

Total: 2 pts, 0.5 pts each

1. Given that you can create multiple threads to perform different tasks within a program, explain why you might still need to use `fork()`. (give *2 reasons*).

2. Which of the following is true about Thread v.s. Process (multi-answer)

- a. All threads within a process share the same heap.
- b. The signal dispositions are per-thread.
- c. Each thread within a process can use `exec()` to execute a new program without affecting other threads in the same process.
- d. A thread-safe function is always a reentrant function.
- e. It is impossible for multiple processes to share the same mutex.

3. Which of the following is true about the process address space (multi-answer):

- a. In modern Unix systems, a user program usually accesses memory via virtual addresses.
- b. In modern Unix systems, processes can no longer share memory since copy-on-write is employed during `fork()`.
- c. A process can perform memory-mapped I/O using `mmap()`. To ensure the copied file contents are carried out to the file, one should always specify `MAP_PRIVATE` in the flags passed to `mmap()`.
- d. When the argument ***addr*** passed to `mmap()` is `NULL`, the OS kernel chooses the address in the kernel space at which to create the mapping.
- e. Assume that a peer thread in a process uses `mmap()` to create an anonymous mapping, it is possible for other threads in the same process to access the mapping.

4. In Linux, you can observe the address space layout of a process via the file `/proc/$PID/maps` in “procfs” (i.e., `/proc/`). For instance, you can observe the process layout with PID 100 by “`cat /proc/100/maps`”.

Write a C program that does nothing but create a new anonymous memory region with `addr=NULL` and `size=1024` via ***mmap()***. Discuss what you observe from `/proc/PID/maps` when you execute the program (`PID ==` process ID of the program).