on B than on A.
- c. It is impossible to change the hit ratio of a program. U
- d. The wall time is now smaller on B than on A.

2. When the following code fragment is executed

on a computer with 32-bit integers and a fully-associative cache with 32-byte cache lines, how many bytes of the array a will be fetched into the cache from main memory?

```
int a[100];
```

```
for (i = 0; i < 17; sum += a[i], i++);
```

(d)

a. exactly 17.

b. exactly 32.

c. at most 68.

d. at most 96.

3.LRU is an effective cache replacement strategy primarily because programs ( a )

a. exhibit locality of reference

b. usually have small working sets

c. none of the above

d. read data much more frequently than write data

4 . Which facts about the cache can be determined by calling the following function? .

( a )

```
int data[1 << 20];
```

```
void callee(int x) {
```

```
int i, result;
```

```
for (i = 0; i < (1 << 20); i += x) {
```

```
result += data[i];
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

I cache line size

II cache size

III cache speed

a. I only

b. I and III only

c. I and II only

d. I, II, and III

5 . Consider the following fragments from two versions of a program. Version A Version B

```
// Version A
```

```
for (i = 0 ; i < N ; i++) {
```

```
Read(i);
```

```
Calculate(i);
```

```
Write(i);
```

```
}
```

```
// Version B
```

```
for (i = 0 ; i < N ; i++) {
```

```
Read(i);
```

```
}
```

```
for (i = 0 ; i < N ; i++) {
```

```
Calculate(i);
```

```
}
```

```
for (i = 0 ; i < N ; i++) {
```

```
Write(i);
```

```
}
```

Which of the following are true of version B, compared to version A? ( a )

I B may be faster because of cache effects.

II B may be slower because of cache effects.

III B may execute at essentially the same speed as A.

a. I, II, and III

b. II and III only

c. I only

d. I and III only

6 . When a cache is full and a new cache line needs to be fetched into it, which of the following is a pretty good, practical approach? ( b )

a. choosing the cache location currently occupied by the least-recently-used data.

b. randomly selecting a cache location for the new line.

c. denying the memory operation that caused the fetch of the new line.

d. choosing always the same cache location for the new line.

7.About the cache in a computer system, which is true(d)

(a) Every computer system has 3 level cache, that is L1, L2, L3 cache

(b) Every computer systems' cache system have data cache and instruction cache

(c) Every computer systems' cache system has 2 level cache, that is L1, and L2 cache

(d) Every computer system's cache system has L1 and L2 cache inside CPU chip

a. I only

b. I and III only

c. II and III only

d. none

8.A program whose code and data together occupy fewer than 256 Kbytes is executed on a computer with a 512 Kbyte direct cache. Which of the following is true? (c)

a. Every instruction fetch will cause a cache miss.

b. No bytes will be fetched from main memory



c. There is no telling, from the information given, how many bytes will be fetched from main memory.

d. Some bytes, but at most 256 Kbytes, will be fetched from main memory.

9. Two computers A and B with a cache in the CPU chip differ only in that A has an L2 cache and B does not. Which of the following are possible? (a)

I. B executes a program more quickly than A.

II. A executes a program more quickly than B.

III. While executing a program, A fetches more data from main memory than does B.

a. I and II only.

b. I, II and III.

c. I and III only.

d. II only.

10. Your computer has 32-bit integers and a direct cache containing 128 32-byte cache lines. In the following code fragment, the compiler allocates a at address 0x800000 and b at address 0x801000. Before the execution of the code fragment, the arrays a and b have never been used, so they are not in the cache. What is the minimum number of bytes from each of the arrays a and b that could be fetched into the cache from main memory, during the execution of the code? (d)

```
int b[1024];
```

```
int a[1024];
```

```
for (i = 0; i < 17; sum += a[i] + b[i], i++);
```

a. 68

b. 17

c. 96

d. 1088

## Multiple Choice Quiz 13

1. What can Loader do? (c)

I. translate the C code into machine code

II. Resolution

III. load or map the Executable object file from the disk to memory

a. I and II only.

b. I and III only.

c. III only.

d. I, II and III.

2 . What can Linker do? (c)

I. Resolution

II. Relocation

III. Take the same kind of sections from relocatable object files, and put them together according to their types

a. II only.

b. I and III only.

c. I, II and III.

d. I and II only.

3. Where the field, which describes whether Relocatable object file is using little endian or big endian, locates? (a)

a. ELF header

b. .text

c. .bss

d. Section header tables

4. At what time can linking happen? (a)

I. compile time

II. load time

III. run time

a. I, II and III.

b. II only.

c. I and III only.

d. I and II only.

5. Read the following code in two C files.

//a.c file

```
extern int shared
int main()
{
 int a=100;
 swap(&a,&shared);
}
```

//b.c

```
int shared=1;
void swap(int *a, int*b)
{
 *a ^= *b ^= *a ^= *b
}
```

After compiling, about the Relocatable Object files, which is right? (d)

I. in the .symtab of a.obj, swap is UND

II. in the .symtab of b.obj, swap is UND

III. in the .symtab of a.obj, shared is UND

IV. in the .symtab of b.obj, shared is UND

a. IV only.

b. all

c. I and II only.

d. I and III only.

6. Which section is used for resolution? (b)

I. ELF header

II. Section header tables