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Subject: Introduction to Computing ***Subject Code(s): MCS1101B***
Full Marks: 50 ***Time Allotted: 3 h***

Instructions *(please read carefully each point)*

- ★ *For all the questions you can just indicate the correct answer; optionally, you can add 1–2-line reasoning for your answers (sometimes even a wrong answer with the right reasoning, can become rewarding)*
- ★ ***You need to attempt all questions from both Python and C sections.***
- ★ ***The Bonus section will strictly be considered as midterm recovery, and it has nothing to do with end-sem***

Python

Question P1.1-P1.15 carry 1 mark each. Question P2.1-P2.5 carry 2 marks each.

P1.1. **Variables and Data Types** What is the correct way to declare and initialize a variable in Python?
a) int x = 5 b) x = 5 c) variable x = 5 d) declare x = 5

P1.2. **Conditional Statements** What will be the output of the following code?

```
x = 10
if x > 5:
    print("Greater than 5")
else:
    print("Less than or equal to 5")
```

a) Greater than 5 b) Less than 5 c) Less than or equal to 5 d) Greater than or equal to 5

P1.3. **Loops** What will be the output of the following code?

```
for i in range(3):
    print(i)
```

a) 0 1 2 b) 1 2 3 c) 1 2 d) 0 1

P1.4. **Lists** Given a list *my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4]*, how can you add the element *5* to the end of the list?
a) my_list.add(5) b) my_list.append(5) c) my_list.insert(5) d) my_list.extend(5)

P1.5. **Functions** What is the purpose of the 'return' statement in a function?
a) It prints a value to the console. b) It defines the input parameters of the function.
c) It stops the execution of the function. d) It specifies the value to be sent back to the caller.

P1.6. **Strings** Which of the following methods can be used to concatenate two strings in Python?
a) str1 + str2 b) str1.concat(str2) c) str1.concatenate(str2) d) concat(str1, str2)

P1.7. **Dictionaries** How do you access the value associated with the key '*age'* in the dictionary 'person'?
person = {'name': 'John', 'age': 25, 'gender': 'Male'}
a) person['age'] b) person.get('age') c) person.value('age') d) person(1)

P1.8. **File Handling** What is the purpose of the *close()* method when working with files in Python?
a) It closes the file, releasing its resources. b) It saves changes made to the file.
c) It opens the file for reading. d) It deletes the file.

P1.9. **List Slicing** Given a list *my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]*, what does *my_list[1:4]* return?
a) [1, 2, 3, 4] b) [2, 3, 4] c) [2, 3, 4, 5] d) [1, 2, 3]

P1.10. **Set Operations** What will be the result of the following set operation?
set1 = {1, 2, 3}
set2 = {3, 4, 5}
result = set1.intersection(set2)
a) {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} b) {3} c) {1, 2} d) {4, 5}

P1.11. **List Comprehension** What does the following list comprehension do?
squares = [x**2 for x in range(5)]

a) Creates a list of squares from 0 to 5. b) Creates a list of squares from 1 to 5.
c) Creates a list of squares from 0 to 4. d) Creates a list of cubes from 0 to 5.

P1.12. **Lambda Functions** What is the primary purpose of a lambda function in Python?
a) To declare variables. b) To create anonymous functions.
c) To perform complex mathematical operations. d) To define class methods.

P1.13. **List Slicing with Negative Indices** Consider the list *my_list = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e']*. What does *my_list[-3:-1]* produce?
a) ['c', 'd'] b) ['b', 'c'] c) ['d', 'e'] d) ['c', 'e']

P1.14. **Slicing and Reversing** Given a list *elements = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]*, what does *elements[::-1]* do?
a) Returns the list in reverse order: [50, 40, 30, 20, 10]
b) Returns the elements in their original order: [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
c) Returns an empty list: []
d) Returns the last element only: [50]

P1.15. **Slicing with Omitted Indices** If *my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]*, what does *my_list[:3]* produce?
a) [1, 2, 3] b) [2, 3, 4] c) [3, 4, 5] d) [1, 2]

P2.1. **List Comprehension** What does the following list comprehension do?
squares = [x**2 for x in range(1, 6)]
a) Creates a list of squares from 1 to 6. b) Creates a list of squares from 1 to 5.
c) Creates a list of squares from 0 to 4. d) Creates a list of cubes from 1 to 5.

P2.2. **List Comprehension with Condition** Given the list *numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]*, what does the following list comprehension produce?
even_squares = [x**2 for x in numbers if x % 2 == 0]
a) [4, 16] b) [1, 9, 25] c) [2, 4] d) [1, 3, 5]

P2.3. **Dictionary Comprehension** What does the following dictionary comprehension do?
squares_dict = {x: x**2 for x in range(1, 4)}
a) Creates a dictionary with keys from 1 to 3 and values as their squares.
b) Creates a dictionary with keys from 1 to 4 and values as their squares.
c) Creates a dictionary with keys from 0 to 2 and values as their squares.
d) Creates a dictionary with keys from 1 to 3 and values as cubes.

P2.4. **Nested List Comprehension* What does the following nested list comprehension produce?
matrix = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
flattened_matrix = [num for row in matrix for num in row]

a) [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
b) [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
c) [1, 4, 7, 2, 5, 8, 3, 6, 9]
d) [[1, 4, 7], [2, 5, 8], [3, 6, 9]]

P2.5. **Conditional Expression in Comprehension** What does the following list comprehension do?
result = ['Even' if x % 2 == 0 else 'Odd' for x in range(1, 6)]
a) Creates a list of strings indicating whether each number from 1 to 5 is even or odd.
b) Creates a list of even numbers from 1 to 5.
c) Creates a list of integers indicating whether each number from 1 to 5 is even or odd.
d) Creates a list of strings containing the numbers from 1 to 5.

C Language

Question C1.1-C1.5 carry 1 mark each. Question C2.1-C2.10 carry 2 marks each.

C1.1. **Arrays** How do you access the third element of an array named numbers in C?
a) numbers[3] b) numbers(3) c) numbers.third d) numbers.3

C1.2. **Functions** In C, what is the purpose of the return statement in a function?
a) It prints a value to the console.
b) It stops the execution of the function.
c) It specifies the value to be sent back to the caller.
d) It defines the input parameters of the function.

C1.3. **Pointers** What is the role of the * symbol when working with pointers in C?
a) It represents the address of a variable.
b) It is used to declare a pointer variable.
c) It is used for multiplication.
d) It dereferences a pointer, accessing the value it points to.

C1.4. **Structures** How do you declare a structure named *Person* with members *name* and *age* in C?
a) struct Person { char name; int age; };
b) struct { char name; int age; } Person;
c) struct { Person char; age int; };
d) struct Person { name char; age int; };

C1.5. **File Handling** Which function is used to open a file in C?
a) open() b) file_open() c) fopen() d) read_file()

C2.1. **Dynamic Memory Allocation** In C, which function is used to dynamically allocate and deallocate memory?
a) malloc() and free()
b) allocate() and deallocate()
c) malloc() and realloc()
d) alloc() and release()

C2.2. **Strings** From *string.h*, which functions is used to concatenate two strings, and which function is used to compare two strings?
a) strcat() and strcmp()
b) concat() and strcmp()
c) merge() and compare()
d) append() and equals()

C2.3. **Pointer Arithmetic** Given the following code snippet:

```
int numbers[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
int *ptr = numbers;
printf("%d", *(ptr + 2));
```

What will be printed to the console?

a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4

C2.4. **Array of Pointers** Given the declaration *int *arr[5];*, what does this signify in C?

a) It declares an array of 5 integers. b) It declares a pointer to an array of 5 integers.
c) It declares an array of 5 pointers to integers. d) It declares an array of 5 double pointers.

C2.5. **Dynamic Memory Allocation** What is the function used to deallocate memory allocated by malloc?

a) dealloc b) free c) dispose d) release

C2.6. **Void Pointer** What is the purpose of a void pointer (void *) in C?

a) It cannot be used in C. b) It is a pointer that can point to any data type.
c) It is a pointer specifically for character data. d) It is a constant pointer.

C2.7. **Accessing Structure Members** Given the structure definition:

```
struct Student {
    char name[50];
    int age;
    float gpa;
};
```

How do you access the age member of a structure variable named stud?

a) stud->age b) stud::age c) stud.age d) stud[1].age

C2.8: **Sizeof and Pointers** In C, what does the sizeof operator return when used with a pointer?

a) The size of the data type pointed to by the pointer.
b) The size of the pointer itself.
c) The total size of the allocated memory block.
d) The number of elements in the array pointed to by the pointer.

C2.9: **Sizeof and Struct** Consider the following C code:

```
struct Point { int x;  int y; };
long int size = sizeof(struct Point);
```

What does the variable *size* represent?

a) The number of members in the struct. b) The total size of the struct in bytes.
c) The size of each member in the struct. d) The number of bytes occupied by the data type of the struct.

C2.10: **Undefined Behavior** Which of the following situations may lead to undefined behavior in C?

a) Accessing an array element using a negative index. b) Performing arithmetic operations on void pointers.
c) Calling a function without a prototype. d) Using an uninitialized variable.

Bonus

There are no marks allocated to these questions for the end semester

B1. **Variable Declaration and Initialization** Consider the following C code:

```
int x;   x = 5;
```

Which of the following statements is true?

a) The variable x is declared and initialized at the same time.
b) The variable x is declared but not initialized.
c) The variable x is initialized but not declared.
d) The code will result in a compilation error.

B2. **Variable Scope** Consider the following C code:

```
int x = 5;
if (1) {
    int x = 10;
    printf("%d  ", x);
}
printf("%d", x);
```

What will be printed?

a) 10 10 b) 5 5 c) 10 5 d) 5 10

B3. **Loops** Which loop in C is best suited for situations where the number of iterations is known before entering the loop?

a) while b) do-while c) for d) if

B4. **Pointer Arithmetic** If *ptr* is a pointer to an integer in C, what does *ptr + 3* represent?

a) The value stored at the memory location three positions after ptr.
b) The memory address three positions after the memory address pointed to by ptr.
c) The third integer value after the one pointed to by ptr.
d) An error, as pointer arithmetic with integers is not allowed.

B5. **Array and Pointers** In C, how is the name of an array related to a pointer?

a) The array name is a constant pointer to the first element of the array.
b) The array name is a pointer to the last element of the array.
c) The array name is a pointer to the middle element of the array.
d) The array name is not related to pointers.

B6. **Nested Loops** Consider the following nested loop in C:

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 3; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= 2; j++) {
        printf("%d ", i * j);
    }
}
```

What will be the output?

a) 1 2 3 4 5 6 b) 1 2 1 2 1 2 c) 2 4 6 8 10 12 d) 1 1 2 2 3 3

B7. **do-while Loop Evaluation** What is the key characteristic of a do-while loop compared to a while loop?

a) The do-while loop must have an explicit counter.
b) The loop body of a do-while is always executed at least once.
c) The do-while loop can only be used for infinite loops.
d) The do-while loop cannot contain conditional statements.

B8. **Ternary Operator ** What is the correct syntax for the ternary operator in C?

a) condition ? expression_if_true : expression_if_false b) expression_if_true ? condition : expression_if_false
c) expression_if_true : condition ? expression_if_false d) condition : expression_if_false ? expression_if_true

B9. ** Multidimensional Array Access** Given the following declaration:
int matrix[3][4] = { {1, 2, 3, 4}, {5, 6, 7, 8}, {9, 10, 11, 12} };
How do you access the value 7 in the matrix array?
a) matrix[1][2] b) matrix[2][1] c) matrix[3][2] d) matrix[2][3]

B10. **Switch Case** In a switch statement, what is the behaviour when there is no break statement between cases?
a) It results in a syntax error. b) It is allowed, and control falls through to the next case.
c) It automatically adds a break statement. d) It skips the current case and moves to the default case.

B11. **Variable Scope** In C, what is the scope of a variable declared inside a function (but not as a parameter)?
a) Global scope b) Local scope c) Static scope d) Dynamic scope

B12. **Pointer Arithmetic with Arrays** Consider the following statements:
I. Adding an integer n to a pointer increases the address it points to by n * sizeof(element_type).
II. Subtracting an integer n from a pointer decreases the address it points to by n * sizeof(element_type).
III. Subtracting one pointer from another yields the number of elements between them.
Which of the above statements is/are true?
a) I only b) II only c) III only d) I, II, and III

B13. **Factorial Calculation** Consider the following recursive function on an integer number:
```
int fact(int n) {
   if (n == 0 || n == 1)       return 1;
   else                        return n + fact(n - 1);
}
```
What will be the result of fact(5)?
a) 15 b) 120 c) 25 d) 720

B14. ** Sizeof Operator** Consider the following C code:
```
int arr[5];
size_t size = sizeof(arr);
```
What does the variable size represent?
a) The number of elements in the array. b) The total size of the array in bytes.
c) The size of each element in the array. d) The number of bytes occupied by the data type of the array.

B15. **Initializing 2D Arrays** What is the correct syntax for initializing a 2D array in C?
a) int matrix[][] = {{1, 2}, {3, 4}};
b) int matrix[2][2] = {1, 2, 3, 4};
c) int matrix[2][2] = {{1, 2}, {3, 4}};
d) int matrix[2][2] = {[1][1]=1, [1][2]=2, [2][1]=3, [2][2]=4};