DS 644: Homework 1   **ANSWERS**

Instructions. Answer the following multiple choice questions by selecting the correct choices.

1. **Programming Paradigms**

   (a) Which of the following is *not* an example of a programming paradigm?

   √ ***JavaScript***   □ Declarative   □ Imperative   □ Functional   □ Object-oriented

   (b) Which of the following characteristics are typical of imperative programs.

   □ values of variables may change or "mutate" (they are *mutable*)

   □ program execution proceeds by carrying out a sequence of instructions

   □ functions often have *side-effects*

   √ ***all of the above***

   (c) Which of the following characteristics are typical of functional programs.

   □ values of variables do not change or "mutate" (they are *immutable*)

   □ functions are *referentially transparent*

   □ functions do not have *side-effects*

   √ ***all of the above***

2. A *higher-order function* is a function that

   □ can be passed as an argument to other functions

   □ can be returned as output by other functions

   □ can be called a higher order of times than ordinary, "lower-order" functions

   √ ***accepts a function (or functions) as input or returns a function (or functions) as output.***

   □ takes a higher order of magnitude of time to return a value than ordinary, "lower-order" functions

3. An expression `e` is called *referentially transparent* provided

   □ the value of `e`, when it is reduced to "normal form," is obvious or "transparent."

   □ the values all expressions to which `e` refers are obvious or "transparent."

   √ ***for all programs `p`, all occurrences of `e` in `p` can be replaced by the result of evaluating `e` without affecting the meaning of `p`.***

   □ none of the above

4. **Introduction to Scala, Part I**

   (a) The programming paradigm(s) of Scala is(are) which of these? (select all that apply).

   □ assembly   □ declarative   □ imperative   √ *functional*   √ *object-oriented*

   (b) What is the result of the following program?

```
val x = 0
def f(y: Int) = y + 1
val result = {
  val x = f(3)
  x * x
} + x
```

   □ 0   √ *16*   □ 32   □ it does not terminate

   (c) Why should we care about writing functions that are "tail-recursive?"

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   √ *Non-tail-recursive functions may exhaust stack memory.*

   □ Non-tail-recursive functions may exhaust heap memory.

5. Consider the following code.

```
def sq(x: Double): Option[Double] =
  if (x < 0) None
  else Some(Math.sqrt(x))

val list = List(-1.0, 4.0, 9.0)
```

   (a) To what does the expression `list.map(sq)` evaluate?

   □ `List(2.0, 3.0)`

   √ `List(None, Some(2.0), Some(3.0))`

   □ `Some(List(2.0, 3.0))`

   □ `None`

   □ none of the above

   (b) To what does the expression `list.flatMap(sq)` evaluate?

   √ `List(2.0, 3.0)`

   □ `List(None, Some(2.0), Some(3.0))`

   □ `Some(List(i, 2.0, 3.0))`

   □ `None`

   □ none of the above

6. (4 points) **Introduction to Scala, Part II**. The parts below refer to the function `test(x:Int, y:Int) = x * x`.

(a) For the function call `test(2, 3)`, which evaluation strategy is most efficient (takes the least number of steps)?

☐ call-by-value is more efficient

☐ call-by-name is more efficient

√ **call-by-value and call-by-name require the same number of steps**

☐ the program does not terminate

Explanation.
In both cases we have to do one multiplication (`2 * 2`).

(b) For the function call `test(3 + 4, 8)`, which evaluation strategy is most efficient?

√ **call-by-value is more efficient**

☐ call-by-name is more efficient

☐ call-by-value and call-by-name require the same number of steps

☐ the program does not terminate

Explanation.
Call-by-value performs one addition (`3 + 4`) and one multiplication (`7 * 7`), whereas call-by-name performs two additions and one multiplication (`(3 + 4) * (3 + 4)`).

(c) For the function call `test(7, 2*4)`, which evaluation strategy is most efficient?

☐ call-by-value is more efficient

√ **call-by-name is more efficient**

☐ call-by-value and call-by-name require the same number of steps

☐ the program does not terminate

Explanation.
Call-by-value performs two multiplications (`2 * 4` and `7 * 7`), whereas call-by-name performs just one multiplication (`7 * 7`).

(d) For the function call `test(3+4, 2*4)` which evaluation strategy is most efficient?

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Explanation.
Call-by-value performs one addition (`3 + 4`) and two multiplications (`2 * 4` and `7 * 7`), and call-by-name performs two additions and one multiplication (`(3 + 4) * (3 + 4)`).