CSCI-UA.0380 - Midterm Practice Questions

Part 1 - Short answer sample questions. (These questions show the *type* of questions that may be on the exam, but they do not indicate the exact topics, length or difficulty level of the exam questions).

- 1. Vigenère cipher, Substitution Cipher answer the questions below...
 - (a) You just received the following message encrypted using the Vigenère cipher: USYK

Decrypt the message using the key, TOY, and the Vigenère square on the right. Show your work for partial credit.

(b) The Vigenère cipher is an improvement over the regular substitution cipher. Without knowing the key for a substitution cipher, what's one way of determining what key was used to encrypt the message (and consequently *breaking* the encryption)?

```
A | ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
B BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA
C | CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB
D DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC
E EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD
  FGHIJKLMNOPORSTUVWXYZABCDE
  GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEF
H HIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFG
 IJKLMNOPORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGH
  JKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI
K KLMNOPORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJ
 LMNOPORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJK
M MNOPORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHTJKI
N NOPORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHTJKIM
O OPORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMN
P PORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
O ORSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP
 RSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQ
  STUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR
T TUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRS
U UVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST
V VWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPORSTU
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WXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV

X | XYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW

Y | YZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX

Z ZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXY

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

(c) Complete the following definition for decrypting a message encrypted with a simple substitution cipher. Assume that the methods, generate_key and gen_consecutive_chars both exist.

```
:param password: (str) the password used to generate a key
:param ciphertext: (str) the text to be decrypted
:return: (str) the plain text that results from decrypting the ciphertext
"""

def sub_decrypt(password, ciphertext):
    key = gen_key(password)
    alpha = gen_consecutive_chars()
    # finish this implementation
```

2. **Functions, Classes** – answer the questions in the right column.

```
def add_nums(x, y, z):
                                                What is the output of the code on the left -
    return x + y + z
                                                error and/or no output is possible. If there's an
                                                error, specify where the error is.
def make new func(func, arg):
    def new func(a, b):
         return func(arg, a, b)
    return new func
new add 1 = make new func(add nums, 10)
new add 2 = make new func(add nums, 23)
print(new_add_1(5, 7))
print(new add 2(5, 7))
def pluralize(word):
                                                The code on the left prints out:
    return word + 's'
                                                bees?
def inquire(word):
    return word + '?'
                                                Fill in the missing line in the code below so that
                                                the implementation of the function compose
new_func = compose(inquire, pluralize)
                                                results in the specified output above.
result = new_func('bee')
print(result) # bees?
                                                def compose(f, g):
                                                     def new_f(a):
                                                     return new f
def foo():
                                                What is the output of the code on the left –
    print('calling foo')
                                                error and/or no output is possible. If there's an
                                                error, specify where the error is.
def baz():
    print('calling baz')
def qux():
    print('calling qux')
d = {"f":foo, "b":baz, "q":qux}
for ch in 'baffling quiz':
    try:
         call_it = d[ch]
         call_it()
    except KeyError:
         continue
class Rectangle():
                                                 Add a method called perimeter to the class on
                                                the left (you can write your method definition in
    def __init__(self, width, height):
                                                this box). It should work as shown in the code
         self.w = width
                                                below the class definition.
         self.h = height
r = Rectangle(5, 15)
perimeter = r.perimeter()
print(perimeter) # outputs 40
```

Part 2 – coding questions. (These questions show the *type* of questions that may be on the exam, but they do not indicate the exact topics, length or difficulty level of the exam questions).

3. Write a program that reads in a file that contains the names and the amounts of money each person spent on lunch every day for 5 days. The program should print out the name of the person that spent the most money for the 5 day period, along with the amount that they spent.

The data in the file contains a header specifying what data is in the file. Each person is represented by a row in the file. Their name and the amount of money the spent each day is separated by pipe (vertical line) characters. Here's an example of the file format.

```
name | day1 | day2 | day3 | day4 | day5
alice | $8.00 | $7.50 | $9.97 | $8.00 | $6.25
bob | $2.99 | $5.50 | $5.50 | $5.50 | $2.99
carol | $7.50 | $6.99 | $5.00 | $10.00 | $5.25
daniel | $9.25 | $10.99 | $9.25 | $15.00 | $12.00
eve | $7.50 | $7.00 | $8.00 | $8.00 | $7.00
```

Assume the file you're working with is called lunch.txt, and it's in the same directory that you're running your program from.

4. Image Processing.

Original image:

Half of image mirrored vertically I (along horizontal axis):

Image inverted (upside-down):







Write two functions to create the mirrored and inverted images above (2^{nd} and 3^{rd} columns). Both functions must change the original image (you can't use Image.new). See below for example usage:

```
my_img = Image.open('raccoon.jpg')
mirror_half(my_img)
my_img.show()

my_img = Image.open('raccoon.jpg')
upside_down(my_img)
my_img.show()
```

5. **Working with Lists -** use the following list of dictionaries to answer the questions below. Each dictionary represents a moon:

Determine which moons have a gravity that's greater than 1m/s² ... and create a list of those moons using their planet, number and name together as a single string.

Gravity is calculated by using the formula: G * M / r2 ... where G is the Gravitational constant (listed in the code above as the variable, GRAVITY), M is the mass in kg and r is the radius in km. Note that you'll have to multiply the mass in the dictionary by 10^{21} and the distance by 10^{3} to get the correct orders of magnitude.

A moons's name consists of its planet, number, and *actual* name. For example: 'Jupiter 1 - Io'. The resulting list should be similar to: ['Jupiter 3 - Ganymede', 'Saturn 6 - Titan' ...]

(a) Use a regular for loop to implement this.

(b) Use list comprehensions to implement this (you can write as many helper functions as you need).

(c) Use both filter and map to implement this (you can write as many helper functions as you need).