

**Q34.** Which of the following is an appropriate description concerning the role of a shell in an OS?

- a) It allows mouse operations, instead of keyboard operations, such as selecting commands from menus and selecting items on setup screens in an application.
- b) It holds reference information for frequently used files and directories so that users can use these items even if they do not know the actual paths.
- c) It interprets the commands entered by the user and instructs the OS to execute the corresponding functions.
- d) It performs efficient security management and mutual exclusion (exclusive control) when multiple users simultaneously access common resources.