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## NeoColab\_REC\_CS23231\_DATA STRUCTURES

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Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 20 Marks Obtained : 20

Section 1: MCQ

1. In a quick sort algorithm, where are smaller elements placed to the pivot during the partition process, assuming we are sorting in increasing order?

Answer

To the left of the pivot

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

2. In a quick sort algorithm, what role does the pivot element play?

Answer

It is used to partition the array

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

3. Which of the following scenarios is Merge Sort preferred over Quick Sort?

Answer

When sorting linked lists

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

4. Which of the following sorting algorithms is based on the divide and conquer method?

Answer

Merge Sort

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

5. Why is Merge Sort preferred for sorting large datasets compared to Quick Sort?

Answer

Merge Sort has better worst-case time complexity

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

6. What happens during the merge step in Merge Sort?

**Answer** 

Two sorted subarrays are combined into one sorted array

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

7. Let P be a quick sort program to sort numbers in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Let t1 and t2 be the number of comparisons made by P for the inputs {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} and {4, 1, 5, 3, 2}, respectively. Which one of the following holds?

Answer

t1 > t2

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

8. What is the best sorting algorithm to use for the elements in an array that are more than 1 million in general?

Answer

Quick sort.

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

9. Which of the following is not true about QuickSort?

Answer

It can be implemented as a stable sort

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

10. Consider the Quick Sort algorithm, which sorts elements in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Then which of the following input sequences will require the maximum number of comparisons when this algorithm is applied to it?

Answer

22 25 56 67 89

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

11. Merge sort is \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer

Comparison-based sorting algorithm

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

12. Which of the following statements is true about the merge sort

algorithm?

Answer

It requires additional memory for merging

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

13. The following code snippet is an example of a quick sort. What do the 'low' and 'high' parameters represent in this code?

```
void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high) {
   if (low < high) {
     int pivot = partition(arr, low, high);
     quickSort(arr, low, pivot - 1);
     quickSort(arr, pivot + 1, high);
   }
}</pre>
```

Answer

The range of elements to sort within the array

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

14. Which of the following is true about Quicksort?

Answer

It is an in-place sorting algorithm

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

15. What is the main advantage of Quicksort over Merge Sort?

Answer

Quicksort requires less auxiliary space

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

16. Is Merge Sort a stable sorting algorithm? Answer Yes, always stable. Status: Correct Marks: 1/1 17. Which of the following methods is used for sorting in merge sort? Answer merging Marks : 1/1 Status: Correct 18. Which of the following modifications can help Quicksort perform better on small subarrays? Answer Switching to Insertion Sort for small subarrays Status: Correct Marks: 1/1 19. Which of the following strategies is used to improve the efficiency of Quicksort in practical implementations? Answer Choosing the pivot randomly or using the median-of-three method Status: Correct Marks: 1/1 20. What happens when Merge Sort is applied to a single-element array?

## Answer

The array remains unchanged and no merging is required

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1