

## CS115 Fall 2014 Test 1 —SOLUTION GUIDE—

Closed book: no textbook, no electronic devices, one sheet of paper with notes.

*Read carefully before answering!* Write your answers on the test paper and turn in your notes.

### Question 1 (5 points)

What is the value of the last expression?

```
>>> L = [ 'new ', 'york ', 'times ' ]
>>> M = [ 'washington ', 'post ' ] + L
>>> L[2]
```

In other words, what is the value of `L[2]` after `L` and `M` have been defined?

**SOLUTION** `'times'` (or you can just say `times`, since python often omits quote marks when displaying output)

**Rubric:** (2 for `'times'` or `times`) + (3 for just that, no list or other junk) **Assess:** [state]

### Question 2 (5 points)

What is the value of the last expression?

```
>>> L = [ 'new ', 'york ', 'times ', 'dot ', 'com ' ]
>>> M = range(1,6)
>>> L[M[2]]
```

**SOLUTION** `'dot'` (or you can just say `dot`)

**Rubric:** (2 for `dot` + 3 for no list or other junk) **Assess:** [state]

### Question 3 (5 points)

What is the value of the last expression?

```
>>> L = [ 'play ', 'scrabble ', 'now ' ]
>>> M = L + [ 'or ', 'go ', 'swimming ' ]
>>> L[:2] + M[5:]
```

**SOLUTION** `['play ', 'scrabble ', 'swimming']`

**Rubric:** (1 for a list of words) + (1 for a list that includes at least `play`, `scrabble`, `swimming`) + (3 for correct list) **Assess:** nothing

### Question 4 (20 points)

Write a trace of the call `mystery(28, 36)`, for the function definition below. That is, starting with `mystery(28, 36)`, show each call that is made, with the argument values, connected by arrows to show what call leads to what call. In addition, draw a reverse arrow labeled with the value returned, for each call.

```
def mystery(m, n):
    if m % n == 0:
        return n
    return mystery(n, m % n)
```

**SOLUTION** Here's a trace (but the arrows are missing, sorry).

```
mystery(28,36) returns 4
mystery(36,28) returns 4
mystery(28,8) returns 4
mystery(8,4) returns 4
```

Note: This is a famous program that computes the greatest common divisor.

**Rubric:** 5 for at least one call + 5 for most of the calls + 5 all of the calls + 5 correct result number

**Assess:** [execution]

**Question 5** (15 points)

Consider this code. What does it print? (Hint: you might want to write a trace of function `ind` for yourself.)

```
def ind(item, lst):
    if lst == []:
        return None
    if item == lst[0]:
        return 0
    return 1 + ind(item, lst[1:])
```

```
L = range(7)
M = map(lambda x: x+2, L)
print M
print ind(5, M)
```

**SOLUTION** It prints

```
[2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
3
```

**Rubric:** (3 M is a list) + (2 M contains successive numbers) + (5 M has the right numbers) + (3 correct value from `ind(5,M)` for their M) + (2 value from `ind(5,M)` is 3)

**Assess:** execution

**Question 6** (25 points)

Implement the following function.

```
def suffixes(L):
    '''Assume L is a list.
       Return the suffixes of L, in decreasing order by length.'''
```

For example, `suffixes([5, 1, 42, 3])` should return

```
[[5, 1, 42, 3], [1, 42, 3], [42, 3], [3], []]
```

Hint: As the example shows, we consider `[]` to be a suffix of any list, so `suffixes([ ])` should return `[[ ]]`.

**SOLUTION**

```
def suffixes(L):
    if L == []: return [[]]
    else:
        return [L] + suffixes(L[1:])
```

The brackets are important here. Don't just put brackets because you think something is a list. This is wrong:

```
...         return [L] + [suffixes(L[1:])]

```

It takes the list of suffixes and makes a one-element list out of that before catenating with [L]. This is also wrong:

```
...         return L + suffixes(L[1:])

```

Try it and see what happens.

**Rubric:** (5 syntax) + (5 correct base case) + (5 design using recursion, i.e., suffixes (L [1:]) combined with L) + (5 result has [L]) + (5 result has suffixes (L [1:]) not in brackets)

**Assess:** coding

## FRIDAY PART OF THE TEST

**Rubric:** for Q7: (5 file loads without error) + (6 works on the given test cases) + (6 works in general) + (3 uses recursion not filter) **Rubric:** for Q8: (3 uses filter) + (4 works on the given test cases) + (3 works in general)

If the solutions use additional functions, they are not required to have docstrings – but in the future we will require this. **Assess:** Q8 and Q9: coding

*# test1\_Q78sol – questions 7 and 8 on first exam, 2014 – SOLUTION GUIDE*

```
#####
# RULES: you can use Moodle to download this file and upload your solution.
# You can use IDLE to edit and run your program. You should NOT look at
# other programs in IDLE, you should NOT use any other programs, and you
# should NOT use any notes or books.
# According to the Honor Code, you should report any student who appears
# to be violating these rules.
#####
```

```
#####
# Question 7 (20 points)
# Implement this function, using recursion and not using filter.
#####
```

```
def remBad(strs):
    '''Assume strs is a list of strings. Remove every occurrence of "bad"
    and leave the rest unchanged. For examples, look at remBadTest() below.'''

    if strs == []:
        return []
    elif strs[0] == "bad":
        return remBad(strs[1:])
```

```

    else:
        return [ strs[0]] + remBad( strs[1:])

# Examples and a function to help testing

test1 = ["bad"]
ans1 = []
test2 = ["cat"]
ans2 = ["cat"]
test3 = ["bad", "cat", "ate", "bad", "rat"]
ans3 = ["cat", "ate", "rat"]

def remBadTest():
    if remBad(test1)==ans1 and remBad(test2)==ans2 and remBad(test3)==ans3:
        print "success"
    else:
        print "test failed"

#####
# Question 8 (10 points)
# Implement this function using the 'filter' function, and not recursion.
#####

def remBadAlt(strs):
    '''same as remBad'''
    return filter(lambda s: s != "bad", strs)

def remBadAltTest():
    if remBadAlt(test1)==ans1 and remBadAlt(test2)==ans2 and remBadAlt(test3)==ans3:
        print "success"
    else:
        print "test failed"

```