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COMPUTER SCIENCE A SECTION II

Time—1 hour and 45 minutes

Number of questions—4

Percent of total grade—50

Directions: SHOW ALL YOUR WORK. REMEMBER THAT PROGRAM SEGMENTS ARE TO BE WRITTEN IN JAVA.

Notes:

- Assume that the classes listed in the Quick Reference found in the Appendix have been imported where appropriate.
 - Unless otherwise noted in the question, assume that parameters in method calls are not `null` and that methods are called only when their preconditions are satisfied.
 - In writing solutions for each question, you may use any of the accessible methods that are listed in classes defined in that question. Writing significant amounts of code that can be replaced by a call to one of these methods may not receive full credit.
1. A travel agency maintains a list of information about airline flights. Flight information includes a departure time and an arrival time. You may assume that the two times occur on the same day. These times are represented by objects of the `Time` class.

The declaration for the `Time` class is shown below. It includes a method `minutesUntil` that returns the difference (in minutes) between the current `Time` object and another `Time` object.

```
public class Time
{
    /** @return difference, in minutes, between this time and other;
     *     difference is negative if other is earlier than this time
     */
    public int minutesUntil(Time other)
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

For example, assume that `t1` and `t2` are `Time` objects where `t1` represents 1:00 P.M. and `t2` represents 2:15 P.M. The call `t1.minutesUntil(t2)` will return 75 and the call `t2.minutesUntil(t1)` will return -75.

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The declaration for the `Flight` class is shown below. It has methods to access the departure time and the arrival time of a flight. You may assume that the departure time of a flight is earlier than its arrival time.

```
public class Flight
{
    /** @return time at which the flight departs
     */
    public Time getDepartureTime()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** @return time at which the flight arrives
     */
    public Time getArrivalTime()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

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A trip consists of a sequence of flights and is represented by the `Trip` class. The `Trip` class contains an `ArrayList` of `Flight` objects that are stored in chronological order. You may assume that for each flight after the first flight in the list, the departure time of the flight is later than the arrival time of the preceding flight in the list. A partial declaration of the `Trip` class is shown below. You will write two methods for the `Trip` class.

```
public class Trip
{
    private ArrayList<Flight> flights;
        // stores the flights (if any) in chronological order

    /** @return the number of minutes from the departure of the first flight to the arrival
     *         of the last flight if there are one or more flights in the trip;
     *         0, if there are no flights in the trip
     */
    public int getDuration()
    {    /* to be implemented in part (a) */    }

    /** Precondition: the departure time for each flight is later than the arrival time of its
     *         preceding flight
     * @return the smallest number of minutes between the arrival of a flight and the departure
     *         of the flight immediately after it, if there are two or more flights in the trip;
     *         -1, if there are fewer than two flights in the trip
     */
    public int getShortestLayover()
    {    /* to be implemented in part (b) */    }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

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- (a) Complete method `getDuration` below.

```
/** @return the number of minutes from the departure of the first flight to the arrival
 *         of the last flight if there are one or more flights in the trip;
 *         0, if there are no flights in the trip
 */
public int getDuration()
```

- (b) Write the `Trip` method `getShortestLayover`. A layover is the number of minutes from the arrival of one flight in a trip to the departure of the flight immediately after it. If there are two or more flights in the trip, the method should return the shortest layover of the trip; otherwise, it should return -1.

For example, assume that the instance variable `flights` of a `Trip` object `vacation` contains the following flight information.

	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Layover (minutes)
Flight 0	11:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	} 60
Flight 1	1:15 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	
Flight 2	4:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	} 15
Flight 3	10:15 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	
			} 210

The call `vacation.getShortestLayover()` should return 15.

Complete method `getShortestLayover` below.

```
/** Precondition: the departure time for each flight is later than the arrival time of its
 *         preceding flight
 * @return the smallest number of minutes between the arrival of a flight and the departure
 *         of the flight immediately after it, if there are two or more flights in the trip;
 *         -1, if there are fewer than two flights in the trip
 */
public int getShortestLayover()
```

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2. Consider a method of encoding and decoding words that is based on a *master string*. This master string will contain all the letters of the alphabet, some possibly more than once. An example of a master string is "sixtyzipperwerequicklypickedfromthewovenjutebag". This string and its indexes are shown below.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
s	i	x	t	y	z	i	p	p	e	r	s	w	e	r	e	q	u	i	c	k	l	y	p

24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
i	c	k	e	d	f	r	o	m	t	h	e	w	o	v	e	n	j	u	t	e	b	a	g

An encoded string is defined by a list of *string parts*. A string part is defined by its starting index in the master string and its length. For example, the string "overeager" is encoded as the list of string parts [(37, 3), (14, 2), (46, 2), (9, 2)] denoting the substrings "ove", "re", "ag", and "er".

String parts will be represented by the `StringPart` class shown below.

```
public class StringPart
{
    /** @param start the starting position of the substring in a master string
     *  @param length the length of the substring in a master string
     */
    public StringPart(int start, int length)
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** @return the starting position of the substring in a master string
     */
    public int getStart()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** @return the length of the substring in a master string
     */
    public int getLength()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

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The class `StringCoder` provides methods to encode and decode words using a given master string. When encoding, there may be multiple matching string parts of the master string. The helper method `findPart` is provided to choose a string part within the master string that matches the beginning of a given string.

```
public class StringCoder
{
    private String masterString;

    /** @param master the master string for the StringCoder
     *      Precondition: the master string contains all the letters of the alphabet
     */
    public StringCoder(String master)
    { masterString = master; }

    /** @param parts an ArrayList of string parts that are valid in the master string
     *      Precondition: parts.size() > 0
     *      @return the string obtained by concatenating the parts of the master string
     */
    public String decodeString(ArrayList<StringPart> parts)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /** @param str the string to encode using the master string
     *      Precondition: all of the characters in str appear in the master string;
     *                      str.length() > 0
     *      @return a string part in the master string that matches the beginning of str.
     *              The returned string part has length at least 1.
     */
    private StringPart findPart(String str)
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** @param word the string to be encoded
     *      Precondition: all of the characters in word appear in the master string;
     *                      word.length() > 0
     *      @return an ArrayList of string parts of the master string that can be combined
     *              to create word
     */
    public ArrayList<StringPart> encodeString(String word)
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

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- (a) Write the `StringCoder` method `decodeString`. This method retrieves the substrings in the master string represented by each of the `StringPart` objects in `parts`, concatenates them in the order in which they appear in `parts`, and returns the result.

Complete method `decodeString` below.

```
/** @param parts an ArrayList of string parts that are valid in the master string
 *      Precondition: parts.size() > 0
 *      @return the string obtained by concatenating the parts of the master string
 */
public String decodeString(ArrayList<StringPart> parts)
```


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- (b) Write the `StringCoder` method `encodeString`. A string is encoded by determining the substrings in the master string that can be combined to generate the given string. The encoding starts with a string part that matches the beginning of the word, followed by a string part that matches the beginning of the rest of the word, and so on. The string parts are returned in an array list in the order in which they appear in `word`.

The helper method `findPart` must be used to choose matching string parts in the master string.

Complete method `encodeString` below.

```
/** @param word the string to be encoded
 *      Precondition: all of the characters in word appear in the master string;
 *      word.length() > 0
 *  @return an ArrayList of string parts of the master string that can be combined
 *          to create word
 */
public ArrayList<StringPart> encodeString(String word)
```

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4. A *checker* is an object that examines strings and *accepts* those strings that meet a particular criterion.

The `Checker` interface is defined below.

```
public interface Checker
{
    /** @param text a string to consider for acceptance
     *  @return true if this Checker accepts text; false otherwise
     */
    boolean accept(String text);
}
```

In this question, you will write two classes that implement the `Checker` interface. You will then create a `Checker` object that checks for a particular acceptance criterion.

- (a) A `SubstringChecker` accepts any string that contains a particular substring. For example, the following `SubstringChecker` object `broccoliChecker` accepts all strings containing the substring `"broccoli"`.

```
Checker broccoliChecker = new SubstringChecker("broccoli");
```

The following table illustrates the results of several calls to the `broccoliChecker` `accept` method.

Method Call	Result
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("broccoli")</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("I like broccoli")</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("carrots are great")</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>broccoliChecker.accept("Broccoli Bonanza")</code>	<code>false</code>

Write the `SubstringChecker` class that implements the `Checker` interface. The constructor should take a single `String` parameter that represents the particular substring to be matched.

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- (b) Checkers can be created to check for multiple acceptance criteria by combining other checker objects. For example, an `AndChecker` is a `Checker` that is constructed with two objects of classes that implement the `Checker` interface (such as `SubstringChecker` or `AndChecker` objects). The `AndChecker` `accept` method returns `true` if and only if the string is accepted by both of the `Checker` objects with which it was constructed.

In the code segment below, the `bothChecker` object accepts all strings containing both "beets" and "carrots". The code segment also shows how the `veggies` object can be constructed to accept all strings containing the three substrings "beets", "carrots", and "artichokes".

```
Checker bChecker = new SubstringChecker("beets");
Checker cChecker = new SubstringChecker("carrots");
Checker bothChecker = new AndChecker(bChecker, cChecker);

Checker aChecker = new SubstringChecker("artichokes");
Checker veggies = new AndChecker(bothChecker, aChecker);
```

The following table illustrates the results of several calls to the `bothChecker` `accept` method and the `veggies` `accept` method.

Method Call	Result
<code>bothChecker.accept("I love beets and carrots")</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>bothChecker.accept("beets are great")</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>veggies.accept("artichokes, beets, and carrots")</code>	<code>true</code>

Write the `AndChecker` class that implements the `Checker` interface. The constructor should take two `Checker` parameters.

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(c) Another implementation of the `Checker` interface is the `NotChecker`, which contains the following:

- A one-parameter constructor that takes one `Checker` object
- An `accept` method that returns `true` if and only if its `Checker` object does NOT accept the string

Using any of the classes `SubstringChecker`, `AndChecker`, and `NotChecker`, construct a `Checker` that accepts a string if and only if it contains neither the substring "artichokes" nor the substring "kale". Assign the constructed `Checker` to `yummyChecker`. Consider the following incomplete code segment.

```
Checker aChecker = new SubstringChecker("artichokes");
Checker kChecker = new SubstringChecker("kale");
Checker yummyChecker;
/* code to construct and assign to yummyChecker */
```

The following table illustrates the results of several calls to the `yummyChecker` `accept` method.

Method Call	Result
<code>yummyChecker.accept("chocolate truffles")</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>yummyChecker.accept("kale is great")</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>yummyChecker.accept("Yuck: artichokes & kale")</code>	<code>false</code>

In writing your solution, you may use any of the classes specified for this problem. Assume that these classes work as specified, regardless of what you wrote in parts (a) and (b). You may assume that the declarations for `aChecker`, `kChecker`, and `yummyChecker` in the code segment above have already been executed.

Write your `/* code to construct and assign to yummyChecker */` below.

STOP

END OF EXAM



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Question 1: Flight List

Part A:	<code>getDuration</code>	4 points
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- +1 handle empty case
 - +1/2 check if `flights` is empty
 - +1/2 return 0 if empty
- +1 access start time
 - +1/2 access `flights.get(0)`
 - +1/2 correctly call `getDepartureTime` on a flight
- +1 access end time
 - +1/2 access `flights.get(flights.size()-1)`
 - +1/2 correctly call `getArrivalTime` on a flight
- +1 calculate and return duration
 - +1/2 call `minutesUntil` using Time objects
 - +1/2 return correct duration (using `minutesUntil`)

Part B:	<code>getShortestLayover</code>	5 points
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- +1 handle case with 0 or 1 flight
 - +1/2 check if `flights.size() < 2`
 - +1/2 return -1 in that case
- +1 traverse `flights`
 - +1/2 correctly access an element of `flights` (in context of loop)
 - +1/2 access all elements of `flights` (lose this if index out-of-bounds)
- +2 1/2 find shortest layover (in context of loop)
 - +1 get layover time between successive flights (using `minutesUntil`)
 - +1/2 compare layover time with some previous layover
 - +1 correctly identify shortest layover
- +1/2 return shortest layover

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Question 2: String Coder

Part A:	<code>decodeString</code>	4 1/2 points
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- +1 `traverse parts`
 - +1/2 correctly access an element of `parts` (in context of loop)
 - +1/2 access all elements of `parts` (lose this if index out-of-bounds)

- +2 `retrieve substrings from masterString`
 - +1/2 correctly call `getStart()` and `getLength()` on accessed part
 - +1 1/2 extract a substring from `masterString`
 - +1/2 `masterString.substring(X, Y)`
 - +1 extract correct substring

- +1 1/2 `build and return decoded string`
 - +1 correctly build string from substrings of `masterString`
 - +1/2 return built string

Part B:	<code>encodeString</code>	4 1/2 points
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- +1/2 `construct an ArrayList<StringPart>` (must assign to a variable, generic okay)

- +3 1/2 `find, collect string parts, and build list (in context of loop)`
 - +1 `findPart(X)`, where `X` is word or a substring of word
 - +1 calls to `findPart` involve progressively smaller suffixes of word
 - +1/2 add found string part to `ArrayList` of string parts
 - +1 build correct list of string parts (must have used `findPart`)

- +1/2 `return ArrayList of string parts`

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Question 4: Checker Objects (Design)

Part A:	SubstringChecker	4 points
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- +1/2 `class SubstringChecker implements Checker`
- +1/2 declare private instance variable of type `String`
- +1 constructor
 - +1/2 `SubstringChecker(String goalString)`
 - +1/2 initialize instance variable to parameter
- +2 `accept` method
 - +1/2 `public boolean accept(String text)`
 - +1 1/2 determine whether to accept
 - +1/2 attempt to find instance variable in `text`
(either call `indexOf`, `contains`, or compare with substrings)
 - +1 return correct boolean value in all cases

Part B:	AndChecker	4 points
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- +1/2 `class AndChecker implements Checker`
- +1/2 declare private instance variable(s) capable of storing two `Checker` objects
- +1 constructor
 - +1/2 `AndChecker(Checker c1, Checker c2)`
 - +1/2 initialize instance variable(s) to parameters
- +2 `accept` method
 - +1/2 `public boolean accept(String text)`
 - +1 1/2 determine whether to accept
 - +1/2 attempt to call `accept(text)` on both stored `Checkers`
 - +1 return correct boolean value in all cases

Part C:	yummyChecker	1 point
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- +1 correctly assign `yummyChecker`