


# Assignment 1

- **Question 1**

1 out of 1 points

In what way is an operating system like a government?

Correct Answer: 

It creates an environment within which other programs can do useful work.

- **Question 2**

1 out of 1 points

\_\_\_ operating systems are designed primarily to maximize resource utilization.

Correct Answer: 

Mainframe

- **Question 3**

1 out of 1 points

The most common secondary storage device is \_\_\_.


Correct Answer: 

magnetic disk

- **Question 4**

1 out of 1 points

A \_\_\_ can be used to prevent a user program from never returning control to the operating system.


Correct Answer: 

timer

- **Question 5**

1 out of 1 points

Embedded computers typically run on a \_\_\_ operating system.

Correct Answer: 

real-time

- **Question 6**

1 out of 1 points

A clustered system \_\_\_.


Correct Answer: 

gathers together multiple CPUs to accomplish computational work

- **Question 7**

1 out of 1 points

Which of the following is a property of peer-to-peer systems?


Correct Answer: 

Clients and servers are not distinguished from one another.

- **Question 8**

1 out of 1 points

What are some other terms for kernel mode?


Correct Answer: 

All of the above

- **Question 9**

1 out of 1 points

Which of the following statements concerning open source operating systems is true?


Correct Answer: 

Source code is freely available.

- **Question 10**

1 out of 1 points

Which of the following operating systems is not open source?


Correct Answer: 

Windows

- **Question 11**

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A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is the unit of work in a system.


Correct Answer: 

process

- **Question 12**

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The two separate modes of operating in a system are


Correct Answer: 

user mode and kernel mode

- **Question 13**

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The operating system kernel consists of all system and application programs in a computer.

Correct Answer:  False

- **Question 14**

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Flash memory is slower than DRAM but needs no power to retain its contents.

Correct Answer:  True

- **Question 15**

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A system call is triggered by hardware.

Correct Answer:  False

- **Question 16**

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UNIX does not allow users to escalate privileges to gain extra permissions for a restricted activity.

Correct Answer:  False

- **Question 17**

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Processors for most mobile devices run at a slower speed than a processor in a desktop PC.

Correct Answer:  True

- **Question 18**

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Interrupts may be triggered by either hardware or software.

Correct Answer:  True

- **Question 19**

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All computer systems have some sort of user interaction.

Correct Answer:  False

- **Question 20**

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Solid state disks are generally faster than magnetic disks.

Correct Answer:  True

- **Question 21**

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Solid state disks are considered volatile storage.

Correct Answer:  False

- **Question 22**

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There is no universally accepted definition of an operating system.

Correct Answer:  True