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COMPUTER ORGANIZATION & ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING

– EXAM 2 –

FORM A

*Form B similar  
(different order)*

- Calculators, phones, tablets, and other electronic devices are prohibited.
- This is a closed-book, closed-notes exam.
- Do not begin working until you are instructed to do so.
- You will have 50 minutes to complete this exam.
- Fill in your answers in the space provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*SOLUTIONS*

Problem	Score	Possible
1		8
2		3
3		10
4		18
5		14
6		25
7		10
8		6
9		6
Total:		100

1. (8 points total; 2 points each) For each sequence of instructions, indicate whether or not the conditional jump will be taken.

0 or 2 points, no partial credit

- a. `mov al, -2`  
`cmp al, 3`  
`jle label` ☒ Will jump to label ☐ Will not jump  
*Signed*
- b. `mov al, -2`  $\leftarrow -2$  is FEh, which also represents 254  
`cmp al, 3`  
`jb label` ☐ Will jump to label ☒ Will not jump  
*unsigned - treated as 254 < 3*
- c. `mov al, 255`  
`add al, 1`  $>$  This will set CF but not OF  
`jg label` ☐ Will jump to label ☒ Will not jump
- d. `mov al, -3`  $-3$  is FDh = 11111011  
`test al, 80h`  $\& 10000000$   
`jnz label` ☒ Will jump to label ☐ Will not jump  
*Test if sign bit is set*

2. (3 points) Consider the following.

`mov al, 1`  
`cmp al, 0` ; After this, flags are: CF = 0, SF = 0, ZF = 1, OF = 0  
`jg label`

The `jg` instruction will jump to `label`, since  $1 > 0$ . In a sentence, briefly but precisely explain how the `jg` instruction determines whether or not to jump.

It jumps when  $SF = OF$  and  $ZF = 0$

3. (10 points) Suppose a procedure:

- Receives one stack argument.
- Has a prologue that issues `enter 4, 0` and then pushes ESI.

1 point for most other partially correct answers

The stack frame for this procedure consists of five 4-byte values (suppose they are stored in the memory addresses shown below). In a word or two, describe what is stored in each 4-byte entry of the stack frame.

0013FF6Ch	Argument	
0013FF68h	Return Address	
0013FF64h	Saved Value of EBP	← EBP
0013FF60h	Local Variable	
0013FF5Ch	Saved Value of ESI	← ESP

2 points per entry  
 1 point if an entry was present but in the wrong slot

4. (18 points total; 3 points each) Consider the following data section.

```
.data
START = $
array DWORD 11223344h, 55667788h, 9900AABBh
```

3 points each  
No partial credit

Suppose START is equal to **00405000h**. What is the value of EAX after each of the following instruction sequences executes? Write your answers in *hexadecimal*.

- mov eax, OFFSET array ; EAX = 00405000h
- mov eax, LENGTHOF array ; EAX = 3
- mov eax, array ; EAX = 11223344h
- mov eax, [array + 2] ; EAX = 77881122h
- movzx eax, BYTE PTR [array] ; EAX = 44h
- lea eax, [array + 2] ; EAX = 00405002h

5. (14 points) Suppose a program contains the following .data section.

```
.data
array DWORD 11223344h, 55667788h, 9900AABBh
```

7 points for  
the right memory  
operand + increment

You want to display the values in the array, one per line:

```
11223344
55667788
9900AABB
```

7 points for  
comparison  
+ loop control

Fill in the missing instructions to do this.

```
mov ecx, 0 ; ECX will count up from 0
top: mov eax, [array + 4*ecx] ; Load the next array element
      call WriteHex ; Display that value...
      call Crlf ; ...followed by a newline
      add ecx, 1 ; Increase ECX
      cmp ecx, 3 ; Are we done?
      jb top ; Jump back to show next element
```

← SIZEOF DWORD

OR

array + ecx

4 ← SIZEOF DWORD

12 ← SIZEOF array

jb top  
or jl or jnc  
← LENGTHOF array



6. (25 points) Fill in the code for a procedure remainder that:

- Uses the STDCALL calling convention.
- Receives two 32-bit, signed integers as arguments on the stack.
- Returns the remainder when the first argument is divided by the second.
- Does not appear (to the caller) to modify any registers except EAX.
- Creates and destroys the stack frame **without** using enter or leave.

This is roughly similar to the following C/C++ function:

```
int __stdcall remainder(int a, int b) {  
    return a % b;  
}
```

remainder PROC

; Prologue (do **not** use enter)

push ebp  
mov ebp, esp

← No local variables

push ebx  
push edx

← CDB will set EDX, so push that too

; Load the arguments from the stack into registers

mov eax, [ebp+8] ← Put first arg (dividend)  
mov ebx, [ebp+12] into EAX

; Perform signed, integer division

cdq

idiv ebx

← Remember: only one operand

; Move the remainder into the correct register to return that value

mov eax, edx

; Epilogue (do **not** use leave)

pop edx  
pop ebx

pop ebp

← No local variables to remove

ret 8

← Two args, STDCALL

remainder ENDP

5 points per section  
0, 3, or 5 given  
(wrong, partially  
correct, or  
fully correct)

Bits numbered 

7. (10 points total; 2 points each) Give a single, **bitwise** instruction that:

- a. Sets bit 2 of the value in AL. or al, 100b
- b. Clears bits 4–5 of the value in AL. and al, 11001111b
- c. Flips the low 4 bits of the value in AL. xor al, 00001111b
- d. Sets AL to 0. xor al, al and al, 0
- e. Multiplies the signed integer value in AL by 4. sal al, 2  
"2"

8. (6 points; 1 point per blank) Suppose  $x$  represents an **8-bit** signed integer value. In this problem, you will analyze the value computed by the formula

$$((x \& 1) \ll 7) \gg 7.$$

Fill in the blanks. You may use decimal, hexadecimal, or binary.

First, consider the term  $x \& 1$ :

$$(x \& 1) = \begin{cases} \underline{1} & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ \underline{0} & \text{if } x \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

A 7-bit left shift shifts the LSB into the sign bit, so

$$(x \& 1) \ll 7 = \begin{cases} \underline{80h} & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ \underline{0} & \text{if } x \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

A 7-bit arithmetic right shift copies the sign bit into all 8 bits, so

$$((x \& 1) \ll 7) \gg 7 = \begin{cases} \underline{-1} & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ \underline{0} & \text{if } x \text{ is even.} \blacksquare \end{cases}$$

9. (6 points total; 2 points each)

- a. If 31h is the underlying integer representing a Q5.2 fixed-point value, what is the value it represents, in decimal?

$$31h = \underline{00110001}_2$$

$$1100.01_2 = \underline{12\frac{1}{4}}$$

- b. Round the value  $101.110_2$  to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$ , writing the result in binary.

$$\begin{array}{r} + \quad 1 \\ 101.110 \\ \hline 110.000 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{110.0_2}$$

- c. To multiply two  $Q_m.f$  fixed-point values  $a$  and  $b$ , we gave the formula  $((a \times b) + (1 \ll (f-1))) \gg f$ . Briefly explain (in a sentence) why the  $f$ -bit arithmetic right shift is necessary.

The product  $a \times b$  has twice as many fractional bits (2f) as  $a$  and  $b$ . The right shift moves the binary point into the correct position, truncating/removing the extra fractional bits.