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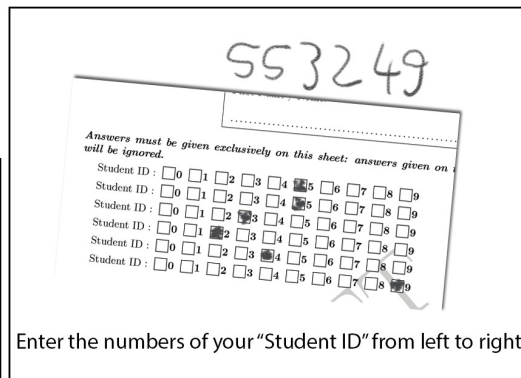
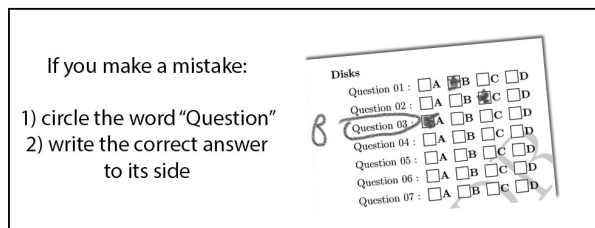
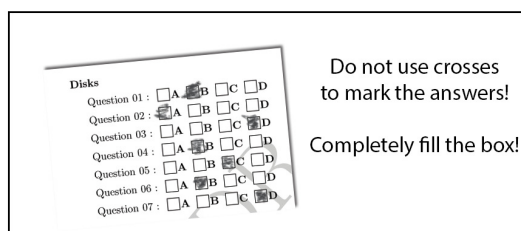
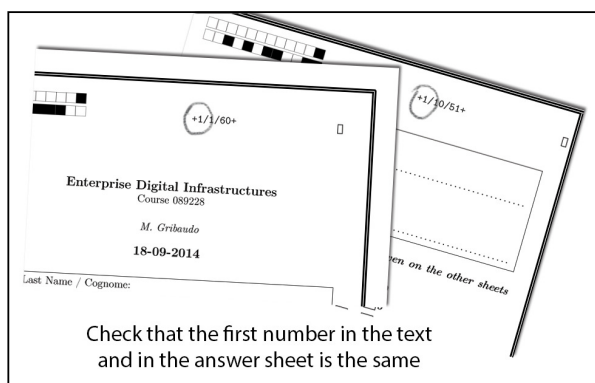
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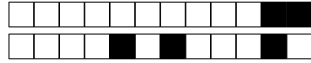
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Question 1 Which is the configuration characterizing the three-layers network architecture of a data-center?

- ☐ A Access – Fog – Core
☒ B Access – Aggregation – Core
☐ C Sensors – Aggregation – Cloud
☐ D Access- Aggregation – Cloud

Question 2 Which module is not typically present in the racks of a DataCenter?

- ☐ A Power distribution units
☐ B Storage units
☒ C Embedded systems
☐ D Servers

In the following questions we will assume that both failure and repair events follow exponential distributions.

Question 3

Let us now consider a generic component D. Compute the minimum integer value of $MTTF_D$ in order to have at $t = 10$ days a reliability $R_D(t) \geq 0.93$.

- ☐ A 10 ☐ B 55 ☒ C 138 ☐ D 74

Explanation: $R_D(t) \geq 0.93 \quad e^{-t/MTTF_D} \geq 0.93 \quad -t/MTTF_D \geq \ln(0.93)$
 $MTTF_D \geq -t/\ln(0.93)$

Question 4

Consider a system built by two different components in parallel. Assume for component A: $MTTF_A = 177$ days and $MTTR_A = 7$ days and for component B: $MTTF_B = 230$ days and $MTTR_B = 12$ days. The availability of the whole system is equal to:

- ☐ A 0.956185 ☒ B 0.998114 ☐ C None of the others ☐ D 0.914256

Explanation: $A_A = MTTF_A / (MTTF_A + MTTR_A) = 0.96196$
 $A_B = MTTF_B / (MTTF_B + MTTR_B) = 0.95041$
 $A_{sys} = 1 - (1 - A_A) * (1 - A_B) = 0.998114$

**Question 5**

Consider a system built by two different components in parallel. Assume for component A: $MTTF_A = 205 \text{ days}$ and $MTTR_A = 1 \text{ days}$ and for component B: $MTTF_B = 485 \text{ days}$ and $MTTR_B = 5 \text{ days}$.

The reliability of the system at $t = 6 \text{ days}$ is equal to:

☐ A 0.991342

☒ 0.999645

☐ C 0.989069

☐ D 0.987705

Explanation: $R_A(t) = e^{-t/MTTF_A}$ $R_B(t) = e^{-t/MTTF_B}$ $R_{sys}(t) = 1 - (1 - R_A(t)) * (1 - R_B(t))$

Question 6 A system is composed by 2 physical machines (Host1, Host2), with subnet addresses: 192.168.0.1 and 192.168.0.2 (default subnet mask: 255.255.255.0). Two Virtual Machines, VM1 and VM2 run over Host1, connected in NAT mode. Other two Virtual Machines, VM3 and VM4 run over Host2, connected in bridged mode. Assuming that port-forwarding is configured to map port X of the guest on the same port X on the host:

☐ A a service running inside VM3 and listening on port 22 can be reached at the address: 192.168.0.2:22

☐ B 192.168.0.3 is a possible IP address for VM1 on the hosts' subnet

☐ C VM3 and VM4 are not reachable by Host1

☒ a service running inside VM2 and listening on port 8080 can be reached at the address: 192.168.0.1:8080

Explanation: No port-forwarding is required for VM3 and VM4, as they have IP addresses on the same subnet: 192.168.0.Y, reachable from Host1. Moreover, VM1 is NATted, so a service it hosts on port X can be reached at: 192.168.0.1:X



Question 7 In memory virtualization, "ballooning" is a technique that:

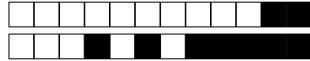
- ☐ A does not require support from the Guest OS
- ☐ B separates user logical memory from physical memory
- ☒ C allows the VMM to ask guest VMs to release memory pages
- ☐ D implies that the VMM determines the pages that are less used

Explanation: Lesson_3_Virtualization_B.pdf, slide 18

Question 8 With Bridged Networking:

- ☒ A guests behave as physically connected to the network interface
- ☐ B port-forwarding rules must be set to expose VM's ports on the network
- ☐ C requires the VMM to keep an internal table to map requests from and responses to each VM
- ☐ D the VMM provides an IP address to the VM

Explanation: Lesson_3_Virtualization_B.pdf, slide 56

**Question 9**

Consider a HDD with:

- block size: 3 KB
- mean I/O service time per block (with no locality): 9.0 ms
- transfer time of 1 block: 0.08 ms
- overhead controller: 0.2 ms

How long does it take to transfer a file of 130 MB if we assume a locality of: 60%?

- ☒ 167.20 s ☐ 172.17 s ☐ 399.36 s ☐ none of the others

Explanation: Total number of blocks to be transferred: $130 \times 1024 \text{ KB} / (3 \text{ KB/block}) = 44373$ blocks

$$44373 \times (1 - 0.60) \times 9.0 \text{ ms} + 44373 \times (0.60) \times (0.2 \text{ ms} + 0.08 \text{ ms}) = 167.20 \text{ s}$$

Question 10

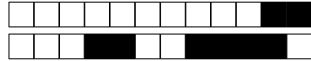
Consider 2 groups (RAID 0) of 2 disks each (RAID 1), for a total of 4 disks in configuration RAID 1+0:

- MTTR = 3 days
- MTTF(one disk) = 1400 day

The MTDDL will be:

- ☐ none of the others ☐ 326667 days ☐ 326667 days ☒ 163333 days

Explanation: $MTDDL = MTTF^2 / (totaldisks * MTTR) = 163333$ days (MTDDL is the same for any couple of disks (data and mirror) of the array)



Question 11

Consider the following RAID 0 setup:

- $n = 5$ disks
- $MTTR = 8$ hours
- $MTTF(\text{one disk}) = 1600$ day

The MTDDL will be:

- ☒ 320 days
 ☐ 200 days
 ☐ 320 hours
 ☐ none of the others

Explanation: $MTDDL = MTTF(1 \text{ disk}) / n = 320 \text{ days}$ (as MTDDL does not depend on MTTR)

Question 12

Consider a closed system with the following data: average number of users: 23 ($N = 23$) average response time: 28 sec ($R = 28$), average throughput: 0.42 trans/sec ($X = 0.42$), average CPU service demand: 0.60 sec/trans ($D_{CPU} = 0.60$). Which is the average think time Z of a user?

- ☐ 10.33 sec
 ☐ 38.33 sec
 ☐ 54.76 sec
 ☒ 26.76 sec

Explanation: $Z = N/X - R$



Question 13

Consider the following measurement data for an interactive system

- measurement interval: 5 minutes
- number of users: 47
- number of servers: 23
- average response time per transaction: 19 seconds
- Dmax 1.2 sec/transaction
- Dtot 1.2 sec/transaction
- number of completed transactions: 76

On average, how many users are thinking?

☐ A 18.12

☐ B 4.81

☒ C 42.19

☐ D 22.56

Explanation: $N_{\text{think}} = N - N_{\text{not-think}}$

$N_{\text{not-think}} = X R$

$X = C / T$

**Question 14**

By monitoring a single class interactive system, we are able to measure the following data:

- Monitoring period: 5 minutes
- Disk utilization: 0.25
- CPU utilization: 0.64
- CPU demand: 0.38 seconds/transaction
- Number of I/O operations / transaction 11
- Response time: 20 seconds/transaction
- Number of users: 44

Which is the average think time of these users?

☒ 6.13 sec☐ 3.26 sec☐ 26.13 sec☐ 5.44 sec

Explanation: $Z = N/X - R$

$X = U_{cpu} / D_{cpu}$

Question 15

Consider a single-class multi station system with two stations. We have the following information about the system:

- station 1 response time: 12 seconds
- station 2 response time: 4 seconds
- station 1 throughput: 3 transactions/second
- station 2 throughput: 5 transactions/second
- system throughput: 3 transactions/second

Which is the average response time of the system?

☐ 16.00 sec☐ 16.12 sec☐ 0.89 sec☒ 18.67 sec

Explanation: $V1 = X1 / X$

$V2 = X2 / X$

$R1 = r1 V1$

$R2 = r2 V2$

$R = R1 + R2$



Question 16

Consider a closed system with the following data: average number of users: 19 ($N = 19$) average response time: 40 sec ($R = 40$), average throughput: 0.47 trans/sec ($X = 0.47$), average CPU service demand: 0.78 sec/trans ($D_{\text{CPU}} = 0.78$). Which is the CPU utilization?

☐ A 0.53

☐ B 0.02

☐ C 0.63

☒ 0.37

Explanation: $U_{\text{cpu}} = X \cdot D_{\text{cpu}}$

Question 17

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- number of stations $K = 5$
- service demand $D_{\text{max}} = 1.1$
- service demand $D_{\text{tot}} = 1.9$
- think time $Z = 2$
- number of users $N = 4$

Which is the asymptotic lower bound of response time?

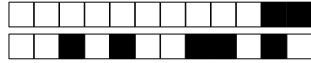
☐ A 1.46 sec

☐ B 1.52 sec

☐ C 1.26 sec

☒ 2.40 sec

Explanation: $\max(D, ND_{\text{max}} - Z) = \max(1.9, 4 \times 1.1 - 2) = 2.40$

**Question 18**

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- number of stations $K = 5$
- service demand $D_{\max} = 0.6$
- service demand $D_{\text{tot}} = 0.7$
- think time $Z = 1$
- number of users $N = 4$

Which is the asymptotic lower bound of throughput?

☒ 1.05 tran/sec☐ 1.67 tran/sec☐ 1.43 tran/sec☐ 0.79 tran/sec

Explanation: $\frac{N}{ND+Z} = \frac{4}{4 \times 0.7 + 1} = 1.05$

Question 19

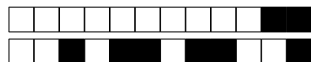
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- number of stations $K = 3$
- service demand $D_{\max} = 1.0$
- service demand $D_{\text{tot}} = 2.9$
- think time $Z = 3$
- number of users $N = 3$

Which is the asymptotic upper bound of response time?

☐ 0.00 sec☐ 4.47 sec☐ 4.49 sec☒ 8.70 sec

Explanation: $ND = 3 \times 2.9 = 8.70$



Question 20

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- number of stations $K = 1$
- service demand $D_{\max} = 1$
- service demand $D_{\text{tot}} = 1$
- think time $Z = 2$
- number of users $N = 4$

Which is the asymptotic upper bound of throughput?

☐ A 2 tran/sec

☒ B 1 tran/sec

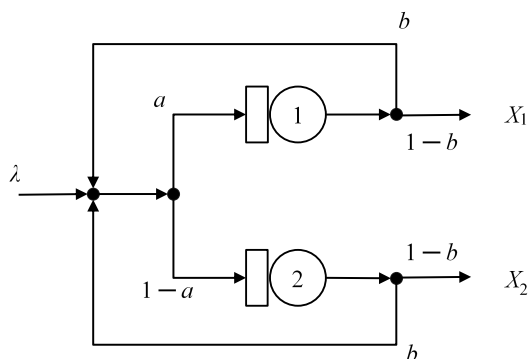
☐ C 0.667 tran/sec

☐ D 0.8 tran/sec

Explanation: $\min(\frac{N}{D+Z}, \frac{1}{D_{\max}}) = \min(\frac{4}{2.6+1}, \frac{1}{1.8}) = 0.56$

Question 21

Consider the following open network, where a and b are routing probabilities. Which is the number of visits at station 1?



☐ A $a * b$

☒ B $a/(1 - b)$

☐ C $a + b$

☐ D a

Explanation: $V1 = a*(1 + V1*b + V2*b) = a*[1 + b*(V1 + V2)]$

$V2 = (1-a)*(1 + V1*b + V2*b) = (1-a)*[1 + b*(V1 + V2)]$

$V2/V1 = (1 - a)/a = 1/a - 1$

$V2 = V1/a - V1$

$V1 = a*(1 + b*V1/a) = a + V1*b$

$V1*(1 - b) = a$



Question 22

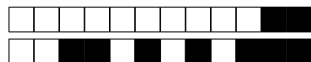
Consider a single-class open queuing network with the following characteristics:

- Visits station A (V_a): 1.1
- Visits station B (V_b): 0.7
- Service time station A (S_a): 0.25 sec/tran
- Service time station B (S_b): 0.25 sec/tran
- Arrival rate (λ): 1.62 tran/sec

The system response time $R(\lambda)$ is:

- ☒ 0.750 sec/tran
 ☐ B 0.794 sec/tran
 ☐ C 0.460 sec/tran
 ☐ D 1.175 sec/tran

Explanation: $R(\lambda) = \frac{D_a}{1-U_a} + \frac{D_b}{1-U_b} = \frac{S_a V_a}{1-\lambda S_a V_a} + \frac{S_b V_b}{1-\lambda S_b V_b} = \frac{0.25 \times 1.1}{1-1.62 \times 0.25 \times 1.1} + \frac{0.25 \times 0.7}{1-1.62 \times 0.25 \times 0.7} = 0.750$



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