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Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A developer observes segmentation faults in a C program. Which situation most commonly causes this?

- ☐ a. Low network bandwidth
- ☐ b. Writing to a log file
- ☐ c. Using too many threads
- ☒ d. Accessing array out of bounds

Question 2

Complete

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

A DHCP client doesn't receive an IP address. Packet capture shows Discover messages but no Offer messages. Which is the most likely issue?

- ☒ a. Client is sending Discover to wrong MAC
- ☐ b. DNS not configured
- ☐ c. DHCP server not reachable or wrong VLAN
- ☐ d. Gateway unreachable

Question 3

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A file read operation is very slow on first access but fast on subsequent accesses. Why?

- ☐ a. Disk fragmentation
- ☐ b. File permissions change
- ☐ c. Swap space used for caching
- ☒ d. OS stores data in cache after first access

Question 4

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A network interface frequently flaps (UP/DOWN). Logs show "interface duplex mismatch." Which combination would cause this?

- ☐ a. Both sides full-duplex
- ☒ b. One side full-duplex, the other half-duplex
- ☐ c. Both sides half-duplex
- ☐ d. Both sides auto-negotiation

Question 5

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A process is in the "Blocked" state. Which most likely caused this?

- ☐ a. Finished execution
- ☐ b. CPU preemption
- ☐ c. Removed from the ready queue
- ☒ d. Waiting for I/O

Question 6

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A program enters an infinite loop with no blocking calls. What will likely happen?

- ☒ a. CPU utilization reaches 100% for that core
- ☐ b. CPU utilization goes to 0%
- ☐ c. Memory leak is triggered
- ☐ d. OS immediately kills the process

Question 7

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A program needs to create multiple isolated tasks that share code but have separate stacks. Which mechanism is BEST suited?

- ☐ a. Interrupt handlers
- ☐ b. Processes
- ☐ c. Signals
- ☒ d. Threads

Question 8

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A router receives a packet with TTL = 1. What will it do?

- ☒ a. Drop it and send ICMP Time Exceeded
- ☐ b. Forward it normally
- ☐ c. Fragment it
- ☐ d. Route it using a default route

Question 9

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A scheduled process is not getting CPU time, even though the CPU is free. What is a likely cause?

- ☒ a. Process priority is very low
- ☐ b. Context switch disabled
- ☐ c. Process is in zombie state
- ☐ d. TLB miss

Question 10

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A switch shows increasing MAC table entries until the table becomes full, after which it starts broadcasting unknown frames. What is the most likely cause?

- ☐ a. Port security enabled
- ☐ b. Wrong VLAN configuration
- ☐ c. STP disabled
- ☒ d. MAC address flooding attack

Question 11

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A system using virtual memory constantly swaps pages to disk. Performance becomes extremely slow. What is this situation called?

- ☐ a. Fragmentation
- ☐ b. Starvation
- ☐ c. Deadlock
- ☒ d. Thrashing

Question 12

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A TCP connection is established between two systems. Suddenly the receiver's advertised window becomes zero. What does the sender do?

- ☐ a. Resets the congestion window
- ☐ b. Continues sending small packets
- ☐ c. Immediately closes the connection
- ☒ d. Stops sending and waits for a window update

Question 13

Complete

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

A thread holding a lock terminates unexpectedly. What is a likely consequence?

- ☐ a. Deadlock (lock stays unavailable)
- ☐ b. OS unlocks it immediately
- ☒ c. Other threads automatically get the lock
- ☐ d. CPU halts

Question 14

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A user cannot reach a website by domain name, but can reach it using the IP address. What is the likely issue?

- ☒ a. DNS resolution failure
- ☐ b. MTU mismatch
- ☐ c. Incorrect subnet mask
- ☐ d. Routing table issue

Question 15

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

A user runs a program requiring more memory than physical RAM. What mechanism lets the OS still run it?

- ☐ a. Interrupt handling
- ☒ b. Paging + Swap space
- ☐ c. DMA
- ☐ d. Cache replacement

Question 16

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

An HTTPS connection suddenly becomes slow. Packet analysis shows many retransmissions but no drops. What is a likely cause?

- ☐ a. Wrong subnet mask
- ☐ b. TLS handshake failure
- ☒ c. High latency causing RTO spikes
- ☐ d. Congestion window too large

Question 17

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

In a multithreaded program, two threads try to write to the same shared variable without synchronization. What issue may occur?

- ☒ a. Race condition
- ☐ b. Priority inversion
- ☐ c. Deadlock
- ☐ d. Thread starvation

Question 18

Complete

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

In a subnet 192.168.50.0/26, how many usable host IPs are available?

- ☐ a. 64
- ☐ b. 30
- ☒ c. 62
- ☐ d. 32

Question 19

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Two routers use static routes to reach each other but traffic is not passing. Which scenario is most likely the cause?

- ☒ a. Only one router has a return route (asymmetric routing)
- ☐ b. MTU is too high
- ☐ c. TTL too high
- ☐ d. Subnets use private IP

Question 20

Complete

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You observe repeated ARP requests from a host for an IP that does not exist in the network. What is the most common reason?

- ☐ a. DHCP starvation
- ☐ b. ARP poisoning
- ☒ c. Host is performing IP scanning
- ☐ d. Incorrect gateway configuration