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Quiz 1

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Question 1

What is a shell? How does it work with the kernel? With the user?

Solution: A shell is the command interpreter. At a basic level, it acts as an interface between you and the operating system. When you enter a command on the screen, the shell interprets the command and calls the program you want. ☺

Question 2

How would you display a list of utilities that compress files?

Solution: You would use apropos.   ☺

What happens when you give the following commands if the file named done already exists?
$ cp to_do done
$ mv to_do done

Solution: For **$ cp to_do done**, if the file already exists, then the command will overwrite the file.

For **$ mv to_do done**, if the file already exists, then the command will overwrite the file as well, much like the previous command. ☺

Question 4

Which command can you use to look at the first few lines of a file named status.report? Which command can you use to look at the end of the file?

Solution: You would use **$ head status.report** to look at the first few lines of the file and you would use **$ tail -f status.report** ☺