


# Term Test 2 - L5101



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**Question 1.** [6 MARKS]

**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Explain how a process can become an orphan process. What happens when an orphan process terminates?

*An orphan process is a child process which terminate before parent, but the OS. keeps track of its exit information, and does not delete the process from memory in case parent needs it.*

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

Suppose we have a function pointer variable `fp` that is declared so that the following statements are legal. Select all options below that correctly call a function using `fp`.

*fp = malloc pointer to a function*

```
int size = 16;
```

- ☒ `char *str = *fp(size);`
- ☒ `char *str = fp(size);`
- ☐ `char *str = &fp(size);`
- ☐ `char *str = fp(*size);`

**Part (c)** [1 MARK]

Which one of the following statements is NOT a primary reason for using header files in C programs.

- ☐ To provide function declarations (prototypes) so the compiler can check if functions are called correctly.
- ☒ To share common macros and constants across multiple source files. *X*
- ☐ To increase program execution speed by pre-compiling frequently used code segments.
- ☐ To define data structures and custom types that need to be used in multiple source files.

**Part (d)** [1 MARK] Select all the macros below that are correct and safe to use in C programs.

- ☐ `#define ADJUST(x) x + 2` *needs brackets*
- ☐ `#define ADJUST(x) (x + 2)`
- ☒ `#define ADJUST(x) ((x) + 2)`

b) incorrect (only the second option should be checked) **-0.5**

c) third option should

☐ #define ADJUST(x) (x) + 2

be

checked -1

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## Question 2. [3 MARKS]

## Part (a) [2 MARKS]

Assume the following program runs without error. The echo program simply prints its arguments to stdout.

```
int main() {  
    char p[] = "A";  
  
    if (fork() == 0) {  
        p[0] = 'B';  
    } else {  
        p[0] = 'C';  
    }  
    execlp("echo", "echo", p, NULL);  
    printf("D\n");  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will be printed to the screen when this program is run? Check all that apply.

- ☐ A  
☒ B  
☒ C  
☒ D

a) incorrect -0.5

## Part (b) [1 MARK]

The complete contents of code.c are shown below. Which of the following compilation commands will succeed without any warning or errors? Check all that apply.

```
int f(int);  
  
int g() {  
    return f(10);  
}
```

- ☐ gcc -Wall -g -o code code.c  
☐ gcc -Wall -g -c code.c  
☐ gcc -g code.c  
☒ gcc -c code.c

b) incorrect -0.25



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**Question 3.** [5 MARKS] The current working directory contains only the following files:

Makefile config.h main.c math\_ops.c math\_ops.h matrix\_ops.c matrix\_ops.h

The Makefile has the following contents:

```

1 all: calc
2
3 calc: main.o math_ops.o matrix_ops.o
4     gcc -Wall -g -o calc main.o math_ops.o matrix_ops.o -lm
5
6 main.o: main.c math_ops.h matrix_ops.h config.h
7     gcc -Wall -g -c main.c
8
9 math_ops.o: math_ops.c math_ops.h config.h
10    gcc -Wall -g -c math_ops.c
11
12 matrix_ops.o: matrix_ops.c matrix_ops.h math_ops.h
13    gcc -Wall -g -c matrix_ops.c
14
15
16 clean:
17    rm -f *.o calc

```

**Part (a)** [1 MARK] If you first run `make matrix_ops.o` which files are created or modified?

The only file created is `matrix_ops.o` object file.

**Part (b)** [1 MARK] If you next run `make calc` which actions are executed? (This command is run after the command in part (a).)

actions created: checks main.o dependency, runs  
`gcc -Wall -g -c main.c`  
 also checks math\_ops.o  
 so, `gcc -Wall -g -c math_ops.c`  
 also lastly `gcc -Wall -g -o calc main.o math_ops.o matrix_ops.o -lm`

all  
correct **2**

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**Part (c)** [1 MARK] Which rule is evaluated first when you run `make`?

all: calc

**Part (d)** [2 MARKS] Suppose we replace the rules `main.o`, `math_ops.o`, `matrix_ops.o` with the following rule. Does this rule work the same as the three rules it replaces? Explain your answer.

```
%o: %.c
gcc -Wall -g -c se
```

This rule usually works with % wildcard matching object files and header files with the same file name. But in this case, object files depend on more than 11 different header files and so on it will not work as expected.

all correct **3**

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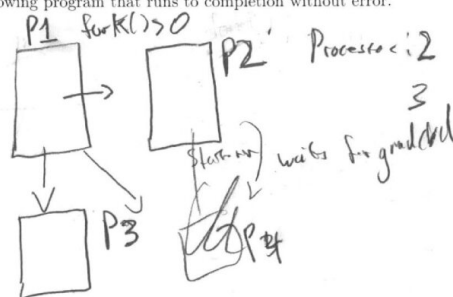
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Question 4. [6 MARKS] Consider the following program that runs to completion without error.

```
1 int main() {
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3     if(fork() > 0) {
4         if(fork() == 0) {
5             fprintf(stderr, "A");
6             exit(0);
7         } else {
8             fprintf(stderr, "B");
9             exit(0);
10        }
11
12    } else {
13        if(fork() == 0) {
14            fprintf(stderr, "C");
15        } else {
16            wait(NULL);
17            fprintf(stderr, "E");
18        }
19    }
20    fprintf(stderr, "D");
21    return 0;
22 }
```



Part (a) [1 MARK] Including the process that runs main, how many processes are created when this program is run?

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Part (b) [1 MARK] Which letter or letters cannot be printed first?

D, E,

**Part (c)** [4 MARKS] For each statement below, indicate whether the statement is true or false by circling the correct answer.

- TRUE ☒ FALSE All of the characters must be printed before the shell prompt appears.
- TRUE ☒ FALSE At least one character is printed more than once.
- TRUE ☒ FALSE B can be printed last.
- TRUE ☒ FALSE D cannot be printed before C.

All correct **6**

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**Question 5.** [6 MARKS]

Complete the following function that operates on files containing binary data of the format described in the comments. You do **not** need to do any error checking.

```
struct data { /* definition omitted */ };
```

/\* replace\_data replaces the kth element of the data array in the file named filename with new\_data. If k is not within the bounds of the array, return -1 and leave the file unchanged. Otherwise update the file and return 0. Assume the data array is 0-indexed.

The format of the binary file is as follows:

- The file first contains the length of the data array.
- The file then contains the data array.

For example, for a file "foo.dat" containing:

- the integer 10 (4 bytes)
  - the data array (10 \* sizeof(struct data) bytes)
- A call to replace\_data("foo.dat", 0, new\_data) would update "foo.dat" to:
- the integer 10 (4 bytes)
  - the contents of new\_data (sizeof(struct data) bytes)
  - the original last 9 elements of the data array (9 \* sizeof(struct data) bytes)

Your solution should minimize the number of read and write calls.\*/

```
int replace_data(char *filename, int k, struct data new_data) {
```

```
    FILE *file_name = fopen(filename, "r+");
    int size = fread(&size, sizeof(int), 1, file_name);
    fseek(file_name, k * sizeof(struct data), SEEK_CUR);
    if (k > size) { return -1; }
    if (fseek(0, 0) == 0) {
```

Incorrect bound check **-1**

```
        FILE *write_file = fopen(filename, "r+");
        fseek(write_file, k * sizeof(struct data) + 4, SEEK_CUR);
        fwrite(&new_data, sizeof(new_data), 1, write_file);
        fclose(write_file);
        exit(0);
    }
    fclose(file_name); return 0;
}
```



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