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Midterm Test 1 Answer Key

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(1) [5 pts.] The Oberon-2 type `REAL` contains $\sqrt{2}$. Is this statement true or false?

(a) True.
(b) False. $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number and `REAL` contains only rational numbers.

(2) [5 pts.] A stack is an example of an abstract data type. Is this statement true or false?

(a) True.
(b) False. A stack is an abstract data structure. An abstract data type is a structured set of abstract data structures.

(3) [5 pts.] Oberon-2 programs are executed in the obc system via

(a) Compilation to machine code.
(b) Interpretation.
(c) Compilation to byte code and then compilation to machine code.
(d) Compilation to byte code and then interpretation.

(4) [5 pts.] Let the point (x, y) represent a two-dimensional vector whose x-coordinate is x and y-coordinate is y . Which of the following pairs of points represents vectors that are orthogonal?

(a) $(-1, 5)$ and $(-36, -6)$.
(b) $(-0.5, -0.2)$ and $(5, -2)$.
(c) ($-4, 40$) and $(5, 0.5)$.
(d) $(4, 40)$ and $(-1, -10)$.

(5) [8 pts.] Suppose f is defined as $(\lambda x . x + y)$. What is the value of $f(x + y)$?

Answer: $f(x + y) = (\lambda x . x + y)(x + y) = (x + y) + y = x + 2 * y$.

(6) [8 pts.] What set of expressions is represented by the metavariable (nonterminal) $\langle a \rangle$ in the following BNF?

```
 $\langle a \rangle ::= -0.\langle b \rangle$ 
 $\langle b \rangle ::= \langle c \rangle \mid \langle c \rangle \langle b \rangle$ 
 $\langle c \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9$ 
```

Answer: The metavariable $\langle a \rangle$ represents the set of numerals for the rational numbers in the set $\{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid -1 < x < 0\}$.

(7) [8 pts.] Write a fragment of Oberon-2 code that is equivalent to the following ASP fragment:

```
var x: INTEGER;
case
  (x < -1, RETURN x * x),
  (x = -1, RETURN 2),
  (x > -1, x := 3; RETURN 17)
end
```

Answer:

```
VAR x: INTEGER;
IF (x < -1) THEN
  RETURN x * x
ELSIF (x = -1) THEN
  RETURN 2
ELSE (* x > -1 *)
  x := 3;
  RETURN 17
END;
```

(8) [8 pts.] In one sentence, define the *principle of least privilege*.

Answer: The principle of least privilege says that someone or something doing a task should be granted no privileges other than the privileges that are needed to do the task.

(9) [12 pts.] Suppose an Oberon-2 module contains the following declarations:

```
VAR x,y,z: INTEGER;

PROCEDURE Yellow(x: INTEGER,
                 VAR y: INTEGER,
                 z: INTEGER): INTEGER;
BEGIN
  x := y + 2;
  y := x + 2;
  RETURN x + y + z;
END Yellow;
```

Assume the values of the variables **x**, **y**, and **z** are 10, 20, and 30, respectively. Then what will the values of **x**, **y**, and **z** be after the statement

```
z := Yellow(x,y,5);
```

is executed?

Answer: $x = 10$, $y = 24$, and $z = 51$.

(10) The following Oberon-2 module implements an abstract data structure:

```
(*
```

Title: Blue data structure

Interface:

```
INTERFACE Blue;
  Value(): REAL;
  Reset();
  Add(x: REAL);
END Blue.
```

```
*)
```

```
MODULE Blue;
```

```
VAR a: REAL;
```

```
PROCEDURE Value*(): REAL;
```

```

BEGIN
  RETURN a;
END Value;

PROCEDURE Reset*();
BEGIN
  a := -1;
END Reset;

PROCEDURE Add*(x: REAL);
BEGIN
  a := a + x;
END Add;

BEGIN
  Reset();
  Add(0.5);
END.

```

(a) [8 pts.] What is the initial value of the Blue data structure?

Answer: -0.5.

(b) [8 pts.] Which of the interface procedures are selectors for the Blue data structure?

Answer: Value.

(c) [8 pts.] Which of the interface procedures are mutators for the Blue data structure?

Answer: Reset and Add.

(d) [12 pts.] Write an Oberon-2 declaration for a procedure named **Set**, in another module named **Green**, that takes a **REAL** value *x* as input, changes the value of the Blue data structure to *x* as a side effect, and returns the original value of the Blue data structure as output.

Answer:

```

PROCEDURE Set(x: REAL): REAL;
  VAR a: REAL;
BEGIN
  a := Blue.Value();
  Blue.Add(x - a);
  RETURN a;
END Set;

```