

General Aptitude (GA)

Q.1 – Q.5 Carry ONE mark Each

Q.1 If ' \rightarrow ' denotes increasing order of intensity, then the meaning of the words [dry \rightarrow arid \rightarrow parched] is analogous to [diet \rightarrow fast \rightarrow _____].

Which one of the given options is appropriate to fill the blank?







- (D) deny
- Q.2 If two distinct non-zero real variables x and y are such that (x + y) is proportional to (x y) then the value of $\frac{x}{y}$



- (B) depends only on x and not on y
- (C) depends only on y and not on x
- (D) is a constant

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Q.3 Consider the following sample of numbers:

9, 18, 11, 14, 15, 17, 10, 69, 11, 13

The median of the sample is

(A) 13.5

(B) 14

(C)



(D) 18.7

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Q.4 The number of coins of ₹1, ₹5, and ₹10 denominations that a person has are in the ratio 5:3:13. Of the total amount, the percentage of money in ₹5 coins is





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Q.5 For positive non-zero real variables p and q, if

$$\log (p^2 + q^2) = \log p + \log q + 2\log 3,$$

then, the value of
$$\frac{p^4 + q^4}{p^2 q^2}$$
 is



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Q.6 – Q.10 Carry TWO marks Each

Q.6 In the given text, the blanks are numbered (i)–(iv). Select the best match for all the blanks.

Steve was advised to keep his head ______ before heading ______ to bat; for, while he had a head ______ batting, he could only do so with a cool head _______ his shoulders.



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Q.7 A rectangular paper sheet of dimensions 54 cm \times 4 cm is taken. The two longer edges of the sheet are joined together to create a cylindrical tube. A cube whose surface area is equal to the area of the sheet is also taken.

Then, the ratio of the volume of the cylindrical tube to the volume of the cube is







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Q.8 The pie chart presents the percentage contribution of different macronutrients to a typical 2,000 kcal diet of a person.



The typical energy density (kcal/g) of these macronutrients is given in the table.

Macronutrient	Energy density (kcal/g)				
Carbohydrates	4				
Proteins	4				
Unsaturated fat	9				
Saturated fat	9				
Trans fat	9				

The total fat (all three types), in grams, this person consumes is

(A) 44.4

(B) 77.8

(C) 100

(D) 3,600

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Q.9 A rectangular paper of $20 \text{ cm} \times 8 \text{ cm}$ is folded 3 times. Each fold is made along the line of symmetry, which is perpendicular to its long edge. The perimeter of the final folded sheet (in cm) is

(A) 18



(D) 21

Q.10 The least number of squares to be added in the figure to make AB a line of symmetry is





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Q.11 – Q.35 Carry ONE mark Each

Q.11 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that $f(x) = \max\{x, x^3\}, x \in \mathbb{R}$, where \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers. The set of all points where f(x) is NOT differentiable is





Q.12 The product of all eigenvalues of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ is





(D) 2

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Q.13 Consider a system that uses 5 bits for representing signed integers in 2's complement format. In this system, two integers A and B are represented as A=01010 and B=11010. Which one of the following operations will result in either an arithmetic overflow or an arithmetic underflow?

(A) A + B

A - B**(B)**





- Consider a permutation sampled uniformly at random from the set of all Q.14 permutations of $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ for some $n \ge 4$. Let X be the event that 1 occurs before 2 in the permutation, and Y the event that 3 occurs before 4. Which one of the following statements is TRUE?
- The events X and Y are mutually exclusive (A)
- The events X and Y are independent (B)
- (C) Either event X or Y must occur

(D) Event *X* is more likely than event *Y*

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- Q.15 Which one of the following statements is FALSE?
- (A) In the cycle stealing mode of DMA, one word of data is transferred between an I/O device and main memory in a stolen cycle
- (B) For bulk data transfer, the burst mode of DMA has a higher throughput than the cycle stealing mode
- (C) Programmed I/O mechanism has a better CPU utilization than the interrupt driven I/O mechanism
- (D) The CPU can start executing an interrupt service routine faster with vectored interrupts than with non-vectored interrupts

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- Q.16 A user starts browsing a webpage hosted at a remote server. The browser opens a single TCP connection to fetch the entire webpage from the server. The webpage consists of a top-level index page with multiple embedded image objects. Assume that all caches (e.g., DNS cache, browser cache) are all initially empty. The following packets leave the user's computer in some order.
 - (i) HTTP GET request for the index page
 - (ii) DNS request to resolve the web server's name to its IP address
 - (iii) HTTP GET request for an image object
 - (iv) TCP SYN to open a connection to the web server

Which one of the following is the CORRECT chronological order (earliest in time to latest) of the packets leaving the computer ?

- (A) (iv), (ii), (iii), (i)
- (B) (ii), (iv), (iii), (i)
- (C) (ii), (iv), (i), (iii)
- (D) (iv), (ii), (i), (iii)
- Q.17 Given an integer array of size *N*, we want to check if the array is sorted (in either ascending or descending order). An algorithm solves this problem by making a single pass through the array and comparing each element of the array only with its adjacent elements. The worst-case time complexity of this algorithm is
- (A) both O(N) and $\Omega(N)$
- (B) O(N) but not $\Omega(N)$
- (C) $\Omega(N)$ but not O(N)
- (D) neither O(N) nor $\Omega(N)$

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Q.18 Consider the following C program:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 6;
    int b = 0;
    while(a < 10) {
        a = a / 12 + 1;
        a = b / 12 + 1;
    }
}</pre>
```



a += b;}

printf("%d", a);

return 0;}

Which one of the following statements is CORRECT?

- (A) The program prints 9 as output
- (B) The program prints 10 as output
- (C) The program gets stuck in an infinite loop
- (D) The program prints 6 as output

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Q.19 Consider the following C program:

```
#include <stdio.h> void fX() {
  void fX();
  int main() {
    fX();
    return 0; }
    if(a != '\n')
        putchar(a); }
```

Assume that the input to the program from the command line is 1234 followed by a newline character. Which one of the following statements is CORRECT?

- (A) The program will not terminate
- (B) The program will terminate with no output
- (C) The program will terminate with 4321 as output
- (D) The program will terminate with 1234 as output

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 Q.20 Let S be the specification: "Instructors teach courses. Students register for courses. Courses are allocated classrooms. Instructors guide students." Which one of the following ER diagrams CORRECTLY represents S?





(D) (iv)

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- Q.21 In a B+ tree, the requirement of at least half-full (50%) node occupancy is relaxed for which one of the following cases?
- (A) Only the root node
- (B) All leaf nodes
- (C) All internal nodes



- (D) Only the leftmost leaf node
- Q.22 Which of the following statements about a relation **R** in first normal form (1NF) is/are TRUE ?
- (A) **R** can have a multi-attribute key
- (B) **R** cannot have a foreign key
- (C) **R** cannot have a composite attribute
- (D) **R** cannot have more than one candidate key

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Q.23 Let L_1 , L_2 be two regular languages and L_3 a language which is not regular. Which of the following statements is/are *always* TRUE?

(A)
$$L_1 = L_2$$
 if and only if $L_1 \cap \overline{L_2} = \phi$

- (B) $L_1 \cup L_3$ is not regular
- (C) $\overline{L_3}$ is not regular



(D) $\overline{L_1} \cup \overline{L_2}$ is regular

- Q.24 Which of the following statements about threads is/are TRUE?
- (A) Threads can only be implemented in kernel space
- (B) Each thread has its own file descriptor table for open files
- (C) All the threads belonging to a process share a common stack
- (D) Threads belonging to a process are by default not protected from each other

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Q.25 Which of the following process state transitions is/are NOT possible?

- (A) Running to Ready
- (B) Waiting to Running
- (C) Ready to Waiting
- (D) Running to Terminated



Q.26 Which of the following is/are Bottom-Up Parser(s)?

- (A) Shift-reduce Parser
- (B) Predictive Parser
- (C) LL(1) Parser

(D) LR Parser

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- Q.27 Let A and B be two events in a probability space with P(A) = 0.3, P(B) = 0.5, and $P(A \cap B) = 0.1$. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE?
- (A) The two events *A* and *B* are independent

 $(B) \qquad P(A \cup B) = 0.7$

(C) $P(A \cap B^c) = 0.2$, where B^c is the complement of the event B

(D) $P(A^c \cap B^c) = 0.4$, where A^c and B^c are the complements of the events A and B, respectively

Q.28 Consider the circuit shown below where the gates may have propagation delays. Assume that all signal transitions occur instantaneously and that wires have no delays. Which of the following statements about the circuit is/are CORRECT?



- (A) With no propagation delays, the output Y is always logic Zero
- (B) With no propagation delays, the output Y is always logic One
- (C) With propagation delays, the output Y can have a transient logic One after X transitions from logic Zero to logic One
- (D) With propagation delays, the output Y can have a transient logic Zero after X transitions from logic One to logic Zero

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- Q.29 TCP client P successfully establishes a connection to TCP server Q. Let N_P denote the sequence number in the SYN sent from P to Q. Let N_Q denote the acknowledgement number in the SYN ACK from Q to P. Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT?
- The sequence number N_P is chosen randomly by P (A)
- The sequence number N_P is always 0 for a new connection **(B)**
- The acknowledgement number N_O is equal to N_P (C)
- The acknowledgement number N_O is equal to $N_P + 1$ (D)
- Consider a 5-stage pipelined processor with Instruction Fetch (IF), Instruction Q.30 Decode (ID), Execute (EX), Memory Access (MEM), and Register Writeback (WB) stages. Which of the following statements about *forwarding* is/are CORRECT?

(A)

In a pipelined execution, forwarding means the result from a source stage of an earlier instruction is passed on to the destination stage of a later instruction



In forwarding, data from the output of the MEM stage can be passed on to the input of the EX stage of the next instruction

- (\mathbf{C}) Forwarding cannot prevent all pipeline stalls
- Forwarding does not require any extra hardware to retrieve the data from the (D) pipeline stages

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- Q.31 Which of the following fields is/are modified in the IP header of a packet going out of a network address translation (NAT) device from an internal network to an external network?
- (A) Source IP
- (B) Destination IP
- (C) Header Checksum



(D) Total Length

- Q.32 Let A and B be non-empty finite sets such that there exist one-to-one and onto functions (i) from A to B and (ii) from $A \times A$ to $A \cup B$. The number of possible values of |A| is ______
- Q.33 Consider the operator precedence and associativity rules for the *integer* arithmetic operators given in the table below.

Operator	Precedence	Associativity		
+	Highest	Left		
	High	Right		
*	Medium	Right		
/	Low	Right		

The value of the expression 3 + 1 + 5 * 2 / 7 + 2 - 4 - 7 - 6 / 2 as per the above rules is _____

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- Q.34 The number of spanning trees in a *complete* graph of 4 vertices labelled A, B, C, and D is _____
- Q.35 Consider the following two relations, R(A,B) and S(A,C):

ŀ	2
A	B
10	20
20	30

	5
A	С
10	90
30	45

30	40			
30	50			
50	95			



The total number of tuples obtained by evaluating the following expression



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Q.36

Consider a network path P—Q—R between nodes P and R via router Q. Node P sends a file of size 10^6 bytes to R via this path by splitting the file into chunks of 10^3 bytes each. Node P sends these chunks one after the other without any wait time between the successive chunk transmissions. Assume that the size of extra headers added to these chunks is negligible, and that the chunk size is less than the MTU.

Each of the links P—Q and Q—R has a bandwidth of 10^6 bits/sec, and negligible propagation latency. Router Q immediately transmits every packet it receives from P to R, with negligible processing and queueing delays. Router Q can simultaneously receive on link P—Q and transmit on link Q—R.

Assume P starts transmitting the chunks at time t = 0. Which one of the following options gives the time (*in seconds*, *rounded off to 3 decimal places*) at which R receives all the chunks of the file?



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Q.37 Consider the following syntax-directed definition (SDD).

$S \rightarrow DHTU$	${S.val = D.val + H.val + T.val + U.val;}$
$D \rightarrow "M"D_1$	$\{D.val = 5 + D_1.val;\}$
$D \rightarrow \epsilon$	$\{ D. val = -5; \}$
$H \rightarrow "L"H_1$	$\{H.val = 5 * 10 + H_1.val;\}$
$H \rightarrow \epsilon$	$\{H. val = -10; \}$
$T \rightarrow "C"T_1$	$\{T.val = 5 * 100 + T_1.val; \}$
$T \rightarrow \epsilon$	$\{T. val = -5; \}$
$U \rightarrow "K"$	{ U.val = 5; }

Given "MMLK" as the input, which one of the following options is the CORRECT value computed by the SDD (in the attribute *S. val*)?



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Q.38 Consider the following grammar G, with S as the start symbol. The grammar G has three incomplete productions denoted by (1), (2), and (3).

$$S \rightarrow daT \mid (1)$$

$$T \rightarrow aS \mid bT \mid (2)$$

$$R \rightarrow (3) \mid \epsilon$$

The set of terminals is $\{a, b, c, d, f\}$. The FIRST and FOLLOW sets of the different non-terminals are as follows.

FIRST(S) = {c, d, f}, FIRST(T) = { a, b, ϵ }, FIRST(R) = { c, ϵ } FOLLOW(S) = FOLLOW(T) = {c, f, \$}, FOLLOW(R) = {f}

Which one of the following options CORRECTLY fills in the incomplete productions?

(A) (1)
$$S \to Rf$$
 (2) $T \to \epsilon$ (3) $R \to cTR$

(B) (1) $S \to fR$ (2) $T \to \epsilon$ (3) $R \to cTR$

(C) (1)
$$S \to fR$$
 (2) $T \to cT$ (3) $R \to cR$

(D) (1) $S \to Rf$ (2) $T \to cT$ (3) $R \to cR$

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Q.39 Consider the following pseudo-code.

<i>L</i> 1:	t1 = -1
L2:	$t^2 = 0$
<i>L</i> 3:	t3 = 0
<i>L</i> 4:	t4 = 4 * t3
<i>L</i> 5:	t5 = 4 * t2
<i>L</i> 6:	t6 = t5 * M
L7:	t7 = t4 + t6
<i>L</i> 8:	t8 = a[t7]
L9:	if $t8 \leq max g$



Which one of the following options CORRECTLY specifies the number of basic blocks and the number of instructions in the largest basic block, respectively ?

(A) 6 and 6

(B) 6 and 7



(D) 7 and 6

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Q.40 Consider the following two threads T1 and T2 that update two shared variables a and b. Assume that initially a = b = 1. Though context switching between threads can happen at any time, each statement of T1 or T2 is executed atomically without interruption.

		Т	1					T2		
а	=	a	+	1;		b	=	2	*	b;
				1;		а	=	2	*	a;

Which one of the following options lists all the possible combinations of values of a and b after both T1 and T2 finish execution?

(A)
$$(a = 4, b = 4); (a = 3, b = 3); (a = 4, b = 3)$$

(B)
$$(a = 3, b = 4); (a = 4, b = 3); (a = 3, b = 3)$$

(C)
$$(a = 4, b = 4); (a = 4, b = 3); (a = 3, b = 4)$$

(D)
$$(a = 2, b = 2); (a = 2, b = 3); (a = 3, b = 4)$$

Q.41 An array [82, 101, 90, 11, 111, 75, 33, 131, 44, 93] is heapified. Which one of the following options represents the first three elements in the heapified array?

(A) 82, 90, 101

- (B) 82, 11, 93
- (C) 131, 11, 93

(D) 131, 111, 90

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Q.42 Consider the following recurrence relation:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{n}T(\sqrt{n}) + n & \text{for } n \ge 1, \\ 1 & \text{for } n = 1. \end{cases}$$

Which one of the following options is CORRECT?

(A)
$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log \log n)$$

(B)
$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$



- (C) $T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$
- (D) $T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log \log n)$

Q.43 Consider a binary min-heap containing 105 distinct elements. Let k be the index (in the underlying array) of the maximum element stored in the heap. The number of possible values of k is

(B) 52

53

(C) 27

(D) 1

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Q.44 The symbol \rightarrow indicates functional dependency in the context of a relational database. Which of the following options is/are TRUE?

(A)
$$(X, Y) \rightarrow (Z, W)$$
 implies $X \rightarrow (Z, W)$

(B)
$$(X,Y) \rightarrow (Z,W)$$
 implies $(X,Y) \rightarrow Z$

(C)
$$((X,Y) \to Z \text{ and } W \to Y) \text{ implies } (X,W) \to Z$$

(D) $(X \to Y \text{ and } Y \to Z) \text{ implies } X \to Z$

- Q.45 Let G be a directed graph and T a depth first search (DFS) spanning tree in G that is rooted at a vertex v. Suppose T is also a breadth first search (BFS) tree in G, rooted at v. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE for every such graph G and tree T?
- (A) There are no back-edges in G with respect to the tree T
- (B) There are no cross-edges in G with respect to the tree T
- (C) There are no forward-edges in G with respect to the tree T
- (D) The only edges in G are the edges in T

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Q.46 Consider the following read-write schedule S over three transactions T_1, T_2 , and T_3 , where the subscripts in the schedule indicate transaction IDs:

 $S: r_1(z); w_1(z); r_2(x); r_3(y); w_3(y); r_2(y); w_2(x); w_2(y);$

Which of the following transaction schedules is/are conflict equivalent to S?

(A) $T_1 T_2 T_3$

(B) $T_1 T_3 T_2$





(D) $T_3 T_1 T_2$

Q.47 Consider a Boolean expression given by $F(X, Y, Z) = \sum (3,5,6,7)$. Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT?

(A) $F(X, Y, Z) = \Pi(0, 1, 2, 4)$

(B) F(X,Y,Z) = XY + YZ + XZ

(C)
$$F(X, Y, Z)$$
 is independent of input Y

(D)
$$F(X, Y, Z)$$
 is independent of input X

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Q.48 Consider the following C function definition.

```
int f(int x, int y) {
  for (int i=0; i<y; i++) {
    x=x+x+y;
  }
  return x;
}</pre>
```

Which of the following statements is/are TRUE about the above function?

- (A) If the inputs are x=20, y=10, then the return value is greater than 2^{20}
- (B) If the inputs are x=20, y=20, then the return value is greater than 2^{20}
- (C) If the inputs are x=20, y=10, then the return value is less than 2^{10}
- (D) If the inputs are x=10, y=20, then the return value is greater than 2^{20}
- Q.49 Let A be any $n \times m$ matrix, where m > n. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE about the system of linear equations Ax = 0?
- (A) There exist at least m n linearly independent solutions to this system
 - There exist m n linearly independent vectors such that every solution is a linear combination of these vectors
- (C) There exists a non-zero solution in which at least m n variables are 0
- (D) There exists a solution in which at least n variables are non-zero

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(B)



Q.50 Consider the 5-state DFA M accepting the language $L(M) \subset (0+1)^*$ shown below. For any string $w \in (0+1)^*$ let $n_0(w)$ be the number of 0's in w and $n_1(w)$ be the number of 1's in w.



Which of the following statements is/are FALSE?

- (A) States 2 and 4 are distinguishable in M
- (B) States 3 and 4 are distinguishable in M
- (C) States 2 and 5 are distinguishable in M
- (D) Any string w with $n_0(w) = n_1(w)$ is in L(M)

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- Q.51 The chromatic number of a graph is the minimum number of colours used in a *proper* colouring of the graph. Let G be any graph with n vertices and chromatic number k. Which of the following statements is/are always TRUE?
- (A) G contains a complete subgraph with k vertices
- (B) G contains an independent set of size at least n/k
- (C) G contains at least k(k-1)/2 edges



- (D) G contains a vertex of degree at least k
- Q.52 Consider the operators \diamond and \Box defined by $a \diamond b = a + 2b$, $a \Box b = ab$, for positive integers. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE?
- (A) Operator \diamond obeys the associative law
- (B) Operator \Box obeys the associative law
- (C) Operator \Diamond over the operator \Box obeys the distributive law
- (D) Operator \Box over the operator \Diamond obeys the distributive law

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Q.53 Consider two set-associative cache memory architectures: **WBC**, which uses the write back policy, and **WTC**, which uses the write through policy. Both of them use the LRU (*Least Recently Used*) block replacement policy. The cache memory is connected to the main memory. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE?

(A) A read miss in **WBC** never evicts a dirty block

(B) A read miss in WTC never triggers a write back operation of a cache block to main memory

- (C) A write hit in **WBC** can modify the value of the dirty bit of a cache block
- (D) A write miss in WTC always writes the victim cache block to main memory before loading the missed block to the cache
- Q.54 Consider a 512 GB hard disk with 32 storage surfaces. There are 4096 sectors per track and each sector holds 1024 bytes of data. The number of cylinders in the hard disk is _____
- Q.55 The baseline execution time of a program on a 2 GHz single core machine is 100 nanoseconds (*ns*). The code corresponding to 90% of the execution time can be fully parallelized. The overhead for using an additional core is 10 *ns* when running on a multicore system. Assume that all cores in the multicore system run their share of the parallelized code for an equal amount of time.

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The number of cores that minimize the execution time of the program is _____

Q.56 A given program has 25% load/store instructions. Suppose the ideal CPI (cycles per instruction) without any memory stalls is 2. The program exhibits 2% miss rate on instruction cache and 8% miss rate on data cache. The miss penalty is 100 cycles. The speedup (*rounded off to two decimal places*) achieved with a perfect cache (i.e., with NO data or instruction cache misses) is _____

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Q.57 Consider the following code snippet using the fork() and wait() system calls. Assume that the code compiles and runs correctly, and that the system calls run successfully without any errors.

```
int x = 3;
while(x > 0) {
  fork();
  printf("hello");
  wait(NULL);
  x--;
}
```

The total number of times the printf statement is executed is _____

Q.58 Consider the entries shown below in the forwarding table of an IP router. Each entry consists of an IP prefix and the corresponding next hop router for packets whose destination IP address matches the prefix. The notation "/N" in a prefix indicates a subnet mask with the most significant N bits set to 1.

Next hop router
R1
R2
R3
R4

This router forwards 20 packets each to 5 hosts. The IP addresses of the hosts are 10.1.1.16, 10.1.1.72, 10.1.1.132, 10.1.1.191, and 10.1.1.205. The number of packets forwarded via the next hop router R2 is _____

Q.59 Let $G = (V, \Sigma, S, P)$ be a context-free grammar in Chomsky Normal Form with $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ and V containing 10 variable symbols including the start symbol S. The string $w = a^{30}b^{30}c^{30}$ is derivable from S. The number of steps (application of rules) in the derivation $S \rightarrow^* w$ is ______

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- Q.60 The number of edges present in the forest generated by the DFS traversal of an undirected graph *G* with 100 vertices is 40. The number of connected components in *G* is _____
- Q.61 Consider the following two regular expressions over the alphabet $\{0,1\}$: $r = 0^* + 1^*$ $s = 01^* + 10^*$

The total number of strings of length less than or equal to 5, which are neither in r nor in s, is ______

- Q.62 Consider a memory management system that uses a page size of 2 KB. Assume that both the physical and virtual addresses start from 0. Assume that the pages 0, 1, 2, and 3 are stored in the page frames 1, 3, 2, and 0, respectively. The physical address (*in decimal format*) corresponding to the virtual address 2500 (*in decimal format*) is ______
- Q.63 A bag contains 10 red balls and 15 blue balls. Two balls are drawn randomly without replacement. Given that the first ball drawn is red, the probability (*rounded off to 3 decimal places*) that both balls drawn are red is ______

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Q.64 Consider a digital logic circuit consisting of three 2-to-1 multiplexers M1, M2, and M3 as shown below. X1 and X2 are inputs of M1. X3 and X4 are inputs of M2. A, B, and C are select lines of M1, M2, and M3, respectively.



For an instance of inputs X1=1, X2=1, X3=0, and X4=0, the number of combinations of A, B, C that give the output Y=1 is _____

Q.65 Consider sending an IP datagram of size 1420 bytes (including 20 bytes of IP header) from a sender to a receiver over a path of two links with a router between them. The first link (sender to router) has an MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) size of 542 bytes, while the second link (router to receiver) has an MTU size of 360 bytes. The number of fragments that would be delivered at the receiver is ______

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