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1. (2) If you saw a label in the data section you could assume that in the C code there was either a **global** or a **static** variable.
2. (4) If a function is **NOT** recursive could its local variables be turned into global variables? Assume that all local variables in all functions have unique names. **Justify** your answer.
Yes it would be possible as there would only ever be a single instance of each variable.
3. (4) If a function **IS** recursive could its local variables be turned into global variables? Assume that all local variables in all functions have unique names. **Justify** your answer.
No, it would not be possible as each function needs its own instance of the local variable.
4. (2) What is considered the stack?
Wherever esp points and all addresses higher than it.
5. (2) What is considered the current stack frame?
Everything between ESP and EBP
6. (2) What does the prologue establish for each function?
That function's stack frame
7. (4) Explain what the call instruction does. Make sure to explain **what it does** and not what it is normally used to do.
It pushes the address of the next instruction onto the stack and then jumps to the function.
8. (4) Explain what the ret instruction does. Make sure to explain **what it does** and not what it is normally used to do.
It pops the element on top of the stack into EIP (The instruction pointer)
9. (4) According to the gcc C calling conventions, how are arguments passed to a function? In what order are they passed?
They are passed on the stack in reverse order of appearance (right to left).

10. (8) According to the gcc C calling conventions, which registers will not have live values in them when a function call is made? How does this affect the code contained in the calling function? How does this affect the code in the function being called?

EAX, ECX, and EDX. The calling function must make sure to save the contents of those registers if they do contain live values before calling a function. The called function can overwrite those registers but if it wants to use any of the other ones it must make sure to save the values first and then restore before it returns.

11. (2) According to the gcc C calling conventions, how are values to be returned?
Through EAX.

12. (3 each) Given we have the following struct declaration in C

```
1. struct Employee{
2. unsigned short age;
3. char last_name[15];
4. unsigned int ID;
5. char first_name[20];
6. };
```

and a pointer to an instance of the Employee struct call emp, translate each of the following lines of C to assembly. For the following questions Assume that emp is stored in EAX, index is stored in ECX, and b is stored in EBX. Assume also that there is no padding or word aligning done on the struct. Only the **first 2** lines of your answer will be considered for grading.

1. emp -> age = 25;

movw \$25, (%eax)

2. emp - > ID = 47859;

movl \$47859, 17(%eax)

3. emp - > last_name[5] = 65;

movb \$65, 7(%eax)

4. emp - > first_name[3] = 66;

movb \$66, 24(%eax)

5. emp - > last_name[i] = 66;

movb \$66, 2(%eax, %ecx)

6. b = & (emp - > first_name[i]);

leal 21(%eax, %ecx), %ebx

13. (2 each) Fill in the blanks to complete the assembly code that emulates the following C code.

```
1. int fib(int n){
2.     int fib1;
3.     if(n == 0 || n == 1){
4.         return 1;
5.     } else{
6.         fib1 = fib(n-1);
7.         return fib1 + fib(n-2);
8.     }

1. .global fib
2.
3. .equ wordsize, 4
4.
5. .text
6. base_case:
7.     movl _____$1_____, %eax
8.     jmp epilogue
9.
10.     fib:
11.
12.     #prologue
13.     pushl %ebp
14.     movl %esp, %ebp
15.     subl $wordsize, %esp

16.     .equ n, 2*wordsize
17.     .equ fib1, -1*wordsize

18.     movl n(%ebp), %eax #put n into eax
19.     #if(n == 0 || n == 1)
20.     cmpl $0, %eax
21.     jz base_case
22.     cmpl $1, %eax
23.     jz base_case
24.     #recursive case
25.     #fib1 = fib(n-1)
26.     push %eax
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27.      decl (%esp) #n - 1 on the stack
28.      call fib
29.      movl %eax, fib1(%ebp)
30.      #fib(n-2)
31.      decl (%ebp) #n - 2
32.      call fib
33.      addl $4, %esp #clear both args
34.      addl fib1(%ebp), %eax
35.      epilogue:
36.          movl %ebp, %esp
37.          pop %ebp
38.      ret
```

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