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**End-Semester Examination-Autumn 2024**

**Subject: Introduction to Computing**  
**Full Marks: 50**

**Subject Code: COM 1101**  
**Time Allotted: 3 h**

**Instructions (please read carefully each point)**

- ★ Write as little as possible without missing out on any details
  - Think carefully before answering
  - There are no marks on being verbose
  - Sometimes, adding an example makes things easier
- ★ If you are making any valid assumption(s) while writing an answer, do remember to mention that information clearly and concisely
- ★ Answering guidelines
  - Section A: Write the answers along with 1-2 lines to indicate justification/reasoning.
  - Section B: Write the required code portion, not the entire program.
  - Section C: Write the entire program.
- ★ Consider all questions are for C language and assume the size of int and float as 4 bytes, char as 1 byte, double as 8 bytes, pointer variables as 8 bytes in this exam; also note the characters are evaluated using their ASCII values A-Z are valued 65-90 and a-z are valued 97-122 respectively

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**Section A: (1 mark each)**

**Answer any ten questions (10 questions × 1 mark = 10 marks)**

✓ 1. Predict the output of the following code snippet:

```
int arr[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};  
int *ptr = arr + 2;  
printf("%d", *(ptr - 1) + *(ptr + 1));
```

✓ 2. Given the string char str[] = "Hello";, what is the output of the following code?  
printf("%d", sizeof(str));

✓ 3. Evaluate the value of result after execution:

```
int x = 5, y = 8;  
int result = (x ^ y) + (x & y);
```

✓ 4. Given a file opened in read mode:

```
FILE *fp = fopen("data.txt", "r");
```

Predict the behaviour of the code snippet above if the file named *data.txt* does not exist.

✓ 5. What will be printed by the following program?

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SQUARE(x) x * x
int main() {
    printf("%d", SQUARE(4 + 1));
    return 0;
}
```

✓ 6. Evaluate the following pointer arithmetic:

```
int arr[] = {2, 4, 6, 8, 10};
int *ptr = arr + 4;
printf("%d", *(ptr - 3));
```

7. Write the output of the following code snippet:

```
char str1[] = "abc";
char str2[] = "def";
printf("%s", strcat(str1, str2));
```

✓ 8. Predict the output of the following code:

```
unsigned char x = 3;
for (unsigned char i = 1; i <= x; i++) {
    x++;
}
printf("%d", x);
```

✓ 9. Given the 2D array `int arr[3][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}, {7, 8, 9}}`; what will be printed by:  
`printf("%d", *((arr + 1) + 2));`

✓ 10. For the structure:

```
struct data { int a; char b; };
struct data arr[5];
Calculate the memory required to store this array (assume no padding).
```

✓ 11. Predict the content of the file `output.txt` after executing the program:

```
FILE *fp = fopen("output.txt", "w");
fprintf(fp, "%d", 10 * 5);
fclose(fp);
```

✓ 12. Write the output of the following recursive function when called with `fun(5)`:

```
int fun(int n) {
    if (n == 0) return 2;
    return n * fun(n - 1);
}
```

✓ 13. Given `int *p = NULL`; explain what happens when the following statement is executed:

```
*p = 10;
```

- ✓ 1. Write a code snippet to find the sum of all elements in a 3D array of size 3x3x3.
- ✓ 2. Write a C function to reverse a string using pointers.
- ✓ 3. Predict the output of the following code:  

```
int a[4] = {10, 20, 30, 40};  
printf("%d", *(a + (*(a + 1) - 10) / 10));
```
- ✓ 4. Write a C program snippet to count the number of lines in a text file.
- ✓ 5. Write a C function that takes an array of integers and its size, and returns the largest element using pointer arithmetic.
- ✓ 6. Write a C function that accepts a string and reverses it **in-place** using pointer arithmetic. Demonstrate how this function would work with the string "hello".
- ✓ 7. Write a C code snippet to count the frequency of each character in a string, using an array to store frequencies. For example, given "programming", the output for r should be 2.
- ✓ 8. Using the following structure:  

```
struct point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

Write a function that calculates the distance between two points. Use the formula:

Demonstrate with a sample input.
- ✓ 9. Write a program snippet to dynamically allocate memory for a 1D array of integers, initialize it with values from 1 to n, and print the sum of all elements. Free the allocated memory afterward.

1. Write a complete C program that reads a text file containing integers and writes the squares of these integers into another file. The file names should be provided as command-line arguments.
2. Implement a recursive function to generate the Fibonacci series up to n terms. Include a main program to test your function.
3. Write a C program that uses a structure to store information about books (title, author, price). Use an array of these structures and write a function to find and print the details of the most expensive book.
4. Write a C program to find the smallest and largest elements in a 2D array of size m x n using pointer arithmetic.