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In a write-through cache, when does the data get written to main memory?

- ☐ a. Only when cache is full.
- ☐ b. After a fixed delay.
- ☒ c. When background flush starts.
- ☐ d. Immediately after it is written to cache.

Question 2

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In Linux, what does the command `sudo hdparm -W 1 /dev/sda` do?

- ☐ a. Flushes dirty cache pages to disk.
- ☐ b. Displays the cache size.
- ☒ c. Enables the write cache of the disk.
- ☐ d. Disables the write cache of the disk.

Question 3

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The background flush threshold (`vm.dirty_background_ratio`) defines:

- ☐ a. When the system blocks writes.
- ☐ b. The maximum percentage of memory that can be dirty.
- ☒ c. The percentage of dirty pages that triggers background flushing.
- ☐ d. The speed of the writeback daemon.

Question 4

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The write-back cache improves performance mainly by:

- ☐ a. Writing data immediately to disk.
- ☐ b. Storing writes only in the CPU cache.
- ☒ c. Delaying writes to memory until necessary.
- ☐ d. Disabling caching temporarily.

Question 5

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What happens if vm.dirty_ratio is reached in Linux?

- ☐ a. All processes are terminated.
- ☐ b. The kernel starts background flush silently.
- ☐ c. Swap space is expanded.
- ☒ d. Processes performing writes are blocked until enough dirty pages are written.

Question 6

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What is the primary advantage of object storage over block storage?

- ☒ a. Scalability and metadata-rich organization.
- ☐ b. Better transaction management.
- ☐ c. Hardware-based caching.
- ☐ d. Faster write performance.

Question 7

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Which of the following correctly represents the data flow in Linux caching layers?

- ☐ a. Disk → RAM → CPU Cache
- ☐ b. CPU → Disk Cache → RAM → Disk Media
- ☐ c. RAM → CPU → Disk Cache
- ☒ d. CPU → RAM → Disk Cache → Disk Media

Question 8

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Which of the following statements best describes block storage?

- ☐ a. Data is accessed only through RESTful APIs.
- ☐ b. It is used mainly for cloud object storage.
- ☒ c. Data is stored as complete files with metadata and unique IDs.
- ☐ d. Data is stored in fixed-size chunks managed by the OS.

Question 9

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Which process in Linux is responsible for periodically writing dirty pages from RAM to disk?

- ☒ a. pdflush / flush-x:y daemons
- ☐ b. swapd
- ☐ c. cron
- ☐ d. fsck

Question 10

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Which statement best differentiates disk cache from memory cache?

- ☒ a. Disk cache is managed by the CPU; memory cache by the disk firmware.
- ☐ b. Disk cache is hardware-level; memory cache (page cache) is OS-level.
- ☐ c. Disk cache is non-volatile.
- ☐ d. Both are controlled by the file system.

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