To excel on the test, you should possess the following skills:

1. Proficiency in Emacs:

- You should be able to create, write, edit, save, and run Common Lisp programs using Emacs.
- 2. Data Structures and Programming in Common Lisp: Demonstrate competence in the following areas:
 - Primitive Expressions: Understand and use basic Lisp expressions.
 - Nested Lisp Expressions: Work with nested expressions for more complex computations.
 - Functions: Create and use functions effectively.
 - Variable Bindings and Scope: Properly implement variable bindings and understand their scope within the program.
 - Branching (Conditional Execution): Implement conditional statements to control the flow of your programs.
 - Looping Constructs: Implement looping structures to handle iterative processes.
 - Arrays and Lists: Create, manipulate, and work with arrays and lists in Lisp.
 - Recursion.

Note: Lisp structures (defstruct), sorting, binary search, stacks, queues, deques, alists and hash tables will not be assessed in the test.