

1. a) Yes, they are part of system call's Application Programming Interface, and they are the only way to interact between computer program and OS kernel.

Notes

- **System Calls**

- Is issued by a client
- Is the only entry points into the kernel system
- Provides services via API or Application Program Interface
- Has five different types

| Types of System Calls | Windows | Linux |
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| Process Control | CreateProcess() ExitProcess() WaitForSingleObject() | fork() exit() wait() |
| File Management | CreateFile() ReadFile() WriteFile() CloseHandle() | open() read() write() close() |
| Device Management | SetConsoleMode() ReadConsole() WriteConsole() | ioctl() read() write() |
| Information Maintenance | GetCurrentProcessID() SetTimer() Sleep() | getpid() alarm() sleep() |
| Communication | CreatePipe() CreateFileMapping() MapViewOfFile() | pipe() shmget() mmap() |

Example

`open()`, `read()`, `write()`, `close()`, `mkdir()` are other examples of system calls

References

- 1) Tutorials Point, Types of System Calls, link
- b)