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Instructions to candidates:

- 1) ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**
- 2) ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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(ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS)

Question 1

- a) Prove that the following code fragment contains an infinite loop.

```
[ con N : int; {N > 0}
  var x: int;
  x := N;
  do x > 0 →
    S
    x := x + 1
  od
]
```

(5 marks)

- b) Write down an invariant **P** for the following loop and prove that the body of the loop is correct. Your answer must also show program termination.

```
[ con N : int; {N ≥ 0}
  var n, x : int;
  n, x := 0, 1;
  do n < N →
    { P ∧ n < N }
    x, n := 4 * x, n + 1;
    { P }
  od
  { x = 4N }
]
```

(10 marks)

- c) Write down an invariant and a complete solution to the given specification.

```
[ con N : int; { N ≥ 0 }
  var t : int;
  S
  { t = #j: 0 ≤ j < N : j mod 2 ≠ 0 }
]
```

Note: It is not necessary to prove your solution correct.

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

Question 2

Write down the invariants **P0** and **P1** which describe the program below and hence derive the program's formal proof. An annotated program should be included in your answer.

```
[[ con
  N : int; { N ≥ 0 }
  f : array[0..N) of boolean;
var
  h : int;
  k : int;
  h,k := 0, 0;
do k < N →
  if f.k →
    h := h + 1
  [] ¬f.k →
    skip
  fi;
  k := k + 1;
od
{ h = #j : 0 ≤ j < N : f.j }
]]
```

(25 marks)

Question 3

Formally derive a solution to the given specification. Your answer should include a complete solution.

```
[[ con
  N : int; { N ≥ 0 }
  f : array[0 .. N ) of char;
var
  k : int;
  S
  { k = #j : 0 ≤ j < N : f.j ≥ 'a' ∧ f.j ≤ 'z' }
]]
```

(25 marks)

Question 4

Write a specification and derive a solution for the following problem. Your answer must include a complete solution.

Given an integer array $f[0..N)$, $N \geq 0$, find the index of the smallest element in f .

(25 marks)

Question 5

- a) Use an invariant diagram to derive an $O(N)$ solution to the following specification. Your answer should include a complete solution.

```
[[ con N, k : int { N ≥ 0 };  
   var f : array[0..N) of int;  
   S  
   { ( ∃ p, q : 0 ≤ p ≤ q ≤ N : ( ∀ i : 0 ≤ i < p : f.i < k ) ∧  
                                   ( ∀ i : p ≤ i < q : f.i = k ) ∧  
                                   ( ∀ i : q ≤ i < N : f.i > k ) ) }  
]]
```

Note: Only swap operations are allowed on f .

(25 marks)

APPENDIX

Laws of the Calculus

Let P, Q, R be propositions

1. Constants

$$P \vee \text{true} \equiv \text{true}$$

$$P \vee \text{false} \equiv P$$

$$P \wedge \text{true} \equiv P$$

$$P \wedge \text{false} \equiv \text{false}$$

$$\text{true} \Rightarrow P \equiv P$$

$$\text{false} \Rightarrow P \equiv \text{true}$$

$$P \Rightarrow \text{true} \equiv \text{true}$$

$$P \Rightarrow \text{false} \equiv \neg P$$

2. Law of excluded middle : $P \vee \neg P \equiv \text{true}$

3. Law of contradiction: $P \wedge \neg P \equiv \text{false}$

4 Negation : $\neg \neg P \equiv P$

5. Associativity: $P \vee (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \vee R$

$$P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \wedge R$$

6. Commutativity: $P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$

$$P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$$

7. Idempotency: $P \vee P \equiv P$

$$P \wedge P \equiv P$$

8. De Morgan's laws : $\neg (P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$

$$\neg (P \vee Q) \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

9. Implication $P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$

$$P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

$$(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R \equiv P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$$

10. (If and only if) \equiv : $P \equiv Q \equiv (P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$

11. Laws of distribution: $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$

$$P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$$

12. Absorption: $[P \wedge (P \vee R) \equiv P]$

$$[P \vee (P \wedge R) \equiv P]$$

13. Predicate Calculus

Negation

$$\forall x \neg P(x) \equiv \neg \exists x P(x)$$

$$\exists x \neg P(x) \equiv \neg \forall x P(x)$$

$$\exists x P(x) \equiv \neg (\forall x \neg P(x))$$

Universal Quantification

$$[(\forall x : P(x)) \wedge (\forall x : Q(x)) \equiv (\forall x : P(x) \wedge Q(x))]$$

$$[(\forall x : P(x)) \vee (\forall x : Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x : P(x) \vee Q(x))]$$

$$[Q \vee (\forall x : P(x)) \equiv (\forall x : Q \vee P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

$$[Q \wedge (\forall x : P(x)) \equiv (\forall x : Q \wedge P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

Existential Quantification

$$[(\exists x : P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x : P(x)) \wedge (\exists x : Q(x))]$$

$$[(\exists x : P(x)) \vee (\exists x : Q(x)) \equiv (\exists x : P(x) \vee Q(x))]$$

$$[Q \vee (\exists x : P(x)) \equiv (\exists x : Q \vee P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

$$[Q \wedge (\exists x : P(x)) \equiv (\exists x : Q \wedge P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

$$[(\exists x : P(x)) \equiv \neg (\forall x : \neg P(x))]$$

$$[(\neg \exists x : P(x)) \equiv (\forall x : \neg P(x))]$$

14. Universal Quantification over Ranges

$$[\forall i : R : P \equiv \forall i : \neg R \vee P] \text{ Trading}$$

$$[\forall i : \text{false} : P \equiv \text{true}]$$

$$[\forall i : i = x : P \equiv P(i := x)] \text{ One-point rule}$$

$$[(\forall i : R : P) \wedge (\forall i : R : Q) \equiv (\forall i : R : P \wedge Q)]$$

$$[(\forall i : R : P) \wedge (\forall i : S : P) \equiv (\forall i : R \vee S : P)]$$

$$[(\forall i : R : P) \vee (\forall i : R : Q) \Rightarrow (\forall i : R : P \vee Q)]$$

$$[Q \vee (\forall i : R : P) \equiv (\forall i : R : Q \vee P)]$$

$$[Q \wedge (\forall i : R : P) \equiv (\forall i : R : Q \wedge P)]$$

15. Existential Quantification over Ranges

$$[\exists i : R : P \equiv \exists i : R \wedge P] \text{ Trading}$$

$$[\exists i : \text{false} : P \equiv \text{false}]$$

$[\exists i : i = x : P \equiv P(i := x)]$ One-point rule

$[(\exists i : R : P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow (\exists i : R : P) \wedge (\exists i : R : Q)]$

$[(\exists i : R : P) \vee (\exists i : R : Q) \equiv (\exists i : R : P \vee Q)]$

$[Q \vee (\exists i : R : P) \equiv (\exists i : R : Q \vee P)]$

$[Q \wedge (\exists i : R : P) \equiv (\exists i : R : Q \wedge P)]$