

# CS 544 Exam 1 (15%) - Fall 2023

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If multiple answers are correct, choose the best answer.

(Blank Page for You to Do Scratch Work)

**Q1. You want to connect from a browser on your laptop to Jupyter running in a container on your VM. You take the following steps:**

1. use `-L localhost:3000:localhost:1000` when establishing the SSH tunnel
2. write a command in the Dockerfile to launch Jupyter on port ????
3. use `-p 1000:8888` in the `docker run ...` command
4. enter `http://localhost:3000/` in the browser

What should ???? be in step 2?

- (A) 1000   (B) 2000   (C) 3000   (D) 5000   (E) 8888

**Q2. The following code is about to run in a container on a VM. The VM has 4 GB of RAM currently available, the container was launched with `-m 2g`, and `big.file` is 3 GB.**

```
import mmap
with open("big.file", "rb") as f:
    mm = mmap.mmap(f.fileno(), 0, access=mmap.ACCESS_READ)
```

Will memory constraints PREVENT the code from running?

- (A) yes   (B) no

**Q3. After many epochs of optimization, your loss decreased steadily, but too slowly. What should you try changing next time you restart the training loop?**

- (A) use a smaller learning rate   (B) use a bigger learning rate

**Q4. For an LRU cache of size 3, how many hits are there for the following workload?**

1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4

- (A) 1   (B) 3   (C) 4   (D) 5   (E) 0.5

**Q5. The old version of a protocol buffer for a gRPC call looks like this:**

```
message ExampleReq {
    int32 x = 1;
    int32 y = 2;
}
```

A newer version adds a field `int32 z = 3;` If a client using the new version makes a call that includes `z` to a server using the old version, what happens?

- (A) the server crashes  
(B) the server ignores `z`  
(C) the server returns an error to the client  
(D) the server replaces `z` with a default value

**Q6. The prefix of an address identifies the NIC's manufacturer. What kind of address is it?**

- (A) IP address   (B) MAC address   (C) port number   (D) host name

**Q7. For a FIFO cache of size 3, how many hits are there for the following workload?**

1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 4, 1

(A) 1   (B) 3   (C) 4   (D) 5   (E) 0.5

**Q8. A client is writing 5 MB of data to a 4x replicated HDFS file. About how much data does the client send over the network?**

(A) 1.25 MB   (B) 4 MB   (C) 5 MB   (D) 9 MB   (E) 20 MB

**Q9. What is the technical name for a region of code where certain interleavings with other code would be a problem?**

(A) context switch   (B) thread-safe zone   (C) collision area   (D) critical section

**Q10. OLTP databases typically use a \_\_\_\_\_ data layout.**

(A) row-oriented   (B) column-oriented

**Q11. Which one is a storage device?**

(A) CPU   (B) HDD   (B) NIC   (D) RAM

**Q12. You have a dataset of all emails sent by everybody in your company (the table has one row per email), and you query it like this:**

```
SELECT sender, COUNT(*) FROM emails GROUP BY sender;
```

You want to filter the results so that you only have senders with >10K emails. What SQL clause can you add to do this? Do not consider answers that require multiple queries or subqueries.

(A) HAVING   (B) LIMIT   (C) SELECT   (D) WHERE

**Q13. What does "-u" do in the following example?**

```
python3 -u server.py &> log.txt
```

(A) unzip the server's output prior to writing it to log.txt  
(B) run the command with root (sudo) privileges  
(C) force the output to be unbuffered  
(D) display the usage information

**Q14. In a Dockerfile, how could you specify that "apt update" should execute during build?**

(A) EXEC apt update   (B) DO apt update   (C) CMD apt update   (D) RUN apt update

**Q15. Assume count starts at 6, and two threads are running concurrently. For simplicity, assume: there is a single CPU core, context switches only occur between lines of Python code, and code/instructions within a single thread are not re-ordered by any system (such as the compiler or CPU).**

```
# thread 1
if count > 4:
    with lock:
        count -= 4

# thread 2
if count > 3:
    with lock:
        count -= 3
```

What is the smallest possible final count?

(A) -1   (B) 0   (C) 1   (D) 2   (E) 6

**Q16. Two threads are running the following two code snippets concurrently on a machine with one CPU core:**

```
# thread 1
lock.acquire() # A
v1 += 1        # B
lock.release() # C

# thread 2
v1 += 10       # W
lock.acquire() # X
v2 += 20       # Y
lock.release() # Z
```

Could some combination of context switches produce the following interleaving?

A, B, W, C, X, Y, Z

(A) yes   (B) no

**Q17. How do you redirect ONLY the standard output from program X to file Y?**

(A) X > Y   (B) X -> Y   (C) X | Y   (D) X & Y   (E) X &> Y

**Q18. In MapReduce, what functions do users write with the following arguments?**

- one key
- one or more values

(A) map functions   (B) shuffle functions   (C) reduce functions

**Q19. What does `dis.dis(x)` print?**

- (A) bytecode for Python code in x
- (B) Python code for bytecode in x
- (C) list of attributes/methods for object x

**Q20. What is most likely to DECREASE how much memory a NameNode needs in an HDFS cluster?**

- (A) adding more DataNodes
- (B) increasing the block size for the files
- (C) increasing the replication factor for the files