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Question 1:

2.2:

1. ((A) (B))
2. (A (B (C)))
3. (((A) (B)) (c))

2.4: ((BOWS ARROWS) (FLOWERS CHOCOLATES))

2.6:

EXERCISE

2.6. Match each list on the left with a corresponding list on the right by substituting NIL for () wherever possible. Pay careful attention to levels of parenthesization.

()	((NIL))
((()))	NIL
((()))	(NIL)
((() ()))	(NIL (NIL))
((() ()))	(NIL NIL)

2.13:

<u>FUN</u> Step	Result
Start	(((FUN))(IN THE)(SUN))
C...DR	((FUN))
C..AAR	(FUN)
CAAAR	FUN

<u>IN</u> Step	Result
Start	(((FUN))(IN THE)(SUN))
C...DR	((IN THE)(SUN))
C..ADR	(IN THE)
CAADR	IN

<u>THE</u> Step	Result
Start	(((FUN))(IN THE)(SUN))
C...DR	((IN THE)(SUN))
C..ADR	(IN THE)

CADADR	THE
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SUN Step	Result
<i>Start</i>	(((FUN))(IN THE)(SUN))
C...DR	((IN THE)(SUN))
C..DDR	((SUN))
CADDR	(SUN)
CAADDR	SUN

2.15:

2.15. Using the list ((A B) (C D) (E F)), fill in the missing parts of this table.

<u>Function</u>	<u>Result</u>
CAR	(A B)
CDDR	<u>(E F)</u>
CADR	<u>(C D)</u>
CDAR	<u>(B)</u>
<u>CADAR</u>	B
CDDAR	<u>NIL</u>
<u>CAAR</u>	A
CDADDR	<u>(F)</u>
<u>CADADDR</u>	F

2.16: It will error out because a CAR operation cannot be done on a single element (CAR only works on lists)

Question 2:

6. In what language is most of UNIX written? – C language

7. What is the disadvantage of having too many features in a language – It makes the language harder to learn

8. How can user-defined operator overloading harm the readability of a program? – It can reduce readability when users don't do it sensibly, which could confuse users of the overloaded operator.

9. What is one example of a lack of orthogonality in the design of C? – In C, structs can be returned from functions but arrays cannot.

10. What language used orthogonality as a primary design criterion? – ALGOL

11. What primitive control statement is used to build more complicated control statements in languages that lack them? – GOTO

12. What does it mean for a program to be reliable – A program is reliable if it performs to its specifications under all conditions

13. Why is type checking the parameters of a subprogram important? – It's important because it can lead to runtime errors, leading to undetectable inconsistency by the compiler or runtime system.

14. What is aliasing – Having two or more distinct names in a program that can be used to access the same memory cell, such as two unique pointers pointing to the same variable.

15. What is exception handling? – Exception handling is the ability of a program to intercept runtime errors (as well as other unusual conditions detectable by the program), take corrective measures, and continue.

16. Why is readability important to writability – Programs that are difficult to read are both difficult to write and modify

20. What two programming language deficiencies were discovered as a result of the research in software development in the 1970s? – Incompleteness of type checking and inadequacy of control statements

21. What are the three fundamental features of an object-oriented programming language? – Data abstraction (encapsulation), inheritance, and dynamic method binding (polymorphism)

22. What language was the first to support the three fundamental features of object-oriented programming? – SmallTalk

23. What is an example of two language design criteria that are in direct conflict with each other? – Reliability and cost of execution

24. What are the three general methods of implementing a programming language? – Compiler implementation, pure interpretation, hybrid interpretation

25. Which produces faster program execution, a compiler or a pure

interpreter? - Compiler

29. What are the advantages in implementing a language with a pure

interpreter? – Source level debugging operations, ease of implementation, and flexibility for dynamic features

Question 3:

Sequence of CARs and CDRs that return x when applied to:

- a. (a b x d)
- b. (a (b (x d)))
- c. (((a (b (x) d))))

for a: (car (cdr (cdr '(a b x d))))

for b: (car (car (cdr (car (cdr '(a (b (x d))))))))

for c: (car (car (cdr (car (cdr (car (car '(((a (b (x) d))))))))))

Question 4:

for a: (cons 'a (cons 'b (cons 'x (cons 'd nil))))

for b: (cons 'a (cons (cons 'b (cons (cons 'x (cons 'd nil)) nil)) nil))

for c: (cons (cons (cons 'a (cons (cons 'b (cons (cons 'x nil) (cons 'd nil))) nil)) nil) nil)