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**Mid-Term Assessment**  
**SOLUTIONS MANUAL**

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**Time allowed:** 1 hour

**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS [75 marks]**

1. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. **[3 marks]**

```
print(True or False and True)
```

- A. **True**
- B. False
- C. None
- D. 0
- E. Evaluating this expression yields an error

2. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. **[3 marks]**

```
print(3 + 20 / 4 * 12)
```

- A. **63.0**
- B. 63
- C. 69.0
- D. 69
- E. 69.0000019

3. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. **[3 marks]**

```
print(True or 'p'*2 and 1 > 3 or 1 / 0)
```

- A. **True**
- B. False
- C. None
- D. 0
- E. Evaluating this expression yields an error

4. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print(len('Kevin and Onion King'))
```

- A. 17
- B. 18
- C. 19
- D. 20**
- E. 21

5. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print(('dx'[1] + 'dy'[0]) * 2)
```

- A. 'dddd'
- B. 'dydy'
- C. 'xdxd'**
- D. 'xyxy'
- E. Evaluating this expression yields an error

6. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print('cucumbernimbus'[-1::-1][:3] + 'marine')
```

- A. 'marine'
- B. 'busmarine'
- C. 'cucmarine'
- D. 'minmarine'
- E. 'submarine'**

7. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
x = 15 / 5
if x > 5:
    print (x - 1)
elif x > 4:
    print(x - 2)
else:
    print(x)
```

- A. 0.0
- B. 1.0
- C. 2.0
- D. 3.0**
- E. 4.0

8. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
if True:
    x = 30
    if x < 100:
        x += 2
    elif x == 100:
        x += 1
    else:
        x -= 2
else:
    x = 15
print(x)
```

- A. 15
- B. 28
- C. 32**
- D. 31
- E. Executing this code yields an error

9. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
a, b, c = 'apple', 'bear', 'carrot'
if a and c:
    a = a[:2] + a[-1]
    c = c[:2] + c[-1]
elif not b:
    b = b[1:]
print(a, b, c)
```

- A. ape bear cat**
- B. apple bear cat
- C. apple ear cat
- D. apple ear carrot
- E. Executing this code yields an error

10. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
def fn(t):
    x, y = t**2, t**3
    if x > 1 and y > 1:
        return True
    elif x > 1 or y > 1:
        return x*y > 0
    elif y < 1:
        return False
    return x * y

print(fn(1), fn(0), fn(2))
```

- A. 1 True False
- B. 1 False True**
- C. 1.0 True False
- D. 1.0 False True
- E. 1.0 False False

11. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
x = 10
while x < 100:
    x += x

print(x)
```

- A. 160**
- B. 80
- C. 40
- D. 20
- E. 10

12. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
balance, interest = 5000, 1.6
for _ in range(2):
    balance *= (1 + interest/100)
print(int(balance))
```

- A. 5000
- B. 5161**
- C. 5243
- D. 5286
- E. 5327

13. Which of the following is a possible value of num, such that it would make the code below print out only the first 5 digits? [3 marks]

```
num = _____BLANK_____
for digit in str(num):
    if int(digit) > 5:
        break
    print(digit)
```

- A. 15520164
- B. 15520514
- C. 15520814**
- D. 15526814
- E. 15560814

14. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
num = 1932102

total = 0
while num != 0:
    digit = num % 10
    num //= 10
    if digit >= 5:
        continue
    if int(digit) % 2 != 0:
        total += int(digit ** 2)
    else:
        total += digit

print(total, sep="\n")
```

- A. 9
- B. 12
- C. 13
- D. 15**
- E. 18

15. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print(len([x for x in range(0, 6, 1)]))
```

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6**
- D. 7
- E. 8

16. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print([i for i in range(1, 10, 2)][::-1][2])
```

- A. 9
- B. 5**
- C. 7
- D. 3
- E. 1

17. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
ali, abu, achan = 3, 7, 4
tom = 10 * 2 / 2 // 1

l_ori = [ali, abu, achan]
l_copy = l_ori

ali = 1
l_ori.append(tom)
print(l_copy)
```

- A. [1, 7, 4, 10.0]
- B. [3, 7, 4, 10.0]**
- C. [1, 7, 4, 10]
- D. [3, 7, 4, 10]
- E. Executing this code yields an error

18. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print(len(((1, 2), 3, (4, 5), (6,))))
```

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4**
- D. 5
- E. 6

19. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
scores = [90, 75, 60]
score_diff = (
    abs(scores[0]-scores[1]),
    abs(scores[2]-scores[0]),
    abs(scores[2]-scores[1]),
)
print(score_diff)
```

- A. (15, 30, 15)
- B. (15, 30, -15)
- C. (15, -30, -15)
- D. (-15, -30, -15)
- E. (-15, -30, 15)

20. What is the output of the following code? [3 marks]

```
inbox = [9, 2, 5, 0, 0, 4, 3, 3, 0, 1, 8, 7, 0]
outbox = tuple()
temp = []

for item in inbox:
    if item != 0:
        temp.append(item)
    elif len(temp) != 0:
        smallest = temp[0]
        for comp in temp[1:]:
            smallest = min(smallest, comp)
        outbox = outbox + (smallest,)
        temp.clear()

print(outbox)
```

- A. (1,)
- B. (2, 3, 1)
- C. (2, 0, 3, 1)
- D. (2, 0, 3, 0, 1, 0)
- E. Executing this code yields an error

21. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print(set([3, 4, 7, 6, 0, 0, 1]))
```

- A. {[0, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7]}
- B. {[1, 3, 4, 6, 7]}
- C. {0, 0, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7}
- D. {0, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7}**
- E. {1, 3, 4, 6, 7}

22. The following Python expression is entered into a fresh Python shell with no prior import statements. Determine the result from evaluating the following expression. [3 marks]

```
print(len({(1, 3), (3, 5), (5, 7), 9}))
```

- A. 3
- B. 4**
- C. 6
- D. 7
- E. Evaluating this expression yields an error

23. The following program prints out a set named `result` at the end for each item in list `all`. [3 marks]

```
set_a, set_b, set_c = set("one"), set("two"), set("three")
all = [set_a ^ set_b, set_a ^ set_c, set_b ^ set_c]

for this_set in all:
    the_rest = all[:]
    the_rest.remove(this_set)

    for item in the_rest:
        result = this_set & item
        print(result)
```

Out of all the possible values of `result` printed from this program, what is the greatest number of elements possible?

- A. 3 elements**
- B. 2 elements
- C. 1 element
- D. 0 elements
- E. Unable to determine (program yields an error)

24. Which of the following lambda functions is equal to equation A below? [1 mark]

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{100}\right)^n$$

- A. `lambda P, r, n: P * 1 + (r / 100)**n`
- B. `lambda P, r, n: P * 1 + r / 100**n`
- C. `lambda P, r, n: P * (1 + r / 100)**n`**
- D. `lambda P, r, n: P * ((1 + r) / 100)**n`
- E. `lambda P, r, n: P (1 + r / 100)**n`

25. The program below contains variables whose values are defined with lambda functions. [3 marks]

```
f1 = (lambda x: x + x)
f2 = (lambda x: int(x ** 3))
f3 = (lambda x: x // 2)
f4 = (lambda x: x * 4)
```

If `num = 5`, which of the following produces the smallest value?

- A. `f4(f3(f1(f2(num))))`
- B. `f4(f1(f2(f3(num))))`**
- C. `f3(f2(f1(f4(num))))`
- D. `f2(f3(f2(f3(num))))`**
- E. `f1(f4(f2(f3(num))))`**

**NOTE:** This was an oopsie – 3 out of 5 options will get you the same smallest value, which is 64.

#### **FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS QUESTIONS [25 marks]**

26. After the user enters an integer `n`, the code is supposed to print out a list of integers from 1 to `n` inclusively.  
e.g., if the user inputs 10, the code should print:

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

Complete the code below by filling in the blank. [5 marks]

```
n = int(input("Please enter a positive number: "))
lst = []
for i in range(__BLANK_1__):
    lst.append(i)
print(lst)
```

Answer:

```
n = int(input("Please enter a positive number: "))
lst = []
for i in range(1,n+1):
    lst.append(i)
print(lst)
```

27. After the user enters an integer  $n$ , the code is supposed to print out a list of integers from 1 to  $n$  that has at least one digit '8' in it inclusively. e.g., if the user input 30, the code should print:

```
[8, 18, 28]
```

Complete the code below by filling in the blanks. **[5 marks]**

```
n = int(input("Please enter a positive number: "))
lst = []
for i in range(__BLANK_1__):
    if __BLANK_2__:
        lst.append(i)

print(lst)
```

**Answer:**

```
n = int(input("Please enter a positive number: "))
lst = []
for i in range(1,n+1):
    if '8' in str(i):
        lst.append(i)

print(lst)
```

28. For an  $n \times n$  chess board, we can label each square as an xy-coordinate pair. We will use zero-based indexing, namely counting starts with 0 instead of 1. The function `checker_coord(n)` returns a list of all coordinates in the board.

Sample output:

```
>>> print(checker_coord(2))
[(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)]
>>> print(checker_coord(3))
[(0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 2)]
```

Complete the code below by filling in the blanks. The order of each item in the output list must match that in the sample output. [5 marks]

```
def checker_coord(n):
    output = []
    for i in range(__BLANK_1__):
        for j in range(__BLANK_2__):
            output.append(__BLANK_3__)
    return output
```

Answer:

```
def checker_coord(n):
    output = []
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(n):
            output.append((j,i))
    return output
```

29. The function `is_power_of_two(n)` will return True if  $n$  is a power of 2 (i.e.,  $n = 2^{**k}$  for some  $k$ ). Otherwise, it returns False. For example,

```
print(is_power_of_two(1024)) # will print True
print(is_power_of_two(1026)) # will print False
```

Complete the code below by filling in the blank. Your code must be recursive and not use loop structures or list comprehension. [5 marks]

```
def is_power_of_two(n):
    if n == 1:
        return True
    return __BLANK_1__
```

Answer:

```
def is_power_of_two(n):
    if n == 1:
        return True
    return n % 2 == 0 and is_power_of_two(n//2)
```

30. Create a function named `make_function(n)` which will return another function that checks if a number is divisible by n.

Sample output:

```
>>> f3 = make_function(3)
>>> print(f3(6))
True
>>> print(f3(31))
False
>>> f7 = make_function(7)
>>> print(f7(17))
False
>>> print(f7(63))
True
```

Complete the code below by filling in the blank. [5 marks]

```
def make_function(n):
    return _____BLANK_1_____
```

Answer:

```
def make_function(n):
    return lambda x:x%n==0
```

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