



# Computing Infrastructures

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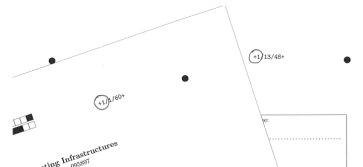
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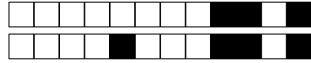
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**Question 1** Which statement about Platform as a Service is not correct?

- ☒ Gmail is an example of PaaS
- ☐ PaaS accelerates the deployment
- ☐ PaaS supports the scalability
- ☐ PaaS provides developers with a programming-language-level environment and API

**Explanation:**

**Question 2** Which statement about Paravirtualization is correct?

- ☐ Occurs at Operating System-level by means of private Servers
- ☒ Cannot be used with traditional Operating Systems
- ☐ Is the same of Kernel-level Virtualization
- ☐ Hooks are not required

**Explanation:**



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

**Question 3** Which definition is not encompassed by Dependability:

- ☐ A Availability: readiness for correct service
- ☐ B Maintainability: reparation to restore correct service
- ☐ C Reliability: continuity of correct service
- ☒ D Reversibility: ability to reverse a broken service

**Explanation:**

Reversibility is not part of Dependability.

**Question 4**

The analysis of the failure behavior of a two components system reveals that the system is down only when both its components are down. The two components A and B have the following characteristics:  $\lambda_A = 0.005 \text{ days}^{-1}$ ,  $MTTR_A = 6 \text{ days}$ ,  $\lambda_B = 0.106 \text{ days}^{-1}$  and  $MTTR_B = 2 \text{ days}$ . The reliability of the system at  $t = 9 \text{ days}$  is equal to:

- ☐ A 0.9560      ☒ B 0.9729      ☐ C 0.3852      ☐ D 0.6721

**Explanation:**

$$R_A(9) = e^{-0.005 \cdot 9} = 0.9560$$

$$R_B(9) = e^{-0.106 \cdot 9} = 0.3852$$

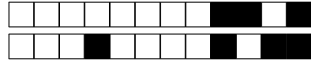
$$R_{sys} = 1 - (1 - 0.9560)(1 - 0.3852) = 0.9729$$

**Question 5** MTBF is calculated as:

- ☐ A MTBF does not exist      ☐ B  $\frac{1}{MTTF}$       ☐ C  $\frac{1}{MTTF+MTTR}$       ☒ D  $MTTF+MTTR$

**Explanation:**

Mean Time Between Failures is calculated as  $MTTF + MTTR$ .



**Question 6** With Bridged Networking:

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

**Explanation:**

Lesson\_3\_Virtualization\_B.pdf, slide 56

**Question 7** The Nested Pages mechanism:

- ☒ A is supported by the Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)
- ☐ B is completely managed by the VMM software
- ☐ C implies more software-level overhead than the Shadow Pages mechanism
- ☐ D does not require special hardware to support it

**Explanation:**

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**Question 8** A system is composed by 3 physical machines (Host1, Host2, Host3), with subnet addresses: 192.168.0.1, 192.168.0.2 and 192.168.0.3 (default subnet mask: 255.255.255.0). Two Virtual Machines, VM1 and VM2 run over Host1, connected in bridged mode. Other two Virtual Machines, VM3 and VM4 run over Host2, connected in NAT mode. Finally, the last Virtual Machine, VM5, run over Host3, with internal networking. Assuming that port-forwarding is configured to map port X of the guest on the same port X on the host and that IPs are provided incrementally by the DHCP server on the network:

- ☒ a service running inside VM2 and listening on port 8080 can be reached at the address: 192.168.0.5:8080
- ☐ none of the other answers is valid
- ☐ VM5 can be reached only by Host3
- ☐ a service running inside VM3 and listening on port 22 can be reached at the address: 192.168.0.6:22

**Explanation:**

Even the host cannot reach a VM with internal networking; VM3 is NATted, so it can only be reached on IP: 192.168.0.2; assuming that IPs are provided incrementally by the DHCP server on the network, VM2 will then have IP: 192.168.0.5, exposing the service running on it.

**Question 9**

Consider a HDD with:

- data transfer rate: 240 MB/s
- rotation speed: 11000 RPM
- mean seek time: 19 ms
- overhead controller: 0.0 ms

The minimum locality required to achieve a mean I/O service time of 0.00 ms to transfer a sector of 4 KB will be:

- ☐ 0.78                      ☒ 1.00                      ☐ 0.34                      ☐ none of the others

**Explanation:**

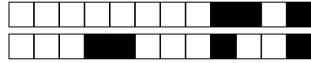
Mean latency:  $(1/2 \text{ round}) * (60\text{s}/\text{min}) * 1/(11000 \text{ round}/\text{min}) = 2.7273 \text{ ms}$

Transfer time:  $(4 \text{ KB}) / (240 * 1024 \text{ KB}/\text{s}) = 0.0163 \text{ ms}$

Mean I/O service time (no locality) =  $19 + 2.7273 + 0.0 + 0.0163 = 21.7436$

Target mean I/O service time =  $0.00 = (1 - \text{locality}) * (19 + 2.7273) + 0.0 + 0.0163$

Locality (minimum) =  $1 - (0.00 - 0.0 - 0.0163) / (19 + 2.7273) = 1.00$



### Question 10

Consider the following RAID 1 setup:

- $n = 2$  disks
- $MTTR = 8$  days
- $MTTF(\text{one disk}) = 2400$  day

The MTDDL will be:

- ☐ A 1200 days     
 ☒ B 360000 days     
 ☐ C 44999 days     
 ☐ D none of the others

**Explanation:**

$$MTDDL = \frac{MTTF^2}{n * MTTR} = 360000 \text{ days}$$

### Question 11

Consider the following RAID 5 setup:

- $n = 4$  disks
- $MTTR = 2$  days
- $MTTF(\text{one disk}) = 1900$  day

The MTDDL will be:

- ☐ A none of the others     
 ☐ B 79 days     
 ☐ C 112812 days     
 ☒ D 150417 days

**Explanation:**

$$MTDDL = MTTF^2 / (n * (n - 1) * MTTR) = 150417 \text{ days}$$

**Question 12**

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

- Monitoring period: 90 seconds
- CPU service time: 0.39 seconds/operation
- CPU utilization: 0.50
- Disk throughput: 10 operations/second
- Disk visits: 15 operations/transaction
- Response time: 1.8 seconds/transaction
- Number of users: 17

Which is the average think time of these users?

☒ 23.70 sec☐ 88.20 sec☐ 0.00 sec☐ 25.50 sec***Explanation:***

$$X = X_{\text{disk}} / V_{\text{disk}} = 0.6666666666666666$$

$$Z = N/X - R = 23.70$$

**Question 13**

Consider a closed system with the following data: average number of users: 21 ( $N = 21$ ) average response time: 39 sec ( $R = 39$ ), average throughput: 0.51 trans/sec ( $X = 0.51$ ), average CPU service demand: 0.83 sec/trans ( $D_{\text{CPU}} = 0.83$ ). Which is the CPU utilization?

☐ 0.61☐ 0.58☒ 0.42☐ 0.02***Explanation:***

$$U_{\text{cpu}} = X * D_{\text{cpu}}$$

**Question 14**

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

- station 1 response time: 8 seconds
- station 2 response time: 3 seconds
- station 1 throughput: 4 transactions/second
- station 2 throughput: 5 transactions/second
- system throughput: 4 transactions/second

Which is the average response time of the system?

☐ A 0.56 sec☐ B 11.00 sec☒ C 11.75 sec☐ D 8.66 sec***Explanation:***

$$V1 = X1 / X$$

$$V2 = X2 / X$$

$$R1 = r1 V1$$

$$R2 = r2 V2$$

$$R = R1 + R2$$

**Question 15**

Consider the following measurement data for an interactive system

- measurement interval: 5 minutes
- number of users: 47
- number of servers: 24
- average response time per transaction: 21 seconds
- Dmax 1.1 sec/transaction
- Dtot 2.6 sec/transaction
- number of completed transactions: 72

On average, how many users are thinking?

☐ A 5.04☒ B 41.96☐ C 28.03☐ D 16.76***Explanation:***

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

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

$$X = C / T$$



**Question 16**

Consider a closed system with the following data: average number of users: 21 ( $N = 21$ ) average response time: 27 sec ( $R = 27$ ), average throughput: 0.42 trans/sec ( $X = 0.42$ ), average CPU service demand: 0.67 sec/trans ( $D_{\text{CPU}} = 0.67$ ). Which is the average think time  $Z$  of a user?

☒ 23.00 sec☐ 4.34 sec☐ 31.34 sec☐ 50.00 sec**Explanation:**

$$Z = N/X - R$$

**Question 17**

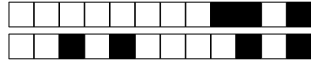
Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- service demand  $D_{\text{max}} = 0.8$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 2.0$  sec
- think time  $Z = 1$  sec
- number of users  $N = 3$

Which is the asymptotic lower bound of response time?

☒ 2.00 sec☐ 1.01 sec☐ 1.41 sec☐ 1.15 sec**Explanation:**

$$\max(D, ND_{\text{max}} - Z) = \max(2.0, 3 \times 0.8 - 1) = 2.00$$

**Question 18**

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- service demand  $D_{\max} = 2.1$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 2.2$  sec
- think time  $Z = 2$  sec
- number of users  $N = 3$

Which is the asymptotic lower bound of throughput?

- ☐ A 0.48 tran/sec      ☐ B 0.45 tran/sec      ☐ C 0.27 tran/sec      ☒ D 0.35 tran/sec

**Explanation:**

$$\frac{N}{ND+Z} = \frac{3}{3 \times 2.2 + 2} = 0.35$$

**Question 19**

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

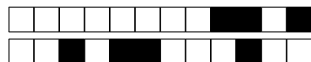
- service demand  $D_{\max} = 0.6$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 1.6$  sec
- think time  $Z = 0.8$  sec
- number of users  $N = 3$

Which is the asymptotic upper bound of response time?

- ☒ A 4.80 sec      ☐ B 1.00 sec      ☐ C 3.82 sec      ☐ D 4.06 sec

**Explanation:**

$$ND = 3 \times 1.6 = 4.80$$



### Question 20

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- number of stations  $K = 1$
- service demand  $D_{\max} = 2.1$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 3.5$  sec
- think time  $Z = 0$  sec
- number of users  $N = 4$

Which is the **balanced** lower bound of response time?

☐ A 8.40 sec

☐ B 17.50 sec

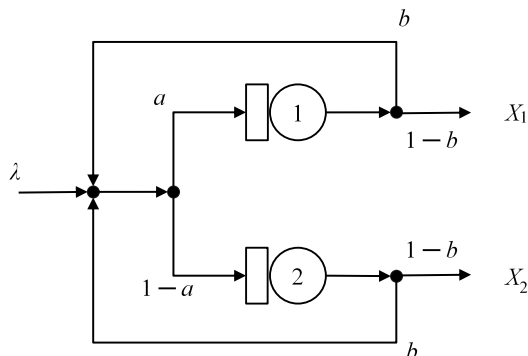
☐ C 29.75 sec

☒ D 14.00 sec

#### Explanation:

$$\max(D_{\text{tot}} + (N - 1) * D_{\text{avg}}, ND_{\max} - Z) = \max(3.5 + (4 - 1) \times 3.50, 4 \times 2.1) = 14.00$$

**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  $a$ 
☐ D  $a * b$ 

#### Explanation:

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

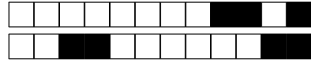
$$V2 = (1-a)*(1 + V1*b + V2*b) = (1-a)*[1 + b*(V1 + V2)]$$

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

$$V2 = V1/a - V1$$

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

$$V1*(1 - b) = a$$



**Question 22**

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

- Visits station A ( $V_a$ ): 1.4
- Visits station B ( $V_b$ ): 0.8
- Service time station A ( $S_a$ ): 0.28 sec/tran
- Service time station B ( $S_b$ ): 0.20 sec/tran
- Arrival rate ( $\lambda$ ): 1.59 tran/sec

Which is the system response time?

- ☐ A 1.011 sec/tran
- ☒ B 1.255 sec/tran
- ☐ C 0.552 sec/tran
- ☐ D 1.996 sec/tran