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Question 1

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Consider Selection Sort: How many times will a given object at most be exchanged (ie. moved around in the array)?

Select one:

- ☐ a.  $\log(n)$
- ☐ b.  $n^2/2$
- ☐ c. 1
- ☒ d.  $n - 1$



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:  $n - 1$



## Question 2

Incorrect

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

Consider running Selection Sort on the array `EASYQUESTION`

After the algorithm has done 2 exchanges, how does the array look?

Select one:

- ☐ a. `A E E S Y Q U E S T I O N`
- ☒ b. `A E E Y Q U S S T I O N`
- ☐ c. `A E S Y Q U E S T I O N`

✗

Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is: `A E S Y Q U E S T I O N`

## Question 3

Incorrect

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

Consider using Top-down Merge Sort on the array `a` consisting of the keys:

`EASYQUESTION`.

If the initial call to sort uses the indices `sort(a, 0, 11)`, which indices does the second recursive (not the first recursive) call to sort use as parameters?

Select one:

- ☐ a. `sort(a, 0, 5)`
- ☐ b. `sort(a, 6, 8)`
- ☒ c. `sort(a, 6, 11)`
- ☐ d. `sort(a, 0, 2)`

✗

Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is: `sort(a, 0, 2)`

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## Question 4

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Again, consider using Top-down Merge Sort on the array  $a$  consisting of the keys:

E A S Y Q U E S T I O N.

Which indices are used as parameters to the second to last call to merge?

Select one:

- ☐ a. `merge(a, 8, 11, 15)`
- ☐ b. `merge(a, 8, 9, 11)`
- ☐ c. `merge(a, 5, 8, 11)`
- ☒ d. `merge(a, 6, 8, 11)`



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: `merge(a, 6, 8, 11)`

## Question 5

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Imagine an array  $a$  of size  $n$  presented as a recursion tree while running a top-down merge sort. Each node of the tree represents a sub-array of  $a$  (as described in Chapter 2.2 of [SW]) Can you say anything wise about the height  $h$  of this tree in relations to  $n$ ?

Select one:

- ☐ a.  $h$  is always  $n/2$
- ☒ b.  $h$  is always  $\log n$
- ☐ c.  $h$  takes an arbitrary value based on the contents of  $a$
- ☐ d.  $h$  is always  $n \log n$



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:  $h$  is always  $\log n$



## Question 6

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Define the values  $f(n)$  positive integers  $n$  by

$$f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$$

$$f(1) = f(2) = 1$$

Compute  $f(6)$

Answer:

8



The correct answer is: 8

## Question 7

Partially correct

Mark 0.50 out of 1.00


For some real number  $r > 1$  and integer  $K_0$ , consider the following recurrence relation:

$$K(n) = K(n-1) + K(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$K(0) = K_0.$$

Which well-known phenomenon does this recurrence describe and what is the closed form?

Select one or more:

- ☐ a.  $K(n)$  is the total capital after  $n$  years with interest rate  $r$  and starting capital  $K_0$ .
- ☐ b.  $K(n)$  is the  $n$ th Fibonacci number, provided  $r = 2$  and  $K_0 = 1$ .
- ☐ c.  $K(n)$  is the total speed of a car with acceleration  $r$  after  $n$  seconds, starting from  $K_0$ .
- ☐ d.  $K(n)$  is the number of comparisons for sorting  $n$  numbers for an  $r$ -recursive algorithm with stack size  $K_0$ .
- ☒ e.  $K(n) = (1+r)^n K_0$  
- ☐ f.  $K(n) = K_0 \log_r n$
- ☐ g.  $K(n) = K_0 + nr$
- ☐ h.  $K(n) = K_0 + n + r$

Your answer is partially correct.

You have correctly selected 1.

The correct answers are:  $K(n)$  is the total capital after  $n$  years with interest rate  $r$  and starting capital  $K_0$ .

$$K(n) = (1+r)^n K_0$$



## Question 8

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Solve the following recurrence:

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 3$$

$$T(0) = 0.$$

Select one:

- ☒ a.  $T(n) = 3n$
- ☐ b.  $T(n) = 3 + n$
- ☐ c.  $T(n) = n^3$
- ☐ d.  $T(n) = \frac{1}{3}n$



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:  $T(n) = 3n$

## Question 9

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Professor Sloppy wrote down the following recurrence for  $f_n$  for integer  $n \geq 1$ :

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

What are the problems, if any, with this formulation?

Select one or more:

- ☐ a. Recurrences must be written as functions ( $T(n) = \dots$ , not as sequences  $f_n = \dots$ )
- ☒ b. You can never have two occurrences of the recursively-defined values (here,  $f_{n-1}$  and  $f_{n-2}$ ) on the right hand side. ✗
- ☒ c. The values are undefined because there is only one base case. ✓
- ☐ d. Recurrences must be defined for all real numbers, not only integers.

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: The values are undefined because there is only one base case.



## Question 10

Partially correct

Mark 0.83 out of 5.00

Consider the *lexicographic ordering* on sequences of digits, such as 235. Then the following list is sorted in ascending order:

✓ <  ✗ <  ✗ <  ✗ <  ✗ <  ✗

Your answer is partially correct.

You have correctly selected 1.

The correct answer is:

Consider the *lexicographic ordering* on sequences of digits, such as 235. Then the following list is sorted in ascending order: [10] < [100] < [11] < [48] < [50] < [99]

## Question 11

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Consider the *numeric ordering* on sequences of digits, such as 235, using the standard convention, i.e.,  $235 = 2 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10 + 5$ . Then the following list is sorted in ascending order:  ✓ <  ✓ <  ✓ <  ✓ <  ✓ <  ✓

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

Consider the *numeric ordering* on sequences of digits, such as 235, using the standard convention, i.e.,  $235 = 2 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10 + 5$ . Then the following list is sorted in ascending order: [10] < [11] < [48] < [50] < [99] < [100]



## Question 12

Not answered

Marked out of 1.00

(You probably need to consult an external source for this.)

Three Danish locations, sorted lexicographically according to Danish rules:  < <  < Three Swedish locations, sorted lexicographically according to Swedish rules:  < <  < Three German locations, sorted lexicographically according to German rules:  < <  <  Ägyptisches Museum Berlin  Überlingen  Växjö  Århus Zarrentin am Schaalsee  Ølstykke  Åre  Ærø Skallebølle  Ängelholm  Öland  Öhringen

Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is: (You probably need to consult an external source for this.)

Three Danish locations, sorted lexicographically according to Danish rules: [Skallebølle] &lt; [Ærø] &lt; [Ølstykke] &lt; [Århus]

Three Swedish locations, sorted lexicographically according to Swedish rules: [Växjö] &lt; [Åre] &lt; [Ängelholm] &lt; [Öland]

Three German locations, sorted lexicographically according to German rules: [Ägyptisches Museum Berlin] &lt; [Öhringen] &lt; [Überlingen] &lt; [Zarrentin am Schaalsee]

