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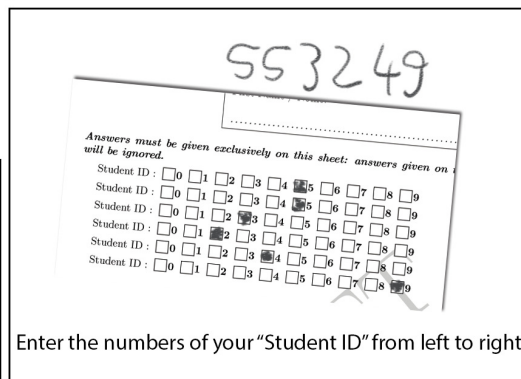
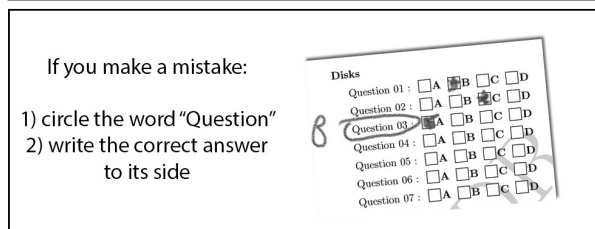
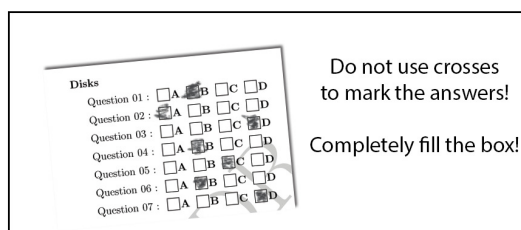
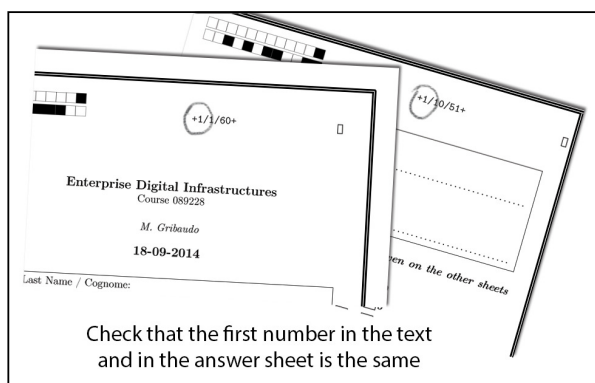
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**Question 1** In the **Microkernel** architecture of **VMs**:

- ☐ **A** Drivers are part of the Guest VMs
- ☐ **B** Drivers are part of the Hypervisor
- ☒ **C** **Drivers** are part of a **specific service VM**
- ☐ **D** Drivers are part of the Guest Oss

***Explanation:***

**Question 2** Which statement about **Platform** as a **Service** is **not correct**?

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

***Explanation:***



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

**Question 3**

A server with two processors and a single hard disk is considered. The two processors are in parallel together followed in series by the hard disk. Both processors have the following characteristics:  $MTTF_{Pr} = 500 \text{ days}$ ,  $MTTR_{Pr} = 5 \text{ days}$ . The parameters of the hard disk are:  $MTTF_{HD} = 700 \text{ days}$ ,  $MTTR_{HD} = 3 \text{ days}$ . The availability of the whole system is equal to:

☒ 0.99563☐ 0.99010☐ 0.99573☐ 0.99990**Explanation:**

$$A_{Pr} = 500 / (500 + 5) = 0.99010$$

$$A_{HD} = 700 / (700 + 3) = 0.99573$$

$$A_{||} = 1 - (1 - A_{Pr})^2 = 0.99990$$

$$A_{sys} = A_{||} A_{HD} = 0.99563$$

**Question 4**

A server with two processors and a single hard disk is considered. The two processors are in parallel together followed in series by the hard disk. Both processors have the following characteristics:  $MTTF_{Pr} = 400 \text{ days}$ ,  $MTTR_{Pr} = 5 \text{ days}$ . The parameters of the hard disk are:  $MTTF_{HD} = 600 \text{ days}$ ,  $MTTR_{HD} = 2 \text{ days}$ . The MTTF computed without repair of the whole system is:

☐ 360000☒ 300☐ 600☐ 1200**Explanation:**

$$MTTF_{||} = 400 * (1 + 1/2) = 600$$

$$MTTF_{Sys} = 1 / (1/MTTF_{||} + 1/MTTF_{HD}) = 1 / (1/600 + 1/500) = 300$$



**Question 5** To increase reliability, which of the following actions is not correct?

- ☐ A Use multiple redundant components
- ☐ B Have spare components at disposal
- ☒ C Use elements with low MTTF
- ☐ D Reduce MTTR to a minimum

***Explanation:***

You must use elements with high MTTF

**Question 6** With Bridged Networking:

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

***Explanation:***

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



**Question 7** Consider 5 Virtual Machines (VMs) on 4 different Physical Machines (Hosts):

- Host1 @ 192.168.0.1 runs VM1 and VM2, connected with internal networking;
- Host2 @ 192.168.0.2 runs VM3, attached to its Bridge adapter;
- Host3 @ 10.0.0.1 runs VM4, attached to the NAT adapter;
- Host4 @ 10.0.0.2 runs VM5, attached to the NAT adapter;

Assuming that the network connecting all the hosts is configured to enable them to see each others (i.e.: Host1 can see Host3):

- ☒ a service on VM4 can reach a service on VM5 if port-forwarding is configured for VM5 but not for VM4
- ☐ none of the other answers is valid
- ☐ a service on VM1 can reach a service on VM4 if port-forwarding is configured for VM4
- ☐ port-forwarding needs to be configured to expose services running on VM2

**Explanation:**

Services running on VM1 and VM2 cannot be accessed from outside and cannot reach the external network; with NAT, a VM can reach the outside network even if port-forwarding is not enabled for itself, while it has to be enabled to receive connections from outside.

**Question 8** In memory virtualization:

- ☒ shadow pages are maintained by the VMM
- ☐ none of the other answers is valid
- ☐ the support of the Guest OS is required for memory overcommit
- ☐ the MMU causes a trap if a memory page is already in RAM

**Explanation:**

Lesson\_3\_Virtualization\_B.pdf, multiple slides on memory virtualization

**Question 9**

Consider a HDD with:

- block size: 2 KB
- mean I/O service time per block (with no locality): 11.6 ms
- transfer time of 1 block: 0.09 ms
- overhead controller: 0.3 ms

How long does it take to transfer a file of 100 MB if we assume a locality of: 60%?

- ☐ A 257.54 s      ☒ 249.55 s      ☐ C none of the others      ☐ D 593.92 s

**Explanation:**

Total number of blocks to be transferred:  $100 \times 1024 \text{ KB} / (2 \text{ KB/block}) = 51200$  blocks  
 $51200 \times (1 - 0.60) \times 11.6 \text{ ms} + 51200 \times (0.60) \times (0.3 \text{ ms} + 0.09 \text{ ms}) = 249.55 \text{ s}$

**Question 10**

Consider 3 groups (RAID 0) of 2 disks each (RAID 1), for a total of 6 disks in configuration RAID 1+0:

- MTTR = 3 days
- MTTF(one disk) = 1700 day

The MTDDL will be:

- ☐ A 818833333 days      ☐ B none of the others      ☒ 160556 days      ☐ D 545888889 days

**Explanation:**

$MTDDL = MTTF^2 / (totaldisks * MTTR) = 160556$  days (MTDDL is the same for any couple of disks (data and mirror) of the array)



### Question 11

Consider the following RAID 6 setup:

- $n = 5$  disks
- $MTTR = 2$  days
- $MTTF(\text{one disk}) = 1000$  day

The MTDDL will be:

- ☐ A none of the others     
 ☐ B 16667 days     
 ☒ C 833333 days     
 ☐ D 41666667 days

#### **Explanation:**

$$MTDDL = 2 * MTTF^3 / (n * (n - 1) * (n - 2) * MTTR^2) = 833333 \text{ days}$$

### Question 12

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

- station 1 response time: 11 seconds
- station 2 response time: 1 seconds
- station 1 throughput: 4 transactions/second
- station 2 throughput: 6 transactions/second
- system throughput: 3 transactions/second

Which is the average response time of the system?

- ☐ A 1.11 sec     
 ☐ B 9.12 sec     
 ☐ C 12.00 sec     
 ☒ D 16.67 sec

#### **Explanation:**

$$V1 = X1 / X$$

$$V2 = X2 / X$$

$$R1 = r1 V1$$

$$R2 = r2 V2$$

$$R = R1 + R2$$



### Question 13

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

- Monitoring period: 5 minutes
- Disk utilization: 0.31
- CPU utilization: 0.58
- CPU demand: 0.37 seconds/transaction
- Number of I/O operations / transaction 11
- Response time: 17 seconds/transaction
- Number of users: 42

Which is the average think time of these users?

☐ A 5.25 sec

☐ B 7.80 sec

☒ C 9.79 sec

☐ D 26.79 sec

**Explanation:**

$$Z = N/X - R$$

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





#### Question 14

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

- Monitoring period: 100 seconds
- CPU service time: 0.32 seconds/operation
- CPU utilization: 0.51
- Disk throughput: 6 operations/second
- Disk visits: 13 operations/transaction
- Response time: 1.9 seconds/transaction
- Number of users: 47

Which is the average think time of these users?

☐ A 98.10 sec

☐ B 5.93 sec

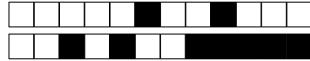
☐ C 101.83 sec

☒ D 99.93 sec

***Explanation:***

$$X = X_{\text{disk}} / V_{\text{disk}} = 0.461538461538461538$$

$$Z = N/X - R = 99.93$$

**Question 15**

Consider the following measurement data for an interactive system

- measurement interval: 5 minutes
- number of users: 51
- number of servers: 16
- average response time per transaction: 19 seconds
- $D_{\max}$  1.9 sec/transaction
- $D_{\text{tot}}$  3.0 sec/transaction
- number of completed transactions: 76

On average, how many users are thinking?

☒ 46.19☐ 25.73☐ 4.81☐ 22.12***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: 24 ( $N = 24$ ) average response time: 28 sec ( $R = 28$ ), average throughput: 0.41 trans/sec ( $X = 0.41$ ), average CPU service demand: 0.65 sec/trans ( $D_{\text{CPU}} = 0.65$ ). Which is the average think time  $Z$  of a user?

☐ 36.92 sec☐ 58.54 sec☒ 30.54 sec☐ 8.92 sec***Explanation:***

$$Z = N/X - R$$

**Question 17**

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- service demand  $D_{\max} = 1.1$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 2.8$  sec
- think time  $Z = 0.5$  sec
- number of users  $N = 4$

Which is the asymptotic upper bound of response time?

☐ A 7.35 sec

☐ B 9.17 sec

☐ C 3.90 sec

☒ D 11.20 sec

**Explanation:**

$$ND = 4 \times 2.8 = 11.20$$

**Question 18**

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- service demand  $D_{\max} = 1.1$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 1.7$  sec
- think time  $Z = 1$  sec
- number of users  $N = 4$

Which is the asymptotic lower bound of throughput?

☒ A 0.51 tran/sec

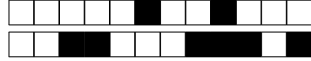
☐ B 0.41 tran/sec

☐ C 0.59 tran/sec

☐ D 0.91 tran/sec

**Explanation:**

$$\frac{N}{ND+Z} = \frac{4}{4 \times 1.7 + 1} = 0.51$$

**Question 19**

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

- service demand  $D_{\max} = 2.1$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 8.6$  sec
- think time  $Z = 1$  sec
- number of users  $N = 4$

Which is the asymptotic upper bound of throughput?

- ☐ A 0.48 tran/sec    ☒ B 0.42 tran/sec    ☐ C 0.47 tran/sec    ☐ D 1.90 tran/sec

**Explanation:**

$$\min\left(\frac{N}{D+Z}, \frac{1}{D_{\max}}\right) = \min\left(\frac{4}{8.6+1}, \frac{1}{2.1}\right) = 0.42$$

**Question 20**

Consider a closed queuing network with the following characteristics:

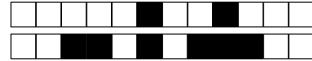
- number of stations  $K = 1$
- service demand  $D_{\max} = 1.9$  sec
- service demand  $D_{\text{tot}} = 2.5$  sec
- think time  $Z = 0$  sec
- number of users  $N = 3$

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

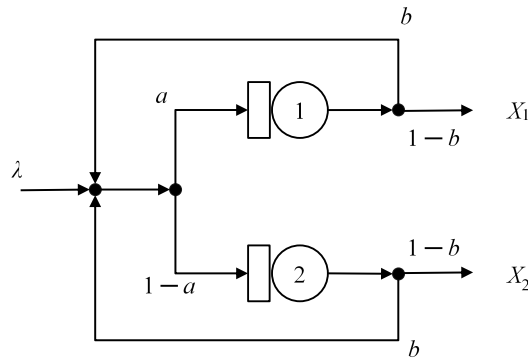
- ☐ A 10.00 sec    ☐ B 5.70 sec    ☒ C 7.50 sec    ☐ D 20.34 sec

**Explanation:**

$$\max(D_{\text{tot}} + (N-1) * D_{\text{avg}}, N D_{\max} - Z) = \max(2.5 + (3-1) \times 2.5, 3 \times 1.9) = 7.50$$



**Question 21** Consider the following open network, where  $a$  and  $b$  are routing probabilities. Which is the number of visits at station 2?



- ☐ (A)  $(1 - a) * b$ 
☐ (B)  $1 - a$ 
☐ (C)  $1 - a + b$ 
☒  $(1 - a)/(1 - b)$

**Explanation:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 V1 &= a*(1 + V1*b + V2*b) = a*[1 + b*(V1 + V2)] \\
 V2 &= (1-a)*(1 + V1*b + V2*b) = (1-a)*[1 + b*(V1 + V2)] \\
 V2/V1 &= (1 - a)/a = 1/a - 1 \\
 V2 &= V1/a - V1 \\
 V1 &= a*(1 + b*V1/a) = a + V1*b \\
 V1*(1 - b) &= a
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 22**

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

- Visits station A ( $V_a$ ): 0.9
- Visits station B ( $V_b$ ): 1.2
- Service time station A ( $S_a$ ): 0.18 sec/tran
- Service time station B ( $S_b$ ): 0.33 sec/tran
- Arrival rate ( $\lambda$ ): 1.56 tran/sec

Which is the system response time?

- ☐ (A) 0.558 sec/tran  
☐ (B) 1.954 sec/tran  
☐ (C) 1.104 sec/tran  
☒ 1.253 sec/tran