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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 := 0;
  do x < N →
    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 A,B : int; {A ≥ 0 ∧ B > 0}
  var q, r : int;
  q, r := 0, A;
  do r ≥ B →
    { P ∧ r ≥ B }
    q, r := q + 1, r - B;
    { P }
  od
  { q = A div B ∧ r = A mod B }
]]
```

**(10 marks)**

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

```
[[ con N : int; { N ≥ 0 }
  var sum : int;
  S
  { sum = +j: 0 ≤ j < N : j }
]]
```

**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 char;
  var
    freq : int;
    k : int;
    freq, k := 0, 0;
    do k < N →
      if f.k ≥ 'a' ∧ f.k ≤ 'z' →
        freq := freq + 1
      [] f.k < 'a' ∨ f.k > 'z' →
        skip
      fi;
      k := k + 1;
    od
  { freq = #j : 0 ≤ j < N : 'a' ≤ f.j ≤ 'z' }
]]
```

(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 int;
  var
    b : boolean;
    S
  { b ≡ ∃j : 0 ≤ j < N : f.j = 100 }
]]
```

(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 largest 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 : int { N ≥ 0 };  
   var f : array[0..N) of int;  
   S  
   { ( ∃ p,q : 0 ≤ p ≤ q ≤ N : ( ∀ i : 0 ≤ i < p : f.i < 10 ) ∧  
                                   ( ∀ i : p ≤ i < q : f.i = 10 ) ∧  
                                   ( ∀ i : q ≤ i < N : f.i > 10 ) ) }  
]]
```

**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

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

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

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

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