

BBM 301 - Programming Languages - Fall 2020 Midterm  
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**Question 1-2: 23 points, 20 mins.**

**1- [8 pts]** A natural number is either 0 or any positive number consisting of digits 0-9, but that does not start with 0s. That is, the numbers 0, 9, 78, 304, 40105, 20000000 are natural, but 02 and 0034 are not.

- a) Write a BNF for describing natural numbers. Do not use EBNF.
- b) Write a regular expression for describing natural numbers

**2- [15 pts]** Consider the following grammar, where {S} is the set of non-terminals, and {x; &} is the set of terminals.

**S -> x**  
**S -> S &**  
**S -> S S**

- a) Show that this grammar is ambiguous.
- b) Write a BNF for non-ambiguous grammar for the same language, resolving ambiguities as follows:
  - Juxtaposition (the production **S -> S S**) associates to the left, & is non-associative
  - & has a higher precedence than Juxtaposition.