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ETC2103 - Homework 2

1. For following example, use a sequence of diagrams like those in the text (Section 7.4) to trace the action of the run-time stack.

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#include <iostream>
void f1(int );
int f2(int p);
int f3(int n);

int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    f1(a);
    cout << endl; // A: Return here after f1 finishes
}

//--- Function f1
void f1(int x)
{
    cout << f2(x+1); // B: Return here after f2 finishes
}

//--- Function f2
int f2(int p)
{
    int q = f3(p/3); // C: Return here after f3 finishes
    return 3*q + 1;
}

/--- Function f3
int f3(int n)
{
    return n*n + 1;
}
```

| | Parameters | Function Value | Local Variables | Return Address |
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| Activation Record | | | a 5 | A |

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| Function call f1(a) | | | | |
| AR for f1() | x 5 | | | A |
| AR for main() | | | a 5 | OS |

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| Function call for f2(x+1) | | | | |
| AR for f2() | p 6 | | q | B |
| AR for f1() | x 5 | | | A |
| AR for main() | | | a 5 | OS |

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| Function call f3(p/3) | | | | |
| AR for f3() | n 2 | | | C |
| AR for f2() | p 6 | | q | B |
| AR for f3() | x 5 | | | A |
| AR for main() | | | a 5 | OS |

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| Return from f(3) | | | | |
| POP AR for f3() | n 2 | 5 | | C |

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| AR for f2() | p 6 | | q | B |
| AR for f1() | x 5 | | | A |
| AR for main() | | | a 5 | OS |

Return from f2()

POP AR for f2()

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| p 6 | 16 | a 5 | B |
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AR for f1()

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| x 5 | | | A |
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AR for main()

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| | | a 5 | OS |
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Return from f1()

POP AR for f1()

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| x 5 | | | A |
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AR for main()

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| | | a 5 | OS |
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Return from main()

POP AR form
main()

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| | | a 5 | OS |
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