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**Major Exam 2**  
**Term 242**

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**Course Code: CS 210**

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Question Number	CLO	Question points	Score
Question 1	CLO 1	4	
Question 2	CLO 3	4	
Question 3	CLO 4	7	
<b>Total out of</b>		<b>15</b>	

Instructions:

- This exam contains three questions with multiple parts.
- Time allowed: 50 minutes
- Closed Book, Closed Notes.
- Use of Calculators and / or computing devices / smartphones etc is strictly prohibited.
- Answer the problems on the exam sheets only. No additional attachments would be accepted.
- If you need extra space use the back of a page.
- When the “time is over” is called, it is students’ responsibility to submit his exam to the invigilator. Submitting completed exam 3 minutes after the “time is over” will incur a penalty of **5 points**.
- Do **NOT** use erasable pens!

Few gentle reminders:

- If you get stuck on some problem for a long time, move on to the next one.
- The ordering of the problems is somewhat related to their relative difficulty. However, the order might be different for you!
- You should be better off by first reading all questions and answering them in order of what you think is the easiest to the hardest problem.
- Keep the points distribution in mind when deciding how much time to spend on each problem.

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**For all MCQ Questions, COPY your answers in this area only. DO NOT write answers anywhere else (it will not be graded).**

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| <b>1.</b>  | <b>(A) (B) (C) (D)</b> | <b>0.5 point</b> |
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| <b>14.</b> | <b>(A) (B) (C) (D)</b> | <b>1 point</b>   |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>(A) (B) (C) (D)</b> | <b>0.5 point</b> |
| <b>16.</b> | <b>(A) (B) (C) (D)</b> | <b>0.5 point</b> |

**Question 1**

[ / 4 Points]

Answer the following MCQs (each has 0.5 weight)

<p><b>1. The steps for sorting an array [7, 3, 5, 2, 6, 4, 1, 8] are given below. Which algorithm was used?</b></p> <p>7, 3, 5, 2, 6, 4, 1, 8          3, 7, 2, 5, 4, 6, 1, 8          2, 3, 5, 7, 1, 4, 6, 8          1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</p>			
A) Selection Sort	B) Insertion Sort	C) Merge Sort	D) Quick Sort
<p><b>2. The steps for sorting an array of characters [b, d, a, k, c, f] are given below. Which algorithm was used?</b></p> <p>b, d, a, k, c, f          a, b, d, k, c, f          a, b, d, k, c, f          a, b, c, d, k, f          a, b, c, d, f, k</p>			
A) Insertion Sort	B) Selection Sort	C) Merge Sort	D) Quick Sort
<p><b>3. If an array has all elements equal, what is the runtime complexity of Selection Sort?</b></p>			
A) O (1)	B) O (n)	C) O (n log n)	D) O (n <sup>2</sup> )
<p><b>4. If all elements of an array are already sorted in ascending order, which algorithm would work fastest to sort this array in descending order?</b></p>			
A) Selection Sort	B) Insertion Sort	C) Merge Sort	D) Quick Sort
<p><b>5. What is the runtime for Quicksort, which is applied to an array that is already sorted? Assume no shuffle was done before sorting.</b></p>			
A) O (1)	B) O (n)	C) O (n log n)	D) O (n <sup>2</sup> )
<p><b>6. Assume an array of size n is given. Which of the following algorithms requires extra space of size n to sort this array?</b></p>			
A) Selection Sort	B) Insertion Sort	C) Merge Sort	D) Quick Sort
<p><b>7. An array of strings is given ["cab", "cad", "can", "cap", "car", "cat"]. How many partitions are made if sorted using the quick-sort algorithm, note that the first element is selected as the pivot?</b></p>			
A) 2	B) 3	C) 4	D) 5
<p><b>8. Merge sort and Quick sort algorithms both have an average case runtime of O(n log n). For large arrays (data sets), why does quicksort perform better (faster)?</b></p>			
A) Quick sort is an in-place algorithm (it does not need extra memory)	B) Quick sort requires fewer comparisons than merge sort	C) Quick sort is a non-recursive algorithm, which avoids the overhead of recursion	D) Quick sort uses a fixed pivot, which ensures balanced partitioning and efficient sorting

**Question 2**

[ / 4 Points]

<p><b>9. Consider a stack implemented using an array of size n. What is the most efficient way to check for overflow (Full condition) before pushing? [0.5 mark]</b></p>
A) Check if top == -1
B) Check if top == 0
C) Check if top == n - 1
D) Check if array[top] is null

<p><b>10. You are given two empty stacks, S1 and S2. Consider the following pseudocode: [0.5 mark]</b></p> <pre style="margin: 0;"> S1.push(5) S1.push(3) S2.push(S1.pop()) S1.push(7) S2.push(S1.pop()) S2.push(S1.pop()) S1.push(9) S1.push(S2.pop()) x = S2.pop() y = S1.pop() </pre> <p><b>After executing the code, what are the final contents of S1 and S2 (from bottom to top), and the values of x and y?</b></p>	
A) S1: [9] S2: [3] x = 7, y = 5	B) S1: [9] S2: [3] x = 5, y = 7
C) S1: [9] S2: [3] x = 3, y = 5	D) S1: [5] S2: [9] x = 3, y = 7

<p><b>11. A circular queue of size 5 (fixed array size) is implemented with the following structure: [1 mark]</b></p> <p>The queue uses a front and rear index. Initially, front = -1 and rear = -1, indicating an empty queue. On enqueue, if the queue is not full, rear = (rear + 1) % size, and the new element is placed at queue[rear]. On dequeue, if the queue is not empty, front = (front + 1) % size. Now, consider the following sequence of operations:</p> <p>enqueue(10), enqueue(20), enqueue(30), dequeue(), enqueue(40), enqueue(50), dequeue(), enqueue(60), enqueue(70)</p> <p><b>What are the final contents of the circular queue (from front to rear), and what is the state of the front and rear pointers?</b></p>		
A) Queue: [70, 20, 30, 40, 60]	front = 2,	rear = 1
B) Queue: [60, 70, 30, 40, 50]	front = 2,	rear = 1
C) Queue: [60, 70, __, 40, 50]	front = 3,	rear = 1
D) Queue: [60, 70, __, __, 50]	front = 4,	rear = 1

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<b>12. Which of the following Java methods correctly transforms a queue of integers from: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] to [3, 2, 1, 4, 5, 6]?</b>		<b>[1 mark]</b>
<p>A) <pre>public void f(Queue&lt;Integer&gt; q) {     Stack&lt;Integer&gt; s = new Stack&lt;&gt;();     while (!q.isEmpty()) {         s.push(q.dequeue());     }     while (!s.isEmpty()) {         q.add(s.pop());     } }</pre></p>	<p>B) <pre>public void f(Queue&lt;Integer&gt; q) {     int size = q.size();     for (int i = 0; i &lt; size / 2; i++) {         q.add(q.remove());     } }</pre></p>	
<p>C) <pre>public void f(Queue&lt;Integer&gt; q) {     int size = q.size();     for (int i = 0; i &lt; size / 2; i++) {         q.add(q.remove());     }     Stack&lt;Integer&gt; s = new Stack&lt;&gt;();     for (int i = 0; i &lt; size / 2; i++) {         s.push(q.remove());     }     while (!s.isEmpty()) {         q.add(s.pop());     } }</pre></p>	<p>D) <pre>public void f(Queue&lt;Integer&gt; q) {     int size = q.size();     Stack&lt;Integer&gt; s = new Stack&lt;&gt;();     for (int i = 0; i &lt; size / 2; i++) {         s.push(q.dequeue());     }     while (!s.isEmpty()) {         q.add(s.pop());     }     for (int i = 0; i &lt; size - size / 2; i++) {         q.add(q.dequeue());     } }</pre></p>	

<p><b>13. You are implementing a queue using two stacks, s1 and s2, following the enqueue-heavy strategy. The enqueue () operation performs the following steps:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move all elements from s2 to s1</li> <li>2. Push the new element to s1</li> <li>3. Move all elements back from s1 to s2</li> </ol> <p><b>What are the time complexities of enqueue () and dequeue () in this implementation?</b></p>	<b>[1 mark]</b>
A) enqueue() → O(1), dequeue() → O(n)	
B) enqueue() → O(n), dequeue() → O(n)	
C) enqueue() → O(1), dequeue() → O(1)	
D) enqueue() → O(n), dequeue() → O(1)	

**Question 3**

[ / 7 Points]

**PART A:**

( / 2 Points)

Given the fully parenthesized arithmetic expression, answer Q14 & Q15:

$$((((a * (b + c)) - ((d - e) / f)) + ((g + h) * ((i - j) + (k / l)))) - (m + (n * (o - (p + q))))$$

14. You are asked to construct a **binary expression tree** for the expression and analyze its structure and behavior. Which of the following statements is **correct**? **[1 mark]**

- A) The root of the tree is a + operator, and the deepest subtree corresponds to (b + c).
- B) A postorder traversal of the tree will evaluate (a \* (b + c)) before evaluating (d - e) / f).
- C) The expression tree has more operators at the leaves than operands.
- D) The rightmost path from the root ends at the node containing operand a.

15. What would the **run time** be if the **post-order traversal** is applied to the expression? **[0.5 mark]**

- A) O (1)
- B) O (logn)
- C) O (n)
- D) O (nlogn)

16. The best-case runtime to delete the root of a Binary Search Tree is? **[0.5 mark]**

- A) O (1)
- B) O (logn)
- C) O (n)
- D) O (nlogn)

**PART B:**

( / 5 Points)

Given the following sequence of integers:

40, 20, 10, 30, 60, 50, 70, 65

- A. **Insert** into an **empty Binary Search Tree (BST)**. [ / 1 mark]
- B. **Delete** 20 from the tree, resulting in A, and indicate which case. [ / 0.5 mark]
- C. **Insert** 25 from the tree resulting in B. [ / 0.5 mark]
- D. **Delete** 60 from the tree resulting in C, and indicate which case. [ / 0.5 mark]
- E. Give the **array representation** of the tree resulting in D. [ / 1 mark]

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Construct a Binary Tree using the following traversal sequences:

[ / 1.5 mark]

- **Pre-order:** M I N D S E T
- **Post-order:** N D I E T S M

What is the structure of the tree?

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