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Q1. What is the first step in problem solving?

A. Testing the solution for correctness
B. Understanding the problem thoroughly
C. Deploying the application to production
D. Writing code to implement a solution

Answer: B

Q2. Which best describes problem solving in CS?

A. Memorizing algorithms from a textbook
B. A systematic approach to finding solutions
C. Copying solutions from existing projects
D. Writing programs without any planning

Answer: B

Q3. What does decomposition mean in problem solving?

A. Making a problem increasingly more complex
B. Ignoring certain parts of the problem
C. Combining multiple problems into one task
D. Breaking a problem into smaller sub-problems

Answer: D

Q4. Which skill is most essential for a problem solver?

A. Graphic design expertise
B. Data entry proficiency
C. Analytical thinking skills
D. Speed typing on a keyboard

Answer: C

Q5. What is an algorithm?

A. A database management system design
B. A step-by-step procedure to solve a problem
C. A specific programming language syntax
D. A type of computer hardware component

Answer: B

Q6. Which is NOT a phase of problem solving?

A. Devising a plan for the solution
B. Procrastinating and delaying action
C. Looking back and evaluating results
D. Understanding the problem clearly

Answer: B

Q7. What is the purpose of brainstorming?

A. To eliminate all ideas immediately
B. To finalize the code right away
C. To test the program for errors
D. To generate multiple possible solutions

Answer: D

Q8. Who introduced the four-step problem solving process?

A. George Polya
B. Alan Turing
C. Donald Knuth
D. Ada Lovelace

Answer: A

Q9. What is a heuristic?

A. A specific programming language tool
B. A guaranteed optimal solution method
C. A type of programming syntax error
D. A practical approach that is sufficient

Answer: D

Q10. Which approach solves a simpler version first?

A. Randomization approach
B. Elimination technique
C. Brute force method
D. Simplification strategy

Answer: D

Q11. What should you first identify when analyzing a problem?

A. The user interface color scheme
B. The input and expected output
C. The programming language to use
D. The database engine to deploy

Answer: B

Q12. What is a problem statement?

A. A set of test cases for validation
B. The code implementation of the fix
C. A clear description of what to solve
D. The final solution to the problem

Answer: C

Q13. Which helps understand a problem better?

A. Identifying examples and edge cases
B. Skipping requirements gathering
C. Ignoring constraints on the system
D. Immediately coding a solution

Answer: A

Q14. What are requirements?

A. Conditions the solution must satisfy
B. Bugs found during the testing phase
C. Test results from the final review
D. Optional features to consider later

Answer: A

Q15. What is an edge case?

A. Unusual input testing boundary limits
B. The most common input scenario
C. A syntax error in the source code
D. A design pattern used in systems

Answer: A

Q16. Why identify constraints?

A. They serve only as documentation notes
B. Constraints are completely irrelevant
C. They define limits the solution must meet
D. They make the problem harder on purpose

Answer: C

Q17. What does scope mean?

A. The boundaries of what the problem covers
B. The programming language being used
C. The speed of the algorithm execution
D. The database size for the project

Answer: A

Q18. Most useful analysis question?

A. What color theme should we apply
B. What font should the UI display
C. What are inputs and expected output
D. How many lines of code are needed

Answer: C

Q19. What is a test case?

A. A programming paradigm to follow
B. A particular variable type definition
C. A debugging tool in the compiler
D. Scenario with specific input and output

Answer: D

Q20. What are functional requirements?

A. Appearance and visual requirements
B. Hardware specifications for the project
C. Network requirements for deployment
D. What the system should actually do

Answer: D

Q21. A=true, B=true. A AND B?

A. True
B. False
C. Null
D. Undefined

Answer: A

Q22. NOT True?

A. Error
B. True
C. False
D. Null

Answer: C

Q23. A=true, B=false. A OR B?

A. True
B. Neither
C. Undefined
D. False

Answer: A

Q24. General to specific reasoning?

A. Abductive
B. Inductive
C. Analogical
D. Deductive

Answer: D

Q25. Specific to general reasoning?

A. Deductive
B. Abductive
C. Inductive
D. Circular

Answer: C

Q26. Truth table with 2 variables has how many rows?

A. 16
B. 4
C. 2
D. 8

Answer: B

Q27. What is a logical fallacy?

A. A correct logical argument
B. An error making argument invalid
C. A type of search algorithm
D. A specific data structure

Answer: B

Q28. All cats are animals. Tom is a cat. Therefore?

A. Tom is actually a dog
B. Nothing can be concluded
C. Tom is not an animal
D. Tom is an animal too

Answer: D

Q29. What does XOR return?

A. Always returns true as output
B. True when exactly one is true
C. Always returns false as output
D. True when both inputs are true

Answer: B

Q30. What is a premise?

A. A conclusion drawn from evidence
B. A statement assumed true for reasoning
C. A question posed to the audience
D. An error found in the argument

Answer: B

Q31. What is a flowchart for?

A. Creating user interface layouts
B. Designing database table schemas
C. Visually representing algorithm steps
D. Writing executable source code

Answer: C

Q32. Which symbol is a decision?

A. Diamond
B. Parallelogram
C. Rectangle
D. Oval

Answer: A

Q33. Which symbol is a process?

A. Arrow
B. Oval
C. Diamond
D. Rectangle

Answer: D

Q34. What does an oval represent?

A. Process
B. Decision
C. Start or End
D. Input/Output

Answer: C

Q35. What is pseudocode?

A. A specific programming language
B. Informal high-level algorithm description
C. Machine-readable binary code
D. Directly executable source code

Answer: B

Q36. Three basic control structures?

A. Start, Process, End
B. Create, Read, Delete
C. Sequence, Selection, Iteration
D. Input, Output, Storage

Answer: C

Q37. What is sequence?

A. Skipping steps entirely
B. Repeating a set of steps
C. Steps in random order
D. Steps one after another in order

Answer: D

Q38. What does selection do?

A. Skips all code entirely
B. Executes all paths at once
C. Chooses paths based on condition
D. Repeats code multiple times

Answer: C

Q39. What does iteration do?

A. Stops the program entirely
B. Deletes all variable values
C. Executes code only once
D. Repeats while condition is true

Answer: D

Q40. Which symbol is input/output?

A. Circle
B. Parallelogram
C. Rectangle
D. Diamond

Answer: B

Q41. Binary of decimal 5?

A. 110
B. 111
C. 101
D. 100

Answer: C

Q42. What is abstraction in data?

A. Making things increasingly complex
B. Showing all implementation details
C. Deleting all the stored data
D. Hiding unnecessary, showing essential

Answer: D

Q43. Bits in a byte?

A. 4
B. 16
C. 32
D. 8

Answer: D

Q44. Data type for name?

A. String
B. Boolean
C. Float
D. Integer

Answer: A

Q45. What is an array?

A. A specific type of loop construct
B. A callable function definition
C. A single variable only
D. Same-type elements in contiguous memory

Answer: D

Q46. What does ASCII stand for?

A. Automated Standard Code for Input Interfacing
B. American Standard Code for Information Interchange
C. American System for Computer Information Indexing
D. Advanced System Code for Internet Integration

Answer: B

Q47. Decimal of binary 1010?

A. 12
B. 10
C. 8
D. 14

Answer: B

Q48. Which uses key-value pairs?

A. Dictionary/Map
B. Array structure
C. Queue structure
D. Stack structure

Answer: A

Q49. What is Boolean?

A. String text type
B. Decimal number type
C. Only true or false
D. Float number type

Answer: C

Q50. What is hexadecimal?

A. Base-8 system
B. Base-2 system
C. Base-10 system
D. Base-16 system

Answer: D

Q51. What is pattern recognition?

A. Drawing visual pattern designs
B. Copying solutions from others
C. Identifying similarities and trends
D. Guessing the answer randomly

Answer: C

Q52. Next in 2,4,6,8,?

A. 9
B. 10
C. 12
D. 14

Answer: B

Q53. Next in 1,2,4,8,?

A. 16
B. 32
C. 12
D. 10

Answer: A

Q54. What is generalization?

A. Ignoring all recognized patterns
B. Applying pattern to broader problems
C. Making things more specific only
D. Focusing on one instance alone

Answer: B

Q55. All sorting uses comparison identifies?

A. A bug in the code
B. A syntax error in logic
C. A specific data type issue
D. A common shared pattern

Answer: D

Q56. What is an analogy?

A. A programming concept for loops
B. Similarities between problems found
C. A random guess at the answer
D. An error type in the program

Answer: B

Q57. Next letter: A,C,E,G,?

A. K
B. J
C. H
D. I

Answer: D

Q58. What is Fibonacci?

A. A random sequence with no pattern
B. The sequence of even numbers 2,4,6,8
C. Each equals sum of two preceding values
D. The sequence of odd numbers 1,3,5,7

Answer: C

Q59. Which demonstrates pattern recognition?

A. Ignoring existing working solutions
B. Never reusing any solution pattern
C. Noticing all searches scan collections
D. Coding randomly without a plan

Answer: C

Q60. Why pattern recognition useful?

A. It always produces longer code
B. Identifies reusable solutions quickly
C. It is not useful at all in CS
D. It always introduces more bugs

Answer: B

Q61. 2^10?

A. 1024
B. 2048
C. 256
D. 512

Answer: A

Q62. 5!?

A. 25
B. 720
C. 60
D. 120

Answer: D

Q63. 17 % 5?

A. 3
B. 5
C. 4
D. 2

Answer: D

Q64. log2(8)?

A. 4
B. 8
C. 3
D. 2

Answer: C

Q65. Sum of first 10 naturals?

A. 50
B. 55
C. 45
D. 100

Answer: B

Q66. C(n,2) represents?

A. The product n times 2
B. Ways to choose 2 from n
C. The quotient n divided by 2
D. The sum of n plus 2

Answer: B

Q67. GCD(12,8)?

A. 6
B. 2
C. 4
D. 8

Answer: C

Q68. O(n), n from 10 to 100 scales?

A. Stays the same
B. About 100x slower
C. About 10x slower
D. About 2x slower

Answer: C

Q69. What is a prime?

A. Any odd number in the range
B. Divisible by any number at all
C. Only 1 and itself as divisors
D. Any even number in the range

Answer: C

Q70. LCM(4,6)?

A. 2
B. 10
C. 24
D. 12

Answer: D

Q71. What is algorithmic thinking?

A. Memorizing algorithms from textbooks
B. Avoiding any structured approach
C. Defining clear steps to solve problems
D. Thinking about hardware components

Answer: C

Q72. Simplest search?

A. Hash lookup
B. Jump search
C. Linear search
D. Binary search

Answer: C

Q73. Binary search requires?

A. Only integer type values
B. An odd length data array
C. A sorted list of elements
D. An empty list as input

Answer: C

Q74. Bubble sort idea?

A. Insert each into a sorted tree
B. Select the minimum each time
C. Swap adjacent wrong-order elements
D. Divide the array in half first

Answer: C

Q75. What is sorting?

A. Copying data to a new place
B. Deleting unwanted elements
C. Searching for an element
D. Arranging in a specific order

Answer: D

Q76. Linear search worst case?

A. O(n)
B. O(1)
C. O(log n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: A

Q77. What is greedy?

A. Best choice at each step locally
B. Always using recursive functions
C. Using lots of memory resources
D. Running very slowly on purpose

Answer: A

Q78. What is recursive algorithm?

A. Calls itself with smaller instances
B. An algorithm without any loops
C. An algorithm that runs only once
D. An algorithm that never repeats

Answer: A

Q79. BFS uses?

A. Array structure
B. Stack structure
C. Hash table
D. Queue structure

Answer: D

Q80. DFS uses?

A. Heap structure
B. Hash table lookup
C. Queue structure
D. Stack or recursion

Answer: D

Q81. What is critical thinking?

A. Criticizing everything you see
B. Objective analysis to form judgments
C. Accepting all ideas without thought
D. Ignoring evidence and data given

Answer: B

Q82. Why important in development?

A. It is not important at all
B. Only managers need this skill
C. It slows everything down overall
D. Evaluates solutions, identifies flaws

Answer: D

Q83. What is bias?

A. A type of search algorithm
B. A programming language name
C. A systematic thinking error
D. A specific data structure

Answer: C

Q84. Evidence-based decisions?

A. Decisions made at random
B. Blindly following authority
C. Decisions from verified facts
D. Decisions based on feelings

Answer: C

Q85. What is confirmation bias?

A. Considering all viewpoints equally
B. Seeking confirming evidence only
C. Being fully objective about data
D. Testing all hypotheses fairly

Answer: B

Q86. Role of questioning?

A. It is entirely unnecessary
B. It slows down the process
C. It shows ignorance in the team
D. Challenges assumptions, deepens understanding

Answer: D

Q87. What is a trade-off?

A. Avoiding all decisions entirely
B. Having no options to choose from
C. Getting everything for free
D. Sacrificing one quality for another

Answer: D

Q88. What is objectivity?

A. Following the popular opinion only
B. Evaluating without personal bias
C. Relying on personal feelings only
D. Ignoring all facts and evidence

Answer: B

Q89. What is an assumption?

A. A proven and verified fact
B. A specific test case to run
C. An algorithm to implement now
D. Taken for granted without proof

Answer: D

Q90. Evaluating alternatives?

A. Choose one completely at random
B. Always pick the first option
C. Compare against criteria to select
D. Ignore all the available options

Answer: C

Q91. What is debugging?

A. Finding and fixing code errors
B. Deleting all program files now
C. Writing new source code files
D. Compiling the program to binary

Answer: A

Q92. What is syntax error?

A. A runtime exception in program
B. A logic mistake in the code
C. A violation of grammar rules
D. A design flaw in architecture

Answer: C

Q93. What is runtime error?

A. Error during code writing phase
B. Error during code compilation
C. Error during program execution
D. Error in the syntax of code

Answer: C

Q94. What is logical error?

A. A syntax mistake in the code
B. A missing semicolon in the code
C. An error during code compilation
D. Runs fine but gives wrong results

Answer: D

Q95. What is a breakpoint?

A. A syntax rule for statements
B. A type of error in the code
C. Execution pauses for inspection
D. A point where code is broken

Answer: C

Q96. First debugging step?

A. Reproduce the error consistently
B. Rewrite all the code from scratch
C. Ignore the error and move on
D. Delete the problematic file now

Answer: A

Q97. What is print debugging?

A. Printing the error log to a file
B. Print statements to trace values
C. Printing the source code on paper
D. Printing the algorithm description

Answer: B

Q98. What is a stack trace?

A. Function call sequence at error
B. A variable type declaration
C. A stack data structure diagram
D. A sorting algorithm for stacks

Answer: A

Q99. What is an exception?

A. A variable declaration statement
B. A normal expected program flow
C. Event disrupting flow, indicating error
D. A design pattern for structure

Answer: C

Q100. Compiler errors identify?

A. Syntax and type error locations
B. Runtime errors only in code
C. Performance bottlenecks found
D. Logic errors in the algorithm

Answer: A

Q101. What does Big-O describe?

A. The exact execution time needed
B. The minimum time for the task
C. The average case performance
D. Upper bound of the growth rate

Answer: D

Q102. What is O(1)?

A. Linear time growth
B. Constant time always
C. Quadratic time growth
D. Logarithmic time growth

Answer: B

Q103. What is O(n)?

A. Linear, proportional to input
B. Quadratic time growth
C. Constant time always
D. Exponential time growth

Answer: A

Q104. O(n) vs O(n^2) for large inputs?

A. They perform exactly equal
B. O(n^2) is faster overall
C. O(n) is faster overall
D. Cannot tell the difference

Answer: C

Q105. Space complexity measures?

A. Memory relative to input size
B. Disk storage used by files
C. Lines of code in the program
D. Screen pixels for the display

Answer: A

Q106. Array access by index?

A. O(1)
B. O(n^2)
C. O(n)
D. O(log n)

Answer: A

Q107. Single for loop through n?

A. O(1)
B. O(n)
C. O(log n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: B

Q108. O(log n) typical of?

A. Binary search method
B. Bubble sort algorithm
C. Linear search scan
D. Array index access

Answer: A

Q109. Algorithm efficiency?

A. How readable the code looks
B. How fast you can type code
C. Time and space usage vs input
D. The number of lines of code

Answer: C

Q110. O(n) vs O(2^n)?

A. O(2^n) grows faster than O(n)
B. They grow at the same rate
C. It depends on the input data
D. O(n) grows faster than O(2^n)

Answer: A

Q111. First step in programming problem?

A. Choose the programming language
B. Start coding right away now
C. Understand requirements and constraints
D. Open the IDE and create files

Answer: C

Q112. What is a variable?

A. A constant that never changes
B. A loop construct in the program
C. A function definition in code
D. Named storage with changeable value

Answer: D

Q113. What is a function?

A. A data structure for storage
B. Reusable block for a specific task
C. A variable type declaration
D. A file format for saving data

Answer: B

Q114. Purpose of return?

A. Declare a new variable in scope
B. Create a new loop construct
C. Send value back, end the function
D. Print output to the console

Answer: C

Q115. What is a parameter?

A. An error in the program logic
B. Variable receiving value when called
C. A global variable in the program
D. The return type of a function

Answer: B

Q116. == vs =?

A. Both are comparison operators
B. = compares, == assigns values
C. = assigns, == compares values
D. They are the same operator

Answer: C

Q117. What is a string?

A. A numeric data type value
B. A callable function reference
C. A boolean true/false value
D. A sequence of characters stored

Answer: D

Q118. What is if-else for?

A. Looping through elements repeatedly
B. Making decisions based on conditions
C. Importing external code modules
D. Declaring new variable bindings

Answer: B

Q119. What is list/array for?

A. Performing math calculations only
B. Displaying output on the screen
C. Ordered collection of multiple values
D. Storing a single value only

Answer: C

Q120. What does DRY mean?

A. Don't Repeat Yourself ever
B. Do Repeat Yourself always
C. Dev Run Yield automation
D. Do Run Yesterday's builds

Answer: A

Q121. What is data-driven problem solving?

A. Guessing the answer without facts
B. Solving problems without any data
C. Using data to guide all decisions
D. Relying only on gut intuition

Answer: C

Q122. Purpose of data collection?

A. Filling databases with random entries
B. Wasting time gathering useless info
C. Creating charts for presentations only
D. Gather info to understand the problem

Answer: D

Q123. What is a dataset?

A. A programming language to learn
B. Structured collection of related data
C. A single data point value only
D. A server hosting the application

Answer: B

Q124. Mean of 2,4,6,8,10?

A. 6
B. 5
C. 8
D. 4

Answer: A

Q125. Median of 1,3,5,7,9?

A. 3
B. 5
C. 7
D. 9

Answer: B

Q126. Bar chart for?

A. Showing trends over time periods
B. Comparing quantities across categories
C. Displaying geographic location data
D. Showing parts of a whole circle

Answer: B

Q127. What is filtering?

A. Selecting data meeting criteria
B. Changing existing data values
C. Adding more data to the set
D. Deleting all data from storage

Answer: A

Q128. Pie chart for?

A. Showing trends over time periods
B. Displaying individual data points
C. Proportions of parts to a whole
D. Comparing many different categories

Answer: C

Q129. Sorting data for?

A. Organizing for analysis and search
B. Deleting duplicate data entries
C. Encrypting data for security
D. Making data set size smaller

Answer: A

Q130. What is data visualization?

A. Graphical representation of patterns
B. An algorithm for data sorting
C. Raw numbers in a spreadsheet
D. A database query for records

Answer: A

Q131. What is creative thinking?

A. Copying solutions from other work
B. Avoiding anything new or different
C. Generating novel innovative solutions
D. Only using standard approaches

Answer: C

Q132. What is brainstorming?

A. An algorithm for sorting data
B. A debugging technique for errors
C. Thinking during a storm outside
D. Generating many ideas without judgment

Answer: D

Q133. Thinking outside the box?

A. Following standard procedures strictly
B. Unconventional angles, challenge assumptions
C. Thinking about a literal box shape
D. Only using proven existing methods

Answer: B

Q134. What is lateral thinking?

A. Thinking very fast without analysis
B. Indirect creative approaches to solve
C. Avoiding all creative problem solving
D. Thinking in a straight line only

Answer: B

Q135. Why creativity in development?

A. It introduces more bugs in code
B. Drives innovative solutions and ideas
C. It makes code harder to maintain
D. It is not important at all here

Answer: B

Q136. What is a mind map?

A. A network topology layout diagram
B. Visual diagram from central concept
C. A GPS navigation system map
D. A floor plan of an office building

Answer: B

Q137. What is prototyping?

A. Building the final product fully
B. Final testing before the release
C. Writing documentation for the project
D. Quick rough version to test ideas

Answer: D

Q138. What is divergent thinking?

A. Only considering one single idea
B. Narrowing down to one solution
C. Making the final decision now
D. Generating many different ideas

Answer: D

Q139. What is convergent thinking?

A. Generating many diverse ideas
B. Narrowing down to best solution
C. Choosing a solution at random
D. Avoiding all possible solutions

Answer: B

Q140. What is MVP?

A. Just enough features to test core
B. A complete fully finished product
C. A testing framework for software
D. Most Valuable Player in sports

Answer: A

Q141. What is a real-world CS problem?

A. A mathematical proof to write down
B. A textbook exercise for practice
C. A purely theoretical proof exercise
D. Practical problem addressable with tech

Answer: D

Q142. Example of CS real-world solution?

A. Solving an algebra equation on paper
B. Philosophical debate on abstract ideas
C. Writing mathematical proofs by hand
D. GPS navigation and routing systems

Answer: D

Q143. Real-world vs academic?

A. Real-world always has exact solutions
B. Messy data, unclear requirements exist
C. They are exactly the same thing
D. Academic problems are always harder

Answer: B

Q144. What is user-centered design?

A. Ignoring all user feedback given
B. Design focused on machines only
C. End user needs as primary focus
D. Design focused on developers only

Answer: C

Q145. Why requirements gathering?

A. It is entirely unnecessary to do
B. It is only for documentation needs
C. Ensures understanding of what to solve
D. It slows the project down greatly

Answer: C

Q146. What is scalability?

A. Handling increasing work or users
B. The size of the codebase files
C. The database table size limit
D. The number of developers hired

Answer: A

Q147. What is ethical consideration?

A. A type of search algorithm used
B. A coding standard to follow always
C. A testing methodology for quality
D. Moral implications and societal impact

Answer: D

Q148. Why user feedback?

A. Checks if the solution meets needs
B. It provides nothing of value here
C. It is only for documentation uses
D. It slows down the development work

Answer: A

Q149. What is maintenance?

A. A one-time task done at launch
B. Cleaning hardware equipment daily
C. Ongoing updates, fixes, improvements
D. Only fixing bugs that are found

Answer: C

Q150. What is accessibility?

A. Having access to the internet
B. Design for diverse abilities and needs
C. Making the application run faster
D. Securing the application from attacks

Answer: B

Q151. Why documentation important?

A. It is completely unnecessary to do
B. Only managers need to read the docs
C. It wastes time that could be coding
D. Records solutions for understanding/reuse

Answer: D

Q152. What is a code comment?

A. A variable declaration in the code
B. Social feedback on the project
C. An error in the source code
D. Text explaining code, compiler ignores

Answer: D

Q153. Good docs include?

A. Only the final answer or result
B. Problem, approach, usage, examples
C. Only the raw source code itself
D. Only variable names and types

Answer: B

Q154. What is a README?

A. A personal diary for the developer
B. A system log of all the events
C. A configuration file for the app
D. Introduces project with purpose/setup

Answer: D

Q155. Why clear communication?

A. Alignment on problems and solutions
B. It is only needed for presentations
C. It is not important for the team
D. It slows down the project progress

Answer: A

Q156. Why clear names?

A. To confuse other developers reading
B. They create self-documenting code
C. To make the code look fancy
D. Variable names do not matter at all

Answer: B

Q157. What is user manual?

A. A tutorial for learning to code
B. End-user software usage instructions
C. Source code documentation for devs
D. A developer guide for the APIs

Answer: B

Q158. What is changelog?

A. A debug log of runtime errors seen
B. Chronological notable changes per version
C. An error log of system failures
D. A log of all user passwords used

Answer: B

Q159. Why document approach?

A. It is a waste of team time
B. No one reads documentation anyway
C. Review thinking, learn, and share
D. It makes the project much harder

Answer: C

Q160. What is a bug report?

A. Defect with repro steps and details
B. A proposal for new feature ideas
C. A financial report for the project
D. A report about actual insects found

Answer: A

Q161. What does abstraction help us do in problem solving?

A. Include every minor detail possible
B. Focus on relevant details only
C. Avoid thinking about the problem
D. Copy solutions from other sources

Answer: B

Q162. Which is an example of a well-defined problem?

A. Finding the meaning of life itself
B. Creating the best art masterpiece
C. Predicting future weather in detail
D. Sorting a list of numbers in order

Answer: D

Q163. What is the main goal of problem solving?

A. Memorizing every formula in math
B. Finding a solution to a challenge
C. Writing the longest code possible
D. Avoiding all difficult situations

Answer: B

Q164. Which term means testing a solution works?

A. Abstraction method
B. Brainstorming phase
C. Verification process
D. Decomposition step

Answer: C

Q165. What do constraints in a problem define?

A. The limitations and boundaries given
B. The color scheme of the interface
C. The number of team members needed
D. The programming language to be used

Answer: A

Q166. Which of these is a problem-solving tool?

A. Video streaming app
B. Online gaming site
C. Flowchart diagram
D. Social media post

Answer: C

Q167. What does iteration mean in problem solving?

A. Solving the problem only one time
B. Deleting the solution permanently
C. Ignoring all previous attempt results
D. Repeating steps to improve results

Answer: D

Q168. Which best describes a systematic approach?

A. Following an organized step-by-step plan
B. Random guessing without any planning
C. Solving only the easiest parts first
D. Skipping analysis and writing code now

Answer: A

Q169. What is the output of a problem-solving process?

A. A list of new unrelated problems
B. A solution to the stated problem
C. An increase in overall complexity
D. A decrease in understanding gained

Answer: B

Q170. Why is planning important before solving?

A. It makes the problem more confusing
B. It wastes valuable time and effort
C. It helps organize thoughts and steps
D. It eliminates all possible solutions

Answer: C

Q171. What is the first step in analyzing a problem?

A. Writing the solution code immediately now
B. Identifying what the problem actually is
C. Presenting findings to the whole team
D. Choosing a programming language to start

Answer: B

Q172. What are problem requirements?

A. Random features added without any reason
B. Personal preferences of the developer only
C. Conditions the solution must fully satisfy
D. Optional suggestions that can be ignored

Answer: C

Q173. Which question helps clarify a problem best?

A. What is the latest technology trend now?
B. What is my favorite programming language?
C. What did I eat for breakfast this morning?
D. What is the expected output or result?

Answer: D

Q174. What does identifying inputs mean in analysis?

A. Determining what data is given or available
B. Selecting the server hosting provider to use
C. Deciding on the color scheme for the design
D. Choosing the best font for the user interface

Answer: A

Q175. Why is understanding context important in analysis?

A. Context never affects the problem at all
B. Context makes every problem harder to solve
C. Context helps understand the bigger picture
D. Context only matters in language translation

Answer: C

Q176. What is a problem statement?

A. A summary of team member qualifications
B. A budget report for the project finances
C. A clear description of the issue to solve
D. A list of all programming languages known

Answer: C

Q177. Which helps separate relevant from irrelevant info?

A. Critical analysis of the available data
B. Randomly guessing which facts to use here
C. Ignoring all the data that was provided
D. Including every piece of information given

Answer: A

Q178. What are boundary conditions in a problem?

A. The average expected input values given
B. The extreme or edge cases to consider
C. The most common scenarios encountered
D. The normal typical cases only to test

Answer: B

Q179. What does scope of a problem refer to?

A. The physical size of the computer screen
B. The extent and boundaries of the problem
C. The speed of the internet connection used
D. The number of developers on the team now

Answer: B

Q180. Why should assumptions be stated explicitly?

A. To confuse team members with extra content
B. To prevent misunderstandings about the problem
C. To delay the start of the actual solution work
D. To make the documentation longer than needed

Answer: B

Q181. What is deductive reasoning?

A. Ignoring all available evidence and data given
B. Drawing general conclusions from specific cases
C. Making random guesses without any evidence here
D. Reaching specific conclusions from general rules

Answer: D

Q182. What is inductive reasoning?

A. Contradicting all evidence with random assertions
B. Eliminating logical thinking from all processes
C. Forming general rules from specific observations
D. Applying general rules to get specific outcomes

Answer: C

Q183. What does a logical AND operation require?

A. Both conditions must be true to return true
B. Exactly one condition must always be false now
C. Neither condition needs to be true at all here
D. Only one condition needs to be true for this

Answer: A

Q184. What does a logical OR operation require?

A. Neither condition can ever be true for result
B. At least one condition must be true for true
C. Both conditions must be false for result true
D. Both conditions must always be true for true

Answer: B

Q185. What does the NOT operator do in logic?

A. It combines two statements together as one
B. It performs arithmetic addition on numbers
C. It reverses the truth value of a statement
D. It checks if two values are exactly equal

Answer: C

Q186. Which conclusion follows from All cats are animals?

A. All animals are definitely cats themselves
B. No cats can possibly be animals at all
C. Animals and cats are completely unrelated
D. My pet cat is therefore an animal here

Answer: D

Q187. What is a logical fallacy?

A. A valid and sound logical argument made
B. A mathematical formula for calculations
C. A type of programming loop structure
D. An error in reasoning that weakens logic

Answer: D

Q188. What is a truth table used for?

A. Displaying data in a formatted spreadsheet view
B. Organizing project tasks by their due dates
C. Showing all possible outcomes of logic operations
D. Storing user information in a database system

Answer: C

Q189. What is a premise in a logical argument?

A. The final conclusion of the argument made
B. A question asked at the end of reasoning
C. An irrelevant fact added for more length
D. A statement assumed true to support conclusion

Answer: D

Q190. What does if-then represent in logic?

A. A conditional or implication statement here
B. A mathematical multiplication operation only
C. A statement that is always false by nature
D. An unconditional always true statement only

Answer: A

Q191. What shape represents a decision in a flowchart?

A. Diamond shape
B. Rectangle shape
C. Parallelogram
D. Oval shape

Answer: A

Q192. What does a rectangle represent in a flowchart?

A. An input or output operation needed
B. The start or end point of the flow
C. A decision that requires a yes or no
D. A process or action step to perform

Answer: D

Q193. What does sequential flow mean in algorithms?

A. Steps that skip over each other unpredictably
B. Steps that execute in completely random order
C. Steps that all execute at the same exact time
D. Steps that execute one after another in order

Answer: D

Q194. What is a loop in algorithm flow control?

A. A repeated execution of a set of steps here
B. A section of code that never executes at all
C. An error that crashes the running program now
D. A single instruction that runs only one time

Answer: A

Q195. What does the oval shape represent in a flowchart?

A. The start or end of the flow process
B. A decision requiring a yes or no here
C. A process or calculation step taken
D. An input or output data operation now

Answer: A

Q196. What is a conditional statement in algorithms?

A. A statement that executes based on a condition
B. A statement that always executes regardless
C. A statement that randomly decides to execute
D. A statement that never executes at all here

Answer: A

Q197. What does the arrow in a flowchart indicate?

A. The size of the data being processed
B. The color of the interface elements
C. The direction of the process flow
D. The speed of program execution rate

Answer: C

Q198. What is a while loop used for?

A. Executing steps exactly one time only here
B. Skipping all steps in the given program
C. Terminating the program immediately right now
D. Repeating steps while a condition is true

Answer: D

Q199. What is pseudocode?

A. A specific proprietary programming language
B. An executable script ready for deployment
C. An informal description of algorithm steps
D. Compiled machine-level binary code output

Answer: C

Q200. What is a for loop typically used for?

A. Iterating a known number of times through code
B. Declaring variables at the start of program
C. Defining a function for later use in program
D. Running code only when an error occurs here

Answer: A

Q201. What is data representation in computer science?

A. The color of the user interface elements
B. The physical size of the computer hardware
C. The speed of the internet connection used
D. How data is formatted and stored in systems

Answer: D

Q202. What is the binary number system based on?

A. Sixteen digits including some letters
B. Ten digits from zero through nine
C. Two digits which are zero and one
D. Eight digits from zero through seven

Answer: C

Q203. What does abstraction mean in data representation?

A. Including every detail about the data given
B. Making data more complex than it needs to be
C. Deleting all data from the storage systems
D. Hiding unnecessary details to show essentials

Answer: D

Q204. What is an array as a data structure?

A. A type of output display on a screen
B. A collection of elements stored in order
C. A random arrangement of unrelated data
D. A single value stored in one location

Answer: B

Q205. What does ASCII stand for in data encoding?

A. Advanced System Code for Internet Integration
B. Automated Script Compiler for Integrated Interfaces
C. American Standard Code for Information Interchange
D. Applied Software Configuration for Input Interchange

Answer: C

Q206. What is a variable in programming?

A. A hardware component inside the computer
B. An output device like a monitor or screen
C. A fixed constant that can never change
D. A named storage location for data values

Answer: D

Q207. What is a string data type used to store?

A. Only true or false Boolean values given
B. A sequence of text characters in order
C. Only numerical integer values and nothing else
D. Only decimal floating point number values

Answer: B

Q208. What is a Boolean data type?

A. A type that holds only true or false values
B. A type that contains image data information
C. A type that stores very large number values
D. A type that stores audio or sound file data

Answer: A

Q209. What does a table represent in data organization?

A. A random collection of unrelated numbers
B. An algorithm for sorting data elements
C. Data organized in rows and columns format
D. A type of computer hardware components

Answer: C

Q210. What is the purpose of data types in programming?

A. To eliminate variables from program source
B. To make programs run slower than necessary
C. To define what kind of data a variable holds
D. To prevent any data from being stored here

Answer: C

Q211. What is pattern recognition in problem solving?

A. Ignoring all similarities between problems
B. Creating random solutions without analysis
C. Identifying similarities and recurring trends
D. Memorizing every detail without understanding

Answer: C

Q212. Which is an example of a pattern in numbers?

A. Letters mixed randomly with the numbers
B. Each number is double the previous one
C. Numbers arranged in no particular order
D. Random numbers with no relation at all

Answer: B

Q213. How does recognizing patterns help solve new problems?

A. It makes every problem harder to understand
B. It eliminates the need to think about them
C. It provides no useful information at all
D. It allows applying known solutions to cases

Answer: D

Q214. What is generalization in the context of patterns?

A. Finding exceptions to every rule discovered
B. Making a rule that only applies to one case
C. Ignoring all examples and making no rules
D. Creating a broad rule from specific examples

Answer: D

Q215. What pattern does the sequence 2 4 6 8 10 follow?

A. Each number decreases by one every time
B. Each number increases by two every time
C. Each number is multiplied by two each time
D. Each number increases by three every time

Answer: B

Q216. What is a template in pattern-based solving?

A. A random approach with no defined structure
B. A reusable solution structure for similar problems
C. A one-time solution that cannot be reused again
D. A problem that has never been solved before now

Answer: B

Q217. Which skill is essential for pattern recognition?

A. Careful observation of details and relationships
B. Avoiding comparison between different examples
C. Ignoring all details in the data provided
D. Refusing to look for any similarities at all

Answer: A

Q218. What is a repeating pattern?

A. A pattern that changes its rule every single time
B. A sequence that cycles through the same elements
C. A random arrangement with no repetition at all
D. A sequence that occurs once and never repeats

Answer: B

Q219. Why are patterns important in computing?

A. They only matter in artistic design projects
B. They are unrelated to computing in any way
C. They make computing more complex and slower
D. They enable efficient algorithms and solutions

Answer: D

Q220. What does classification mean in pattern recognition?

A. Sorting items into groups based on features
B. Deleting all items that look similar to others
C. Ignoring all features of the items completely
D. Randomly mixing all items together in a pile

Answer: A

Q221. What is the result of 15 modulo 4?

A. 3
B. 2
C. 4
D. 5

Answer: A

Q222. What does the factorial of a number represent?

A. Product of all positive integers up to that number
B. Difference between the number and its predecessor
C. Quotient when the number is divided by two here
D. Sum of all positive integers up to that number here

Answer: A

Q223. What is the base of the decimal number system?

A. Ten
B. Two
C. Eight
D. Sixteen

Answer: A

Q224. What is a prime number?

A. Any even number greater than two in the sequence
B. A number divisible by any integer greater than one
C. A number divisible only by one and by itself here
D. A number that is always negative in value given

Answer: C

Q225. What is the order of operations in mathematics?

A. Parentheses, exponents, multiply, divide, add, subtract
B. Random order depending on the solver preference
C. Addition then multiplication then parentheses used
D. Subtraction first then all other operations after

Answer: A

Q226. What does the term average typically mean?

A. The middle value when data is sorted in any order
B. The smallest value in a given set of numbers here
C. The sum of values divided by their total count
D. The largest value in a given set of numbers here

Answer: C

Q227. What is a ratio?

A. A comparison of two quantities using division here
B. The product of multiplying two numbers together
C. The sum of two different numbers added together
D. The difference between two numbers subtracted here

Answer: A

Q228. What does percentage literally mean?

A. Per hundred units in the total population here
B. Per ten units in the total population being used
C. Per thousand units in the total population here
D. Per million units in the total population given

Answer: A

Q229. What is the greatest common divisor of 12 and 18?

A. 4
B. 6
C. 3
D. 9

Answer: B

Q230. What is an integer?

A. A number used only in advanced calculus problems
B. A number that can only be positive never negative
C. A number that always has a decimal point value
D. A whole number without any decimal part given

Answer: D

Q231. What is algorithmic thinking?

A. Writing code without any planning or design thoughts
B. Avoiding any structured approach to solving problems
C. Memorizing code without understanding any of its logic
D. Thinking about algorithms as step-by-step processes

Answer: D

Q232. What is the first step in designing an algorithm?

A. Understanding the problem and its requirements here
B. Writing the final code in a programming language
C. Testing the code with random input data values given
D. Optimizing the solution for maximum speed of running

Answer: A

Q233. What is a sorting algorithm used for?

A. Deleting elements from a given data collection
B. Searching for a specific element in the given data
C. Adding new elements to an existing data structure
D. Arranging elements in a specific defined order

Answer: D

Q234. What is a searching algorithm used for?

A. Finding a specific element within a data collection
B. Creating new data elements from existing data given
C. Removing duplicate elements from the data structure
D. Organizing data into a sorted specific order here

Answer: A

Q235. What does efficiency mean for an algorithm?

A. Producing incorrect results as quickly as possible
B. Ignoring resource constraints during the execution
C. Using minimal resources to achieve correct results
D. Using the maximum amount of time and memory here

Answer: C

Q236. What is a greedy algorithm?

A. An algorithm that explores all possible solutions
B. An algorithm that makes the best choice at each step
C. An algorithm that randomly selects the next action
D. An algorithm that always picks the worst choice made

Answer: B

Q237. What does it mean for an algorithm to terminate?

A. The algorithm runs indefinitely without stopping here
B. The algorithm eventually stops and produces a result
C. The algorithm crashes due to a runtime error found
D. The algorithm restarts itself from the beginning now

Answer: B

Q238. What is a brute force algorithm?

A. An algorithm that only checks the first possibility
B. An efficient algorithm that skips unnecessary steps
C. An algorithm that guesses the answer without checking
D. An algorithm that tries all possibilities for answer

Answer: D

Q239. What is the input to an algorithm?

A. The steps that make up the algorithm procedure
B. The data provided for the algorithm to process
C. The result that the algorithm produces as output
D. The language used to write the algorithm code in

Answer: B

Q240. What is the output of an algorithm?

A. The result produced after executing the algorithm
B. The initial data given before processing starts
C. The errors encountered during algorithm execution
D. The code written to implement the algorithm here

Answer: A

Q241. What is critical thinking?

A. Criticizing others without constructive feedback
B. Accepting all information without any questioning
C. Avoiding making any decisions under circumstances
D. Analyzing and evaluating information objectively

Answer: D

Q242. Why is evidence important in decision making?

A. Evidence supports informed and rational decisions
B. Evidence makes decisions slower and more confusing
C. Evidence should be ignored for faster decisions
D. Evidence is irrelevant to any decision process

Answer: A

Q243. What does it mean to evaluate an argument?

A. Assessing the strength and validity of reasoning
B. Accepting the argument without any analysis here
C. Ignoring the argument and its conclusions entirely
D. Repeating the argument without understanding it

Answer: A

Q244. What is bias in thinking?

A. A balanced and objective viewpoint on all issues
B. A tendency to favor one perspective over others
C. An approach that considers every possible angle
D. A guarantee of accurate reasoning in all cases

Answer: B

Q245. What is the purpose of asking why questions?

A. To avoid having to think about the problem here
B. To delay making any progress on the decision
C. To annoy others by questioning their decisions
D. To understand the reasoning behind a statement

Answer: D

Q246. What is a fact versus an opinion?

A. A fact is verifiable while an opinion is subjective
B. Facts cannot be proven while opinions always can be
C. An opinion is always more reliable than any fact
D. Facts and opinions are exactly the same thing here

Answer: A

Q247. Why should multiple sources be consulted?

A. Only the first source found should ever be used
B. Multiple sources help verify and cross-check facts
C. One source always provides complete information
D. Consulting multiple sources wastes valuable time

Answer: B

Q248. What does objectivity mean in critical thinking?

A. Judging based on facts without personal prejudice
B. Ignoring all evidence and trusting only intuition
C. Always agreeing with the majority group opinion
D. Being influenced by personal feelings and biases

Answer: A

Q249. What is a conclusion in an argument?

A. The starting assumptions of the argument given
B. A random unrelated statement at the argument end
C. The statement that follows from the given premises
D. The evidence used to support the argument here

Answer: C

Q250. Why is open-mindedness important?

A. It means accepting every claim without question
B. It means rejecting all traditional knowledge given
C. It prevents any evaluation of competing ideas here
D. It allows considering alternative perspectives fairly

Answer: D

Q251. What is debugging in software development?

A. The process of designing user interfaces for apps
B. The process of writing new features from scratch
C. The process of finding and fixing errors in code
D. The process of deploying code to production server

Answer: C

Q252. What is a syntax error?

A. An error that only occurs during program execution
B. A violation of the programming language grammar rules
C. A warning that does not affect program execution
D. An error in the logic of the program algorithm

Answer: B

Q253. What is a runtime error?

A. A warning shown during code compilation process here
B. An error that occurs while the program is executing
C. An error detected before the program runs at all
D. A style issue found during code review by the team

Answer: B

Q254. What is a logical error?

A. An error caused by missing semicolons in the code
B. An error in the spelling of variable names in code
C. An error that prevents the code from compiling here
D. An error where code runs but produces wrong results

Answer: D

Q255. What is a breakpoint in debugging?

A. A marked point where execution pauses for inspection
B. A location where new code should be added to fix bug
C. A section of code that should be deleted from source
D. A point where the program permanently crashes here

Answer: A

Q256. What does a stack trace show?

A. The number of lines of code in the entire program
B. The amount of memory used by the entire program
C. The sequence of function calls leading to an error
D. The total execution time of the program in seconds

Answer: C

Q257. What is the simplest debugging technique?

A. Using machine learning to find all the bugs here
B. Adding print statements to trace program execution
C. Deleting code randomly until the error disappears
D. Rewriting the entire program from scratch every time

Answer: B

Q258. What is a bug in software?

A. A standard part of every software design document
B. An improvement suggestion from the user community
C. A feature that works exactly as it was intended
D. An error or flaw that causes unexpected behavior

Answer: D

Q259. Why is reproducing a bug important for debugging?

A. It makes the bug worse and harder to fix in the code
B. Bugs should never be reproduced only described aloud
C. It helps understand the exact conditions causing the bug
D. Reproducing bugs is unnecessary for fixing them here

Answer: C

Q260. What is a debugger tool?

A. A tool that automatically writes new code features
B. A tool that designs user interfaces for the program
C. A tool that manages project timelines and schedules
D. A tool that helps step through code to find errors

Answer: D

Q261. What does time complexity measure?

A. How execution time grows with input size increase
B. How long it takes to write the program code here
C. How long the computer takes to boot up for work
D. The calendar time to complete the whole project

Answer: A

Q262. What does space complexity measure?

A. The disk space needed to store the source code here
B. The number of monitors needed to display the output
C. The physical size of the computer used for running
D. How memory usage grows with the input size given

Answer: D

Q263. What does O(1) mean in complexity notation?

A. The algorithm takes constant time regardless of input
B. The algorithm grows linearly with input size given
C. The algorithm takes infinite time for all input sizes
D. The algorithm cannot run with any input whatsoever

Answer: A

Q264. What does O(n) mean in complexity notation?

A. The time decreases as input size increases further
B. The time grows proportionally with input size here
C. The time grows exponentially with input size given
D. The time remains constant for all input sizes given

Answer: B

Q265. Which is more efficient for large inputs: O(n) or O(n^2)?

A. Neither can handle any large input sizes effectively
B. Both are equally efficient for all input sizes given
C. O(n^2) is always more efficient for large inputs
D. O(n) is more efficient because it grows more slowly

Answer: D

Q266. What is the complexity of accessing an array by index?

A. O(n^2) quadratic time
B. O(1) constant time
C. O(log n) logarithmic
D. O(n) linear time

Answer: B

Q267. What does scalability mean for an algorithm?

A. The algorithm requires manual intervention to run now
B. The algorithm only works with very small inputs here
C. How well the algorithm handles growing input sizes
D. The algorithm cannot be modified or changed at all

Answer: C

Q268. What is the complexity of a simple for loop over n items?

A. O(n) linear time
B. O(n^2) quadratic time
C. O(1) constant time
D. O(log n) logarithmic

Answer: A

Q269. Why do we ignore constants in Big-O notation?

A. Constants are always exactly one in every algorithm
B. Constants make Big-O notation too easy to calculate
C. Constants become insignificant for large input sizes
D. Constants matter more than the growth rate itself

Answer: C

Q270. What does O(n^2) typically indicate?

A. It has a nested loop iterating over the input data
B. It accesses only one element of the input per run
C. It requires no iterations through the data at all
D. It has a single pass through the input data given

Answer: A

Q271. What is the purpose of a function in programming?

A. To store data permanently on the hard disk drive
B. To prevent any code from being executed by program
C. To organize reusable blocks of code for tasks here
D. To make code longer and more repetitive overall

Answer: C

Q272. What is a variable used for in problem solving?

A. Displaying error messages on the computer screen
B. Making the program run slower than it needs to run
C. Storing data values that can change during execution
D. Preventing any data from being stored in the program

Answer: C

Q273. What is a conditional statement used for?

A. Making decisions based on whether conditions are true
B. Defining a new function to be called later in code
C. Repeating the same code block multiple times in row
D. Importing external libraries for use in the program

Answer: A

Q274. What is an array used for in programs?

A. Connecting to the internet for data downloading now
B. Storing a single value at one memory location here
C. Displaying graphics and images on the screen here
D. Storing a collection of related values in structure

Answer: D

Q275. What does a return statement do in a function?

A. It sends a value back to the code that called it
B. It restarts the entire program from the beginning
C. It permanently deletes the function from memory now
D. It prints a message directly to the user screen

Answer: A

Q276. What is a string in programming?

A. A physical wire connecting hardware parts together
B. A numerical value used for math calculations here
C. A Boolean value that is either true or false only
D. A sequence of characters representing text data

Answer: D

Q277. Why are comments important in program code?

A. Comments increase file size for better performance
B. Comments make the program execute faster overall
C. Comments are executed by the computer as commands
D. Comments explain code purpose for human readers

Answer: D

Q278. What is an operator in programming?

A. A file stored on the computer hard disk drive now
B. A type of comment added for documentation purpose
C. A symbol that performs an operation on values here
D. A person who operates the computer hardware device

Answer: C

Q279. What is input in a programming context?

A. The speed at which the program code is executed
B. The visual appearance of the program user interface
C. Data sent out by the program to external devices
D. Data received by the program from external sources

Answer: D

Q280. What is output in a programming context?

A. The errors found during compilation process of code
B. The source code written by the programmer initially
C. Data the program produces and sends to destination
D. Data the program receives from the user or file

Answer: C

Q281. What is data-driven problem solving?

A. Making decisions based on data and evidence collected
B. Ignoring all available data when making any decisions
C. Collecting data without ever using it for decisions
D. Making decisions based on personal feelings and guesses

Answer: A

Q282. What is a dataset?

A. A structured collection of related data records stored
B. A single data point with no related information here
C. A type of programming language used for data analysis
D. A hardware device for storing physical paper documents

Answer: A

Q283. What is data collection?

A. The process of ignoring available information sources
B. The process of deleting all stored information here
C. The process of randomizing existing information order
D. The process of gathering relevant information needed

Answer: D

Q284. What is a chart used for in data analysis?

A. Writing source code for a program application here
B. Visually representing data to identify trends shown
C. Encrypting data for secure network transmission now
D. Storing raw data in a database management system

Answer: B

Q285. What does filtering data mean?

A. Selecting data that meets specific criteria from set
B. Adding fake data to increase the total dataset size
C. Randomly removing data without any specific reason
D. Including all data regardless of its relevance here

Answer: A

Q286. What is a spreadsheet commonly used for?

A. Writing essays and long research documents only here
B. Playing computer games and entertainment activities
C. Organizing and analyzing data in rows and columns
D. Creating animated videos and graphic design artwork

Answer: C

Q287. What is the mean of a dataset?

A. The average calculated by sum divided by count here
B. The range between the highest and lowest values
C. The middle value when data is sorted in an order
D. The most frequently occurring value in the data set

Answer: A

Q288. What is data cleaning?

A. Fixing errors and removing inconsistencies in data
B. Printing data on paper for physical storage needs
C. Physically cleaning the computer hardware surfaces
D. Adding more data to make the dataset larger in size

Answer: A

Q289. Why is sample size important in data analysis?

A. Sample size only matters for qualitative research here
B. Smaller samples always give the most accurate results
C. Sample size has no effect on analysis reliability
D. Larger samples generally give more reliable results

Answer: D

Q290. What is a survey used for in data collection?

A. Writing computer programs for data processing tasks
B. Gathering responses and opinions from participants
C. Testing hardware components for defects and faults
D. Designing user interfaces for software applications

Answer: B

Q291. What is creative thinking in problem solving?

A. Avoiding all new ideas and sticking to tradition
B. Following only established conventional methods here
C. Generating novel and innovative solution approaches
D. Copying solutions exactly from existing examples now

Answer: C

Q292. What is brainstorming?

A. Avoiding all group discussion about the problem
B. Selecting only the first idea that comes to mind
C. Evaluating and criticizing every idea immediately
D. Generating many ideas without initial judgment here

Answer: D

Q293. What is thinking outside the box?

A. Considering unconventional approaches to problems
B. Rejecting all ideas that are different or unusual
C. Following the standard procedure without variation
D. Staying within conventional boundaries and limits

Answer: A

Q294. What role does curiosity play in creative solving?

A. Curiosity only matters in scientific research alone
B. Curiosity drives exploration and new discoveries
C. Curiosity has no effect on any problem solving work
D. Curiosity hinders creative problem solving efforts

Answer: B

Q295. What is lateral thinking?

A. Following the most obvious solution path directly
B. Approaching problems from indirect creative angles
C. Avoiding creative approaches to problem solving now
D. Thinking in a straight linear logical sequence only

Answer: B

Q296. Why is it important to consider multiple solutions?

A. The first solution found is always the best one here
B. Considering options wastes time and adds confusion
C. Multiple solutions provide options for best selection
D. Only one solution can ever exist for any problem

Answer: C

Q297. What is an analogy in creative thinking?

A. A mathematical formula for calculating precise values
B. An exact copy of an existing solution without changes
C. A list of rules that must be followed without question
D. A comparison between two similar things for insight

Answer: D

Q298. What does innovation mean?

A. Avoiding change and maintaining the current approach
B. Copying competitors without adding any improvement
C. Repeating the same old methods without any change
D. Introducing new ideas or methods to solve problems

Answer: D

Q299. What is mind mapping used for?

A. Performing complex mathematical calculations quickly
B. Writing sequential linear text documents for reports
C. Visually organizing ideas and their connections here
D. Managing computer hardware and network connections

Answer: C

Q300. Why is failure important in the creative process?

A. Failure provides learning opportunities for improvement
B. Failure should be avoided at all costs in every case
C. Failure indicates no more attempts should be tried now
D. Failure means the creative process has ended forever

Answer: A

Q301. What makes real-world problems different from textbook?

A. Textbook problems are always harder to solve properly
B. Real-world problems are messy with multiple factors
C. Real-world problems have one clear correct answer
D. Real-world problems require no practical considerations

Answer: B

Q302. Why is stakeholder input important?

A. Stakeholders have no interest in the solution at all
B. Stakeholders provide requirements and perspective here
C. Only developers should make all decisions on solutions
D. Stakeholder input always complicates the solution work

Answer: B

Q303. What is a trade-off in real-world problem solving?

A. A solution that satisfies every requirement completely
B. An approach that has no disadvantages at all given
C. Giving up something to gain something else of value
D. A situation where all options are equally perfect here

Answer: C

Q304. Why is time management important in projects?

A. Real-world projects have unlimited time for completion
B. Time management only matters for personal life tasks
C. Deadlines require efficient prioritization of tasks
D. Time has no impact on real-world project outcomes

Answer: C

Q305. What is a prototype in real-world development?

A. A financial budget plan for the entire project cost
B. A document listing all project requirements in detail
C. An early model built to test ideas and get feedback
D. The final finished product ready for market launch

Answer: C

Q306. Why is user feedback important?

A. User feedback is irrelevant to solution quality here
B. Users never provide useful information about solutions
C. Feedback should only be gathered after project ends now
D. It ensures the solution meets actual user needs given

Answer: D

Q307. What is project scope?

A. The boundaries of what the project will deliver here
B. The budget allocated for team lunches and activities
C. The number of meetings held during the project now
D. The personal goals of the project team manager now

Answer: A

Q308. Why are deadlines important in real-world projects?

A. Projects should never have any deadlines set for them
B. Deadlines have no effect on project delivery at all
C. They create urgency and help prioritize work efforts
D. Deadlines always reduce the quality of work produced

Answer: C

Q309. What is teamwork in real-world problem solving?

A. Working alone without any help from other people here
B. Competing against team members for individual credit
C. Avoiding all communication with colleagues on team
D. Collaborating with others to achieve a shared goal now

Answer: D

Q310. What is a requirement in a real-world project?

A. A personal preference of the lead developer on team
B. A suggestion that has no impact on the final product
C. A condition the solution must meet to be acceptable
D. An optional nice-to-have feature that can be skipped

Answer: C

Q311. Why is clear communication important in solving?

A. Communication has no role in problem solving at all
B. It ensures everyone understands problem and solution
C. Only technical people need to communicate solutions
D. Clear communication slows down problem solving work

Answer: B

Q312. What is the purpose of documentation in a project?

A. To waste time that could be spent writing more code
B. To prevent anyone from understanding project work
C. To make projects more complicated than they need be
D. To record decisions and provide reference for team

Answer: D

Q313. What should a good bug report include?

A. The entire source code of the application in report
B. Steps to reproduce, expected and actual behavior
C. Only the statement that something is broken wrong
D. A complaint about the development team performance

Answer: B

Q314. What is a README file typically used for?

A. Listing personal information about team members now
B. Recording all meetings held during project lifetime
C. Storing the database passwords for the application
D. Providing overview and setup instructions for project

Answer: D

Q315. Why is audience awareness important in documenting?

A. Audience does not matter when writing documentation
B. Technical details should always be included for all
C. Different audiences need different levels of detail
D. All audiences need exactly the same level of detail

Answer: C

Q316. What is the purpose of code comments?

A. To replace the need for well-named variables entirely
B. To make the code file unnecessarily larger in size
C. To explain the intent and reasoning behind the code
D. To prevent the code from compiling and running here

Answer: C

Q317. What is a technical specification document?

A. A list of cafes near office for team lunch options
B. A detailed description of how a system should be built
C. A personal diary of developer daily activities here
D. A marketing brochure for selling product to users

Answer: B

Q318. Why is version history important in documentation?

A. It makes documents harder to read and understand now
B. Version history should be deleted before sharing files
C. It tracks changes and evolution of document over time
D. Version history is never useful for any purpose here

Answer: C

Q319. What is a user manual?

A. A guide for developers to write source code for app
B. A guide that explains how to use a product or system
C. A financial report about company revenue numbers here
D. A legal contract between two companies for services

Answer: B

Q320. What makes writing concise and effective?

A. Repeating the same information multiple times through
B. Conveying meaning clearly with minimal extra words
C. Using as many words as possible for every point made
D. Including every tangential thought in documentation

Answer: B

Q321. What is the role of defining a problem clearly before solving it?

A. It wastes time
B. It ensures effort is directed at the right issue
C. It limits creative solutions
D. It is only needed for simple problems

Answer: B

Q322. Which of these is a real-world example of problem solving?

A. Memorizing a textbook
B. Debugging a program that crashes on startup
C. Copying someone else's solution
D. Ignoring error messages

Answer: B

Q323. What does the term 'solution space' refer to?

A. The room where you work
B. The set of all possible solutions to a problem
C. A specific programming language
D. The final answer only

Answer: B

Q324. Why is breaking a problem into smaller parts helpful?

A. It makes the problem more complex
B. Smaller parts are easier to understand and solve individually
C. It increases the number of problems
D. It is only useful for math problems

Answer: B

Q325. What is a common first reaction when encountering a difficult problem?

A. Immediately writing code
B. Understanding and restating the problem
C. Skipping it entirely
D. Asking someone else to do it

Answer: B

Q326. Which of the following best describes a well-structured problem?

A. A problem with no clear answer
B. A problem with clear goals, initial state, and known operations
C. A problem that changes over time
D. A problem that requires guessing

Answer: B

Q327. What does 'trial and error' mean as a problem-solving approach?

A. Giving up after one attempt
B. Trying different solutions until one works
C. Only using proven methods
D. Avoiding all mistakes

Answer: B

Q328. Which quality is most important for effective problem solving?

A. Speed only
B. Persistence and patience
C. Memorizing all formulas
D. Working alone always

Answer: B

Q329. What is the purpose of verifying a solution after implementing it?

A. To waste time
B. To ensure the solution actually solves the original problem
C. To make the problem harder
D. Verification is unnecessary

Answer: B

Q330. Which term describes learning from solving one problem to solve another?

A. Randomization
B. Transfer of knowledge
C. Avoidance
D. Memorization

Answer: B

Q331. What is the purpose of gathering requirements before solving a problem?

A. To delay the project
B. To understand exactly what the solution must achieve
C. To create more work
D. Requirements are unnecessary

Answer: B

Q332. What is a constraint in problem analysis?

A. A suggestion that can be ignored
B. A limitation or restriction that the solution must respect
C. A feature request
D. A type of programming language

Answer: B

Q333. Why is identifying the expected output important during problem analysis?

A. It is not important
B. It defines what the solution should produce, guiding the design
C. It makes problems harder
D. Output is always obvious

Answer: B

Q334. What does it mean to identify stakeholders in problem analysis?

A. Finding who will write the code
B. Determining who is affected by or interested in the problem and its solution
C. Counting team members
D. Stakeholders are irrelevant

Answer: B

Q335. What is the difference between inputs and outputs in a problem?

A. They are the same thing
B. Inputs are data given to the solution; outputs are results produced by it
C. Inputs are always numbers
D. Outputs come before inputs

Answer: B

Q336. Why should you identify assumptions when analyzing a problem?

A. Assumptions are always correct
B. Unstated assumptions can lead to incorrect solutions if they prove false
C. Assumptions make problems easier
D. They are only for documentation

Answer: B

Q337. What is a use case in problem analysis?

A. A storage container
B. A description of how a user interacts with a system to achieve a goal
C. A type of error
D. A programming pattern

Answer: B

Q338. What role do examples play in understanding a problem?

A. Examples are distracting
B. They illustrate expected behavior and help clarify the problem
C. They are only for beginners
D. Examples always oversimplify

Answer: B

Q339. What is the benefit of restating a problem in your own words?

A. It wastes time
B. It helps verify understanding and can reveal misunderstandings
C. It changes the problem
D. It is only done in exams

Answer: B

Q340. What does prioritizing requirements mean in problem analysis?

A. Ignoring some requirements
B. Ranking requirements by importance to focus on the most critical ones first
C. Making all requirements equal
D. Removing constraints

Answer: B

Q341. What is a conclusion in a logical argument?

A. The first statement
B. A random guess
C. The statement that follows logically from the premises
D. An assumption without evidence

Answer: C

Q342. What does the logical implication 'If A then B' mean?

A. A and B are the same
B. Whenever A is true, B must also be true
C. B causes A
D. A is always false

Answer: B

Q343. Which logical operator returns true only when both inputs are true?

A. OR
B. NOT
C. AND
D. XOR

Answer: C

Q344. What is an argument in the context of logic?

A. A heated disagreement
B. A set of premises followed by a conclusion
C. A programming variable
D. A mathematical equation

Answer: B

Q345. If 'All dogs are mammals' and 'Rex is a dog,' what can we conclude?

A. Rex is a cat
B. Rex is a mammal
C. Rex is not an animal
D. No conclusion can be drawn

Answer: B

Q346. What is a valid argument in logic?

A. An argument that is always wrong
B. An argument where the conclusion necessarily follows from the premises
C. An argument with true premises only
D. An argument everyone agrees with

Answer: B

Q347. What does the OR operator do in Boolean logic?

A. Returns true only when both inputs are true
B. Returns true when at least one input is true
C. Returns the opposite of the input
D. Returns false always

Answer: B

Q348. What is a counterexample used for in reasoning?

A. To prove a statement is always true
B. To disprove a universal claim by showing one case where it fails
C. To add confusion
D. To support an argument

Answer: B

Q349. In a truth table, how many rows are needed for three variables?

A. 3
B. 6
C. 8
D. 12

Answer: C

Q350. What does it mean for two statements to be logically equivalent?

A. They have the same words
B. They have the same truth value in all possible situations
C. They always contradict each other
D. They are written in the same language

Answer: B

Q351. What does the parallelogram symbol represent in a flowchart?

A. A decision
B. An input or output operation
C. The start of the program
D. A loop

Answer: B

Q352. What is the purpose of an arrow in a flowchart?

A. To decorate the chart
B. To show the direction of flow from one step to the next
C. To represent data storage
D. To indicate an error

Answer: B

Q353. What happens when a condition in an if-statement is false?

A. The program crashes
B. The code in the else branch (if it exists) executes, or the if block is skipped
C. The condition becomes true
D. The program restarts

Answer: B

Q354. What is the difference between a flowchart and pseudocode?

A. They are identical
B. A flowchart uses visual symbols; pseudocode uses text resembling programming language
C. Flowcharts are only for hardware
D. Pseudocode requires a compiler

Answer: B

Q355. What is a counter variable commonly used for in loops?

A. Storing user names
B. Keeping track of how many times a loop has executed
C. Measuring memory
D. Defining functions

Answer: B

Q356. What is the result of executing a sequence of three assignment statements in order?

A. Only the first one runs
B. All three execute one after another in order
C. They execute simultaneously
D. Only the last one runs

Answer: B

Q357. What does a diamond shape represent in a flowchart?

A. A process step
B. An input operation
C. A decision point with yes/no branches
D. The end of the program

Answer: C

Q358. Why is indentation important in pseudocode?

A. It is purely decorative
B. It shows the structure and nesting level of control statements
C. It affects execution speed
D. Indentation is incorrect in pseudocode

Answer: B

Q359. What is the simplest type of control flow in programming?

A. Recursion
B. Sequential execution where statements run one after another
C. Multi-threading
D. Event-driven programming

Answer: B

Q360. What does a loop termination condition determine?

A. How fast the loop runs
B. When the loop should stop repeating
C. The loop's color in a flowchart
D. Which variables to declare

Answer: B

Q361. What is the purpose of a data type in programming?

A. To make code longer
B. To define what kind of values a variable can hold and what operations are valid
C. To slow down execution
D. Data types are optional

Answer: B

Q362. What is the difference between an integer and a floating-point number?

A. They are the same
B. An integer has no decimal part while a floating-point number can represent fractions
C. Integers are always larger
D. Floating-point is always exact

Answer: B

Q363. What does a character encoding like ASCII define?

A. How to draw characters
B. A mapping between numeric codes and text characters
C. The speed of text processing
D. The size of a monitor

Answer: B

Q364. What is a record or struct used for in data representation?

A. Playing music
B. Grouping related data of different types into a single unit
C. Sorting numbers only
D. Replacing arrays

Answer: B

Q365. Why is binary the fundamental number system for computers?

A. It was chosen arbitrarily
B. Computer hardware uses two states (on/off) which map directly to binary digits 0 and 1
C. Binary is easier for humans
D. Decimal does not exist

Answer: B

Q366. What is a list data structure?

A. A type of database
B. An ordered collection of elements that can grow or shrink in size
C. A fixed-size array only
D. A type of loop

Answer: B

Q367. What does the term 'bit' stand for?

A. Big integer type
B. Binary digit
C. Byte in transfer
D. Boolean input test

Answer: B

Q368. What is the difference between a constant and a variable?

A. They are the same
B. A constant's value cannot change after being set; a variable's value can be modified
C. Constants are always zero
D. Variables never hold numbers

Answer: B

Q369. How many values can a single byte represent?

A. 8
B. 16
C. 256
D. 1024

Answer: C

Q370. What is a dictionary or map data structure used for?

A. Looking up words only
B. Storing key-value pairs for efficient lookup by key
C. Sequential processing only
D. Replacing all other structures

Answer: B

Q371. What does it mean to identify a pattern in a sequence of numbers?

A. Guessing randomly
B. Finding a consistent rule that describes how the numbers relate to each other
C. Memorizing all numbers
D. It is not possible

Answer: B

Q372. Why is pattern recognition useful in everyday life?

A. It is not useful
B. It helps predict outcomes and make decisions based on past experiences
C. It only works in computers
D. It slows down thinking

Answer: B

Q373. What is an example of a visual pattern?

A. A random arrangement of shapes
B. A wallpaper design that repeats the same motif at regular intervals
C. A single dot on a page
D. An empty canvas

Answer: B

Q374. What is the next number in the pattern 3, 6, 9, 12, ...?

A. 13
B. 14
C. 15
D. 18

Answer: C

Q375. How does recognizing a pattern in code help a programmer?

A. It does not help
B. It allows reuse of known solutions and avoidance of reinventing approaches
C. It makes coding harder
D. It only helps with debugging

Answer: B

Q376. What is a growing pattern?

A. A pattern that decreases
B. A pattern where each element increases by a consistent amount or rule
C. A pattern with no change
D. A pattern that stops

Answer: B

Q377. What does sorting data help reveal?

A. Nothing useful
B. Patterns, duplicates, and outliers that are hidden in unsorted data
C. Random errors
D. The data's creation date

Answer: B

Q378. What type of pattern does alternating between two values represent?

A. A growing pattern
B. An alternating or cyclic pattern
C. A random sequence
D. No pattern at all

Answer: B

Q379. How can a table help in recognizing patterns in data?

A. Tables hide patterns
B. Tables organize data into rows and columns, making relationships and trends easier to see
C. Tables only store text
D. Tables are too complex to read

Answer: B

Q380. What is the value of finding similarities between two different problems?

A. It has no value
B. Similar problems often have similar solutions, saving time and effort
C. It creates confusion
D. It only works in mathematics

Answer: B

Q381. What is the result of 3 raised to the power of 4?

A. 12
B. 64
C. 81
D. 27

Answer: C

Q382. What does the modulo operation return?

A. The quotient of division
B. The remainder after integer division
C. The product of two numbers
D. The absolute value

Answer: B

Q383. What is the sum of the first 5 even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8, 10)?

A. 20
B. 25
C. 30
D. 35

Answer: C

Q384. What is the least common multiple (LCM) of 3 and 5?

A. 8
B. 10
C. 15
D. 30

Answer: C

Q385. What does 'n choose 2' or C(n,2) count?

A. The number of ways to arrange n items
B. The number of ways to pick 2 items from n without regard to order
C. The product of n and 2
D. The square of n

Answer: B

Q386. What is the value of log base 10 of 1000?

A. 2
B. 3
C. 10
D. 100

Answer: B

Q387. What does it mean for a number to be composite?

A. It has no factors
B. It has factors other than 1 and itself
C. It is always even
D. It is the same as prime

Answer: B

Q388. What is the formula for the area of a rectangle?

A. Length + Width
B. Length x Width
C. Length / Width
D. 2 x (Length + Width)

Answer: B

Q389. What is the result of 0 factorial (0!)?

A. 0
B. 1
C. Undefined
D. Infinity

Answer: B

Q390. If a set has 4 elements, how many subsets does it have?

A. 4
B. 8
C. 16
D. 24

Answer: C

Q391. Why is it important for an algorithm to have a clear stopping condition?

A. It is not important
B. Without a stopping condition, the algorithm may run forever and never produce a result
C. It makes the algorithm slower
D. Stopping conditions are only for loops

Answer: B

Q392. What does it mean to trace through an algorithm?

A. Drawing the algorithm
B. Manually following each step with specific input values to verify the result
C. Deleting the algorithm
D. Translating to a different language

Answer: B

Q393. What is the purpose of selection sort?

A. To search for an element
B. To sort by repeatedly finding the minimum element and placing it in its correct position
C. To merge two arrays
D. To compress data

Answer: B

Q394. What does it mean for an algorithm to be correct?

A. It runs fast
B. It produces the expected output for every valid input
C. It uses the least memory
D. It has no comments

Answer: B

Q395. What is a swap operation in sorting algorithms?

A. Deleting two elements
B. Exchanging the positions of two elements in a collection
C. Adding new elements
D. Comparing without moving

Answer: B

Q396. Why is it useful to consider the best, worst, and average cases of an algorithm?

A. Only worst case matters
B. Different cases reveal how the algorithm performs under various conditions, guiding practical decisions
C. Best case is always the same as worst case
D. Average case is meaningless

Answer: B

Q397. What is the key idea behind insertion sort?

A. Dividing the array in half
B. Building a sorted portion one element at a time by inserting each new element into its correct position
C. Finding the maximum first
D. Using recursion

Answer: B

Q398. What is a step-by-step procedure for solving a problem called?

A. A guess
B. An algorithm
C. A hypothesis
D. A theorem

Answer: B

Q399. What does 'divide and conquer' mean in algorithm design?

A. Giving up on the problem
B. Breaking a problem into smaller sub-problems, solving each, then combining the results
C. Only solving half the problem
D. Dividing the team into groups

Answer: B

Q400. Why is choosing the right data structure important for algorithm efficiency?

A. Data structures do not affect efficiency
B. The right data structure can dramatically reduce the time and space an algorithm requires
C. All data structures perform the same
D. It only matters for large companies

Answer: B

Q401. Why is it important to question assumptions in problem solving?

A. Assumptions should never be questioned
B. Unexamined assumptions may be wrong and lead to incorrect solutions
C. Questioning slows down work
D. Only experts question assumptions

Answer: B

Q402. What does it mean to think critically about a source of information?

A. Believing everything you read
B. Evaluating the credibility, bias, and evidence behind the information
C. Ignoring all sources
D. Only trusting one source

Answer: B

Q403. What is the difference between a fact and an opinion?

A. They are the same
B. A fact is verifiable and objective; an opinion is a personal judgment or interpretation
C. Facts are always wrong
D. Opinions are always right

Answer: B

Q404. Why should you consider alternative explanations when solving a problem?

A. Alternatives waste time
B. The first explanation may not be correct; considering alternatives helps find the true cause
C. There is always only one explanation
D. Alternatives create confusion

Answer: B

Q405. What is skepticism in the context of critical thinking?

A. Rejecting everything
B. A healthy questioning attitude that demands evidence before accepting claims
C. Being negative about everything
D. Never making decisions

Answer: B

Q406. Why is it important to consider the consequences of a decision?

A. Consequences do not matter
B. Understanding potential outcomes helps make better decisions and avoid unintended harm
C. Only immediate results matter
D. Consequences are unpredictable so should be ignored

Answer: B

Q407. What does it mean to evaluate the strength of an argument?

A. Measuring physical strength
B. Assessing whether the premises adequately support the conclusion
C. Counting the number of words
D. Checking the author's credentials only

Answer: B

Q408. Why is considering different perspectives valuable in critical thinking?

A. Different perspectives are confusing
B. They can reveal blind spots, biases, and aspects of the problem you might have missed
C. Only one perspective is ever correct
D. It wastes time

Answer: B

Q409. What role does evidence play in critical thinking?

A. Evidence is unnecessary
B. Evidence provides the factual basis for claims and helps distinguish justified beliefs from unjustified ones
C. Only opinions matter
D. Evidence always proves things completely

Answer: B

Q410. What is a hasty generalization?

A. A well-supported conclusion
B. Drawing a broad conclusion from too few examples or insufficient evidence
C. A type of algorithm
D. A fast way to solve problems

Answer: B

Q411. What is the first thing you should do when you encounter a bug?

A. Rewrite the entire program
B. Try to reproduce the bug consistently
C. Ignore it and hope it goes away
D. Delete the code

Answer: B

Q412. What information does an error message typically provide?

A. Nothing useful
B. The type of error, the location in code, and often a description of what went wrong
C. The solution to the bug
D. The name of the developer who caused it

Answer: B

Q413. Why is reading the error message carefully the best first step in debugging?

A. Error messages are always misleading
B. They often tell you exactly what went wrong and where, saving significant debugging time
C. They are too technical to understand
D. Only experts can read them

Answer: B

Q414. What is the difference between a compile-time error and a runtime error?

A. They are the same
B. Compile-time errors are caught before the program runs; runtime errors occur during execution
C. Runtime errors are easier to find
D. Compile-time errors are more dangerous

Answer: B

Q415. Why should you test your fix after correcting a bug?

A. Testing is unnecessary
B. To verify the fix actually resolves the bug without introducing new problems
C. Testing wastes time
D. The fix is always correct

Answer: B

Q416. What is the purpose of adding print statements for debugging?

A. To make the program faster
B. To display variable values and execution flow at specific points to understand program behavior
C. To make the code permanent
D. Print statements cannot help with debugging

Answer: B

Q417. What does 'isolating a bug' mean?

A. Deleting the bug
B. Narrowing down the specific section of code that causes the problem
C. Moving the bug to another file
D. Isolating the computer from the network

Answer: B

Q418. Why is version control helpful for debugging?

A. It has nothing to do with debugging
B. It lets you compare current code with working versions to identify what change introduced the bug
C. It makes code slower
D. It only helps with team coordination

Answer: B

Q419. What is a common cause of an 'undefined variable' error?

A. Using too much memory
B. Trying to use a variable that has not been declared or initialized before use
C. The variable is too large
D. The computer is too slow

Answer: B

Q420. Why is it helpful to simplify the test case when debugging?

A. Simpler tests are meaningless
B. A minimal test case removes irrelevant complexity, making it easier to identify the exact cause of the bug
C. Complex tests always find more bugs
D. Simplification hides bugs

Answer: B

Q421. Why is it important to understand how an algorithm's performance changes with larger inputs?

A. It does not matter
B. Poor scaling means an algorithm that works for small inputs may become impractically slow for large ones
C. All algorithms scale the same
D. Performance never changes with input size

Answer: B

Q422. What does O(n) mean in simple terms?

A. The algorithm is broken
B. The running time grows proportionally to the input size
C. The algorithm always takes n seconds
D. It means the algorithm is optimal

Answer: B

Q423. Which is faster for large n: O(n) or O(n^2)?

A. O(n^2)
B. O(n)
C. They are equal
D. It depends on the computer

Answer: B

Q424. What does it mean when an algorithm has O(1) space complexity?

A. It uses one byte
B. It uses a fixed amount of memory regardless of input size
C. It uses no memory
D. It is the fastest algorithm

Answer: B

Q425. Why does doubling the input size quadruple the time for an O(n^2) algorithm?

A. It does not quadruple
B. Because (2n)^2 = 4n^2, so doubling input leads to four times the operations
C. All algorithms behave this way
D. This only applies to sorting

Answer: B

Q426. What is the complexity of looking up a value in a hash table on average?

A. O(n)
B. O(log n)
C. O(1)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: C

Q427. What does it mean for an algorithm to be 'efficient'?

A. It uses the most resources
B. It solves the problem using reasonable time and space resources relative to the input size
C. It always runs in O(1)
D. Efficiency is subjective and unmeasurable

Answer: B

Q428. What is the time complexity of iterating through each element of an array once?

A. O(1)
B. O(log n)
C. O(n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: C

Q429. Why does Big-O notation focus on the fastest-growing term?

A. Other terms are incorrect
B. For large inputs, the fastest-growing term dominates the running time and other terms become negligible
C. It is just a convention with no meaning
D. All terms are equally important

Answer: B

Q430. How many comparisons does binary search need in the worst case for n elements?

A. n comparisons
B. n/2 comparisons
C. log2(n) comparisons
D. 1 comparison

Answer: C

Q431. Why is understanding the problem important before writing code?

A. It wastes development time
B. Writing code for a misunderstood problem leads to wrong solutions that must be rewritten
C. Understanding is optional
D. Code can always be fixed later easily

Answer: B

Q432. What is the purpose of a loop in solving programming problems?

A. To make code longer
B. To repeat a block of code a specific number of times or until a condition is met
C. To define a function
D. To declare variables

Answer: B

Q433. What is the benefit of breaking code into functions?

A. It makes programs slower
B. Functions make code reusable, readable, and easier to test and debug independently
C. Functions are unnecessary
D. They increase the file size

Answer: B

Q434. What does it mean to 'hardcode' a value in a program?

A. To write code that is difficult to understand
B. To embed a specific value directly in the code rather than using a variable or configuration
C. To compress the code
D. To encrypt the value

Answer: B

Q435. Why is choosing meaningful variable names important?

A. It does not matter what names you use
B. Meaningful names make the code self-documenting and easier for others to understand
C. Short names are always better
D. Only the computer reads variable names

Answer: B

Q436. What is the role of indentation in code readability?

A. It affects program execution
B. It visually shows the structure and nesting of code blocks, making logic easier to follow
C. It is purely decorative
D. Indentation slows down typing

Answer: B

Q437. What is the difference between = and == in most programming languages?

A. They are the same
B. = assigns a value to a variable; == compares two values for equality
C. == assigns a value
D. = compares values

Answer: B

Q438. What is an index in the context of arrays?

A. A table of contents
B. A number that specifies the position of an element in an array
C. The size of the array
D. The data type of the array

Answer: B

Q439. Why is testing code with different inputs important?

A. Testing is unnecessary
B. Different inputs may reveal bugs that only appear under specific conditions
C. One test case is always sufficient
D. Testing slows down development

Answer: B

Q440. What is a syntax error in programming?

A. A logical mistake
B. A violation of the programming language's grammar rules that prevents compilation or interpretation
C. A runtime crash
D. An incorrect algorithm

Answer: B

Q441. Why is data important for making good decisions?

A. Data is always irrelevant
B. Data provides objective evidence that helps make informed decisions rather than relying on guesswork
C. Data only confuses people
D. Intuition is always better than data

Answer: B

Q442. What is the difference between qualitative and quantitative data?

A. They are the same
B. Quantitative data is numerical and measurable; qualitative data describes qualities and characteristics
C. Qualitative data is always better
D. Quantitative data is not useful

Answer: B

Q443. What is the mode of a dataset?

A. The average value
B. The middle value
C. The most frequently occurring value
D. The range of values

Answer: C

Q444. What is a line chart typically used to show?

A. Categorical comparisons
B. Changes in data over time or continuous trends
C. Part-to-whole relationships
D. Frequency distributions

Answer: B

Q445. Why should you check data for errors before analyzing it?

A. Errors do not affect analysis
B. Errors in data can lead to incorrect conclusions and bad decisions
C. Data never has errors
D. Checking wastes time

Answer: B

Q446. What does 'range' mean in the context of a dataset?

A. The number of data points
B. The difference between the maximum and minimum values in the dataset
C. The average of all values
D. The most common value

Answer: B

Q447. What is a histogram used for?

A. Showing relationships between two variables
B. Showing the frequency distribution of a single continuous variable across intervals
C. Displaying text data
D. Showing part-to-whole relationships

Answer: B

Q448. What does it mean to aggregate data?

A. To delete data
B. To combine multiple data points into summary values like totals, averages, or counts
C. To split data into individual records
D. To encrypt data

Answer: B

Q449. Why is comparing data to a baseline useful?

A. Baselines are meaningless
B. A baseline provides a reference point to measure whether current performance is better, worse, or unchanged
C. Baselines always change
D. Comparison is not useful

Answer: B

Q450. What is the purpose of labeling axes on a chart?

A. It is optional decoration
B. Labels tell the reader what each axis represents and the units of measurement, making the chart interpretable
C. Labels make charts look cluttered
D. Only one axis needs a label

Answer: B

Q451. What does 'thinking outside the box' mean in problem solving?

A. Literally stepping outside a box
B. Approaching a problem from an unconventional or unexpected angle
C. Ignoring the problem
D. Only using standard methods

Answer: B

Q452. Why is asking 'what if' questions valuable in creative thinking?

A. It wastes time
B. It opens up new possibilities by imagining different scenarios and challenging current assumptions
C. It creates confusion
D. 'What if' questions have no answers

Answer: B

Q453. What is the benefit of generating many ideas before selecting one?

A. More ideas means more confusion
B. A larger pool of ideas increases the chance of finding a truly creative and effective solution
C. Only one idea is ever worth considering
D. Generating many ideas wastes time

Answer: B

Q454. How does looking at problems from different perspectives help creativity?

A. It does not help
B. Different viewpoints reveal aspects of the problem that a single perspective might miss
C. Only one perspective is ever correct
D. It complicates the problem

Answer: B

Q455. What is the role of experimentation in creative problem solving?

A. Experimentation is always risky
B. Trying out ideas and learning from both successes and failures leads to better solutions
C. Only proven methods should be used
D. Experimentation guarantees success

Answer: B

Q456. Why is collaboration important for creative thinking?

A. Collaboration kills creativity
B. Different people bring different experiences and ideas, leading to more diverse and innovative solutions
C. Creativity only comes from working alone
D. Collaboration slows down thinking

Answer: B

Q457. What does it mean to build on someone else's idea?

A. Copying their idea exactly
B. Taking an existing idea and extending, combining, or adapting it to create something new
C. Stealing intellectual property
D. Rejecting the idea

Answer: B

Q458. What is the value of sketching or drawing when solving problems creatively?

A. Drawing is unrelated to problem solving
B. Visual representations can reveal patterns and relationships that are hard to see in text or numbers alone
C. Only artists should draw
D. Sketching wastes time

Answer: B

Q459. Why should you avoid judging ideas too early during brainstorming?

A. Judging is always helpful
B. Premature criticism stops the flow of ideas and prevents creative possibilities from being explored
C. All ideas should be judged immediately
D. Only good ideas should be shared

Answer: B

Q460. What is an example of creative problem solving in everyday technology?

A. Using a phone only for calls
B. Using a smartphone's camera as a document scanner
C. Using technology exactly as intended
D. Avoiding all new technology

Answer: B

Q461. Why do real-world problems often have multiple valid solutions?

A. Real-world problems always have one solution
B. Different trade-offs between cost, time, quality, and other factors lead to different acceptable solutions
C. Multiple solutions indicate a poorly defined problem
D. Only textbook problems have multiple solutions

Answer: B

Q462. What is the importance of understanding the end user in real-world problem solving?

A. End users are irrelevant
B. Understanding who will use the solution ensures it meets their actual needs and abilities
C. Only developers matter
D. End users always want the same thing

Answer: B

Q463. Why is budget an important constraint in real-world projects?

A. Budget does not affect projects
B. Limited resources mean trade-offs must be made about what features and quality levels are feasible
C. Budget is unlimited in real projects
D. Only non-profit projects have budgets

Answer: B

Q464. What is the role of testing in real-world software projects?

A. Testing is unnecessary in the real world
B. Testing verifies that the software works correctly under various conditions before reaching users
C. Only developers test software
D. Testing guarantees zero bugs

Answer: B

Q465. Why is communication important in real-world problem-solving teams?

A. Communication slows down work
B. Clear communication ensures everyone understands the problem, plan, and their responsibilities
C. Only managers need to communicate
D. Written communication is unnecessary

Answer: B

Q466. What does the term 'deploy' mean in software development?

A. To delete software
B. To release and make the software available for actual use by end users
C. To write documentation
D. To start coding

Answer: B

Q467. Why might a simpler solution be preferred over a complex one in real-world projects?

A. Complex solutions are always better
B. Simpler solutions are easier to build, test, maintain, and less likely to contain bugs
C. Simplicity means low quality
D. Complex solutions are always more reliable

Answer: B

Q468. What is user acceptance testing?

A. Testing by the development team
B. Testing performed by actual end users to verify the solution meets their real-world needs
C. Automatic testing by computers
D. Testing only at the end of the project

Answer: B

Q469. Why is iterating on a solution important in real-world development?

A. The first version is always perfect
B. Real-world feedback reveals issues and improvements that cannot be anticipated in advance
C. Iteration wastes resources
D. Customers prefer first versions

Answer: B

Q470. What does 'backwards compatibility' mean in software?

A. Software that runs backward
B. New versions continue to work with data, interfaces, or systems from older versions
C. All old features are removed
D. Only backward-looking analysis

Answer: B

Q471. Why is it important to write clearly when documenting a solution?

A. Clear writing is unnecessary
B. Clear documentation helps others understand and maintain the solution without needing to ask the original author
C. Only the author needs to understand the docs
D. Documentation is never read

Answer: B

Q472. What should a good code comment explain?

A. What the code does line by line
B. Why the code exists or why a particular approach was chosen
C. The author's name only
D. Nothing; comments are unnecessary

Answer: B

Q473. What is the purpose of a project README file?

A. To list all bugs
B. To provide an overview of the project, how to set it up, and how to use it
C. To store passwords
D. READMEs have no purpose

Answer: B

Q474. Why should error messages be written in clear, plain language?

A. Error messages do not matter
B. Clear error messages help users understand what went wrong and what they can do to fix the issue
C. Technical jargon is always better
D. Error messages should be hidden

Answer: B

Q475. What is the benefit of using consistent formatting in documentation?

A. Formatting is irrelevant
B. Consistent formatting makes documents easier to scan, read, and navigate, helping readers find information quickly
C. It makes documents longer
D. Only printed documents need formatting

Answer: B

Q476. What should you include when reporting a bug to another developer?

A. Just say 'it is broken'
B. Steps to reproduce, expected behavior, actual behavior, and environment details
C. Only the error message
D. Your opinion about the code quality

Answer: B

Q477. Why is keeping documentation up to date important?

A. Outdated docs are fine
B. Outdated documentation is worse than no documentation because it can mislead users into incorrect actions
C. Documentation never needs updating
D. Only initial documentation matters

Answer: B

Q478. What is the difference between internal and external documentation?

A. They are identical
B. Internal docs are for the development team; external docs are for end users or clients
C. Internal docs are secret
D. External docs are optional

Answer: B

Q479. Why is using examples helpful in documentation?

A. Examples make docs longer without benefit
B. Examples show exactly how to use something, making abstract descriptions concrete and actionable
C. Examples are always misleading
D. Only API docs need examples

Answer: B

Q480. What is the value of documenting lessons learned from a project?

A. Past lessons have no value
B. Documented lessons help future projects avoid the same mistakes and apply successful strategies
C. Only failures should be documented
D. Lessons learned are always obvious

Answer: B

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Q481. In Polya's method, what comes after devising a plan?

A. Looking back at the work
B. Understanding the problem
C. Carrying out the plan
D. Restating the problem

Answer: C

Q482. What is divide and conquer?

A. Only solving the first half of the problem
B. Solving the problem without breaking it down
C. Ignoring the most difficult parts of a task
D. Dividing into smaller independent sub-problems

Answer: D

Q483. Which strategy works backward from the goal?

A. Trial and error method
B. Forward chaining approach
C. Brute force technique
D. Working backward strategy

Answer: D

Q484. What distinguishes computational thinking?

A. It cannot involve algorithmic processes
B. It requires absolutely no human input
C. It is applicable only to mathematics
D. Formulating problems for computer solutions

Answer: D

Q485. What is abstraction in problem solving?

A. Ignoring the problem entirely to move on
B. Removing unnecessary details to focus
C. Adding more details to the problem
D. Making the problem significantly harder

Answer: B

Q486. Which uses previously learned solutions?

A. Analogical reasoning method
B. Brute force technique
C. Random guessing approach
D. Creative problem solving

Answer: A

Q487. What is a constraint?

A. An algorithm type to implement
B. A ready-made solution to use
C. An optional feature to consider
D. A limitation that must be satisfied

Answer: D

Q488. What role does evaluation play?

A. Assesses whether the solution is correct
B. It only checks for syntax errors
C. It fully replaces all testing
D. It is completely unnecessary

Answer: A

Q489. Which technique tries all possible solutions?

A. Dynamic programming
B. Greedy algorithm
C. Heuristic approach
D. Brute force search

Answer: D

Q490. What is iterative refinement?

A. Repeatedly improving through cycles
B. Copying work from other sources
C. Deleting the solution entirely
D. Solving the problem only once

Answer: A

Q491. Most important sorting constraint?

A. Array variable name
B. Output color format
C. Input data set size
D. Code indentation style

Answer: C

Q492. What is root cause analysis?

A. Addressing surface symptoms only
B. Ignoring all errors and warnings
C. Guessing the source of the bug
D. Identifying the fundamental cause

Answer: D

Q493. Maximum sum subarray is what type?

A. Optimization problem type
B. String matching problem
C. Graph traversal problem
D. Sorting algorithm problem

Answer: A

Q494. What is a precondition?

A. Must be true before process begins
B. An error message shown to users
C. Checked only after the execution
D. A specific type of loop construct

Answer: A

Q495. What is a postcondition?

A. Checked before execution begins
B. A particular variable type in code
C. A syntax rule for the compiler
D. Must be true after process completes

Answer: D

Q496. What does feasibility analysis determine?

A. Whether a solution is practical and achievable
B. The color scheme for the interface
C. The marketing strategy to implement
D. The number of programmers to hire

Answer: A

Q497. Functional vs non-functional requirements?

A. Functional: what it does; non-functional: how well
B. There is no meaningful difference
C. Functional requirements are always optional
D. Non-functional requirements are more important

Answer: A

Q498. What is stakeholder identification?

A. Finding all parties affected by it
B. Identifying who wrote the code
C. Counting the team members involved
D. Listing programming languages used

Answer: A

Q499. What is a use case?

A. A user-system interaction for a goal
B. A specific test case for the code
C. A bug report filed by the team
D. A comment added to source code

Answer: A

Q500. Role of domain knowledge?

A. Helps understand context and terms
B. It only serves for documentation
C. It slows down the development
D. It is completely irrelevant

Answer: A

Q501. Contrapositive of If P then Q?

A. If P then not Q
B. If not Q then not P
C. If Q then P
D. If not P then not Q

Answer: B

Q502. Which is De Morgan's Law?

A. NOT A = A
B. NOT(A AND B) = NOT A OR NOT B
C. A AND B = A OR B
D. A XOR B = A AND B

Answer: B

Q503. What is modus ponens?

A. P->Q, P false, therefore Q false
B. P->Q, Q false, therefore P false
C. P->Q, Q true, therefore P
D. P->Q, P true, therefore Q

Answer: D

Q504. What is modus tollens?

A. P->Q, P true, therefore Q
B. P->Q, Q true, therefore P
C. P->Q, Q false, therefore P false
D. P->Q, P false, therefore Q false

Answer: C

Q505. Truth table with 4 variables?

A. 16 rows
B. 32 rows
C. 8 rows
D. 4 rows

Answer: A

Q506. What is a tautology?

A. Always true regardless of values
B. A logical contradiction in reasoning
C. A statement that is always false
D. A statement that is sometimes true

Answer: A

Q507. What is a contradiction?

A. Always false regardless of values
B. A tautology under all conditions
C. A valid argument with true premises
D. A statement that is always true

Answer: A

Q508. What does P <-> Q mean?

A. P implies Q in one direction only
B. P is true if and only if Q is true
C. Q implies P in one direction only
D. Both P and Q are always true together

Answer: B

Q509. What is proof by contradiction?

A. A type of mathematical induction
B. Proving the statement is false
C. A direct proof from axioms
D. Assume opposite, show contradiction

Answer: D

Q510. Affirming the consequent fallacy?

A. Rain->wet. No rain. Not wet.
B. Rain->wet. Dry. No rain.
C. Rain->wet. Wet. Therefore rained.
D. Rain->wet. Rained. Wet.

Answer: C

Q511. While vs do-while?

A. While only runs the loop body once
B. Do-while never actually executes code
C. While checks first; do-while runs once
D. They are exactly the same construct

Answer: C

Q512. Connector symbol indicates?

A. A terminal or endpoint state
B. Continuation on another page
C. A decision point in the flow
D. An input or output operation

Answer: B

Q513. What is a nested loop?

A. A loop inside another loop
B. A loop that runs just once
C. A loop with no condition
D. A loop that never ends

Answer: A

Q514. for i=1 to 5 executes how many times?

A. 5 times
B. 6 times
C. 0 times
D. 4 times

Answer: A

Q515. What is an infinite loop?

A. Condition never becomes false
B. A very fast loop execution
C. A loop that runs just twice
D. A loop with an empty body

Answer: A

Q516. What is a sentinel value?

A. A random value in the data
B. Special value signaling end of input
C. An error code returned by functions
D. A variable name in the program

Answer: B

Q517. What does break do?

A. Skips to the next iteration
B. Restarts the loop from start
C. Pauses the loop temporarily
D. Immediately exits the loop

Answer: D

Q518. What does continue do?

A. Breaks out of all nested loops
B. Skips rest, goes to next iteration
C. Restarts the entire program run
D. Exits the loop entirely now

Answer: B

Q519. What is switch-case for?

A. Handling errors and exceptions
B. Selecting blocks based on a value
C. Iterating through a collection
D. Managing memory allocation tasks

Answer: B

Q520. x=0; while x<3: print x; x=x+1. Output?

A. 1 2 3
B. 1 2
C. 0 1 2 3
D. 0 1 2

Answer: D

Q521. Hex of 255?

A. 1F
B. FE
C. EF
D. FF

Answer: D

Q522. Two's complement is for?

A. Floating point values
B. Signed integers in binary
C. Data compression formats
D. Text character encoding

Answer: B

Q523. 8-bit two's complement of -1?

A. 00000001
B. 10000001
C. 11111110
D. 11111111

Answer: D

Q524. Data abstraction in OOP?

A. Hide implementation, expose interface
B. Write longer and more verbose code
C. Expose all internal details fully
D. Avoid using functions or methods

Answer: A

Q525. ADT vs data structure?

A. Data structure is always better to use
B. ADT: interface; structure: implementation
C. ADT can never be implemented in code
D. They are exactly the same thing

Answer: B

Q526. IEEE 754 representation?

A. Character encoding standard
B. Sign, exponent, and mantissa
C. Only the mantissa component
D. Simple integer format only

Answer: B

Q527. Unicode vs ASCII?

A. Unicode only supports English letters
B. They are exactly the same standard
C. ASCII has more characters than Unicode
D. Unicode: all scripts; ASCII: 128 chars

Answer: D

Q528. What is a struct?

A. Composite grouping different types
B. A single primitive variable only
C. A file format for data storage
D. A database table definition format

Answer: A

Q529. What is serialization?

A. Encrypting sensitive data
B. Deleting data permanently
C. Converting to storable format
D. Sorting data in an order

Answer: C

Q530. Unsigned 8-bit range?

A. 1-256
B. 0-127
C. -128 to 127
D. 0-255

Answer: D

Q531. What are design patterns?

A. Random unstructured coding practices
B. User interface visual elements
C. Reusable solutions to common problems
D. Compiler-level code optimizations

Answer: C

Q532. Next: 1,1,2,3,5,8,13,?

A. 20
B. 18
C. 26
D. 21

Answer: D

Q533. BFS and DFS both being traversals is?

A. A data entry verification task
B. A debugging analysis approach
C. Problem decomposition technique
D. Pattern recognition and generalization

Answer: D

Q534. Merge sort, quicksort, binary search share?

A. O(n) time complexity bound
B. Divide and conquer pattern
C. Linked list usage only
D. Hash table data structure

Answer: B

Q535. What is template method pattern?

A. A C++ template for generics
B. Base defines skeleton, subclasses override
C. Writing documentation for the system
D. Creating document templates for use

Answer: B

Q536. Stacks, queues, priority queues share?

A. Array-based implementation only
B. Specific insertion/removal ordering
C. Random access to all elements
D. Tree-based structure internally

Answer: B

Q537. What is observer pattern?

A. Objects notified on state changes
B. A debugging analysis approach
C. A sorting algorithm technique
D. A testing framework structure

Answer: A

Q538. Top-k problems commonly use?

A. Full array sorting first
B. Recursion-only based approach
C. Linked list traversal method
D. Heap or priority queue structure

Answer: D

Q539. What is sliding window?

A. Moving window across data efficiently
B. A sorting algorithm for arrays
C. A database query optimization trick
D. A graphical user interface widget

Answer: A

Q540. What is two-pointer technique?

A. A linked list creation method only
B. Using two mouse cursors at once
C. Two references moving through data
D. A memory management allocation tool

Answer: C

Q541. Euclidean GCD complexity?

A. O(a+b)
B. O(a*b)
C. O(log(min(a,b)))
D. O(n^2)

Answer: C

Q542. Subsets of n elements?

A. 2^n
B. n^2
C. n
D. n!

Answer: A

Q543. Pigeonhole Principle?

A. n items in m slots (n>m): one has >1
B. A specific data structure type
C. A search algorithm for arrays
D. A sorting algorithm technique

Answer: A

Q544. Geometric series sum?

A. a*n
B. a(r^n-1)/(r-1)
C. n*r
D. a+r*n

Answer: B

Q545. Permutations of n distinct objects?

A. 2^n
B. n!
C. n
D. n^2

Answer: B

Q546. Modular arithmetic useful for?

A. Only for division operations needed
B. Cyclic ops, hashing, overflow prevention
C. Only formatting output display
D. It has no practical use in CS

Answer: B

Q547. P(heads) fair coin?

A. 0.5
B. 1
C. 0
D. 0.25

Answer: A

Q548. P(5,3)?

A. 15
B. 120
C. 10
D. 60

Answer: D

Q549. C(10,3)?

A. 120
B. 1000
C. 720
D. 30

Answer: A

Q550. Base case importance?

A. Stops infinite recursion as a condition
B. It is used only for display output
C. It makes the formula longer overall
D. It is optional and unneeded

Answer: A

Q551. Binary search complexity?

A. O(1)
B. O(log n)
C. O(n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: B

Q552. Merge sort complexity?

A. O(n^2)
B. O(n log n)
C. O(n)
D. O(log n)

Answer: B

Q553. Quicksort worst case?

A. O(n log n)
B. O(n^2)
C. O(log n)
D. O(n)

Answer: B

Q554. When greedy over DP?

A. Always use greedy by default
B. When the problem is NP-hard
C. Never use greedy over DP
D. Greedy-choice property plus optimal substructure

Answer: D

Q555. What is backtracking?

A. A data compression approach
B. Never going back on choices
C. A sorting algorithm technique
D. Try solutions, undo failed ones

Answer: D

Q556. N-Queens uses?

A. Greedy approach
B. Backtracking method
C. Linear search scan
D. Dynamic programming

Answer: B

Q557. Dijkstra's is for?

A. String pattern matching
B. Balancing binary trees
C. Shortest paths, non-negative weights
D. Sorting array elements

Answer: C

Q558. Hash function purpose?

A. Compressing files for storage
B. Mapping keys to indices for lookup
C. Encrypting sensitive user data
D. Sorting data in an array

Answer: B

Q559. What is stable sort?

A. Maintains equal elements relative order
B. A sort using constant space only
C. A sort that never crashes at all
D. The fastest sorting algorithm known

Answer: A

Q560. Which sort is not comparison-based?

A. Heap sort
B. Counting sort
C. Quick sort
D. Merge sort

Answer: B

Q561. What is premature optimization?

A. Optimizing only after profiling done
B. A good development practice overall
C. Optimizing before knowing bottlenecks
D. Never optimizing the code at all

Answer: C

Q562. What is sunk cost fallacy?

A. Never investing resources into any project
B. Continuing failed effort due to past investment
C. A financial concept only used in accounting
D. Stopping all projects at the first issue

Answer: B

Q563. What is decision matrix?

A. A database query optimization method
B. A matrix multiplication technique
C. A compilation step in the process
D. Options scored against weighted criteria

Answer: D

Q564. Root cause vs symptoms?

A. Fixing symptoms is always better
B. Root cause fixes underlying problem
C. Distinguishing them is unnecessary
D. They are essentially the same thing

Answer: B

Q565. What is cost-benefit analysis?

A. Comparing expected costs and benefits
B. A marketing strategy for products
C. Ignoring all costs of the project
D. Analyzing only the project costs

Answer: A

Q566. What is SWOT?

A. Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
B. A testing framework for software
C. A debugging technique for code
D. A sorting algorithm for datasets

Answer: A

Q567. What is anchoring bias?

A. Over-relying on first information
B. An HTML anchor element tag
C. Avoiding all first impressions
D. A secure authentication method

Answer: A

Q568. What is risk assessment?

A. Taking every risk available
B. Identify, analyze, evaluate risks
C. Ignoring all potential risks
D. Avoiding all risks completely

Answer: B

Q569. Why worst cases?

A. Prepare contingency plans for them
B. Considering them wastes all time
C. Just for pessimistic outlook
D. They never actually happen at all

Answer: A

Q570. What is peer review?

A. A formal software testing phase
B. Colleagues examine work for quality
C. A social media interaction type
D. A completely unnecessary activity

Answer: B

Q571. What is rubber duck debugging?

A. A rubber duck shaped mouse device
B. A testing framework for web apps
C. A waterfowl-based sorting algorithm
D. Explaining code aloud to find errors

Answer: D

Q572. What is binary search debugging?

A. The binary search algorithm itself
B. Eliminate half the code each step
C. Debugging binary executable files
D. Searching binary number patterns

Answer: B

Q573. What is null pointer exception?

A. Accessing a null reference value
B. A logic error in computation
C. A warning from the compiler
D. A syntax error in the code

Answer: A

Q574. What is off-by-one error?

A. Loop iterates one too many or few
B. A network connectivity issue seen
C. A rounding error in calculations
D. A compilation error in the build

Answer: A

Q575. What is memory leak?

A. Physical damage to memory chips
B. Allocated memory that is never freed
C. A security hack on the system
D. Fast access to memory locations

Answer: B

Q576. What is regression testing?

A. The first test ever written for code
B. User interface design testing only
C. Re-testing after changes are made
D. Performance benchmark testing only

Answer: C

Q577. What is race condition?

A. A type of loop in the code
B. A competition between two programs
C. A fast algorithm execution speed
D. Depends on concurrent event timing

Answer: D

Q578. What is deadlock?

A. A locked database table in use
B. Processes waiting for each other
C. A system crash due to hardware
D. An infinite loop in the code

Answer: B

Q579. What is step-through debugging?

A. Running the entire program at once
B. Walking through the office halls
C. One line at a time in debugger
D. Deleting steps from the program

Answer: C

Q580. What is defensive programming?

A. Being defensive about your code
B. Avoiding writing any error handlers
C. Anticipating and handling errors well
D. Programming without any planning

Answer: C

Q581. Two nested n-loops?

A. O(n^2)
B. O(n)
C. O(2n)
D. O(n log n)

Answer: A

Q582. Merge sort space?

A. O(n)
B. O(1)
C. O(log n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: A

Q583. Bubble sort best case?

A. O(n)
B. O(n^2)
C. O(1)
D. O(n log n)

Answer: A

Q584. Big-O vs Omega vs Theta?

A. O describes the lower bound only
B. Theta describes the upper bound
C. They are all the same thing
D. O: upper, Omega: lower, Theta: tight

Answer: D

Q585. Insert at array beginning?

A. O(n^2)
B. O(log n)
C. O(1)
D. O(n)

Answer: D

Q586. What is in-place?

A. A very slow sorting algorithm
B. O(1) or O(log n) extra space only
C. An algorithm that does not work
D. Uses lots of extra memory space

Answer: B

Q587. Hash table average lookup?

A. O(n)
B. O(log n)
C. O(1)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: C

Q588. Heap insert/extract?

A. O(1)
B. O(n log n)
C. O(log n)
D. O(n)

Answer: C

Q589. Why O(n log n) efficient for sorting?

A. It is slower than O(n^2) sorting
B. Theoretical lower bound for comparisons
C. It is the slowest sort possible
D. It only works on small inputs

Answer: B

Q590. Adjacency matrix space?

A. O(V^2)
B. O(V+E)
C. O(V)
D. O(E)

Answer: A

Q591. Modular code benefit?

A. Smaller testable reusable pieces made
B. It makes the program run slower
C. It uses significantly more memory
D. It makes code much longer overall

Answer: A

Q592. Find max in unsorted array?

A. Use binary search on the array
B. Sort the entire array first
C. Iterate tracking the maximum value
D. Use a hash table for lookup

Answer: C

Q593. What is variable scope?

A. The data type of the variable
B. The current value of the variable
C. The name given to the variable
D. The region where it is accessible

Answer: D

Q594. Recursion useful for?

A. Self-similar sub-problem structures
B. Replacing all loops in the code
C. Only Fibonacci number computation
D. It is always faster than loops

Answer: A

Q595. Count char frequency efficiently?

A. Use nested loops over the string
B. Use hash map in one single pass
C. Sort the string first then count
D. Use recursion to count each char

Answer: B

Q596. What is exception handling?

A. A testing framework for the app
B. Ignoring all errors in the code
C. Handle runtime errors without crashing
D. A design pattern for structure

Answer: C

Q597. Reverse linked list?

A. Sort the list then reverse order
B. Change next pointers to point back
C. Copy all elements to an array first
D. Delete and recreate the whole list

Answer: B

Q598. Check balanced parens?

A. Hash table use
B. Stack structure
C. Array scanning
D. Queue structure

Answer: B

Q599. Detect cycle in linked list?

A. Count all the nodes in the list
B. Sort the list nodes by value
C. Check all pairs of nodes found
D. Floyd's slow and fast pointers

Answer: D

Q600. What is memoization?

A. A debugging technique for errors
B. Writing memos about the code
C. Caching results to avoid recomputation
D. A type of loop construct used

Answer: C

Q601. Data preprocessing?

A. It is entirely unnecessary to do
B. Only formatting the output display
C. Deleting data that is not needed
D. Clean, transform, and prepare data

Answer: D

Q602. Standard deviation?

A. The average of the dataset values
B. The range of the data values
C. Measure of spread from the mean
D. The most common value in data

Answer: C

Q603. Outlier detection?

A. Points significantly different from rest
B. Sorting the data in ascending order
C. Counting all the elements in data
D. Finding the average of all values

Answer: A

Q604. Data normalization?

A. Deleting abnormal data entries
B. Making all values exactly equal
C. Sorting data in a specific order
D. Scaling values to standard range

Answer: D

Q605. Scatter plot for?

A. Displaying hierarchical data structures
B. Showing only time-based trend data
C. Relationship between two numeric variables
D. Comparing different categories shown

Answer: C

Q606. Hypothesis testing?

A. Ignoring all evidence and results
B. Making assumptions without any data
C. Statistical method to check a claim
D. Guessing the answer randomly given

Answer: C

Q607. Feature selection?

A. Remove all features from the data
B. Add random features to the dataset
C. Choose the most relevant attributes
D. Select all features without filtering

Answer: C

Q608. A/B testing?

A. Alphabetical sorting of data values
B. Compare two versions using real data
C. A debugging technique for finding bugs
D. Testing all possible combinations made

Answer: B

Q609. Data aggregation?

A. Splitting data into smaller pieces
B. Formatting data for the display
C. Combining data into summary values
D. Deleting data from the database

Answer: C

Q610. Cross-validation?

A. Validating data only twice total
B. Checking data types for correctness
C. Removing all invalid data entries
D. Multiple train/test splits for assessment

Answer: D

Q611. What is design thinking?

A. Testing software for correctness
B. Only visual design of interfaces
C. Writing code without any planning
D. Human-centered iterative problem process

Answer: D

Q612. What is SCAMPER?

A. A debugging technique for code errors
B. A testing methodology for the app
C. Substitute, Combine, Adapt, Modify, etc.
D. Running away from problems fast

Answer: C

Q613. What is reverse engineering?

A. Manufacturing physical hardware parts
B. Analyzing existing to understand it
C. Destroying the existing system fully
D. Writing code in reverse order now

Answer: B

Q614. Cross-pollination of ideas?

A. Avoiding all ideas from other fields
B. Copying solutions exactly from others
C. A gardening technique for plants
D. Applying concepts from one field to another

Answer: D

Q615. What is agile?

A. Traditional waterfall development method
B. Iterative cycles with feedback loops
C. A one-time release without updates
D. Quick development without any planning

Answer: B

Q616. Constraint-based creativity?

A. Remove all constraints to create
B. Limitations serve as creative catalysts
C. Ignore all constraints in design
D. Add unnecessary constraints to work

Answer: B

Q617. What is a hackathon?

A. A security audit of the platform
B. A hacking attack on the system
C. A testing marathon for the app
D. Time-limited creative solution event

Answer: D

Q618. What is biomimicry?

A. Studying biology exclusively only
B. Cloning organisms in a laboratory
C. Medical research on human diseases
D. Nature's designs for human problems

Answer: D

Q619. Six Thinking Hats?

A. A fashion design methodology concept
B. Different thinking perspectives via hats
C. Wearing six physical hats at once
D. Limiting team size to six people

Answer: B

Q620. What is rapid prototyping?

A. Final development of the product
B. A very slow development approach
C. Quick rough models for fast testing
D. Testing only without any building

Answer: C

Q621. What is load balancing?

A. Managing the project budget funds
B. Distributing traffic across servers
C. Balancing items on a desk surface
D. Reducing the size of source code

Answer: B

Q622. Cold start problem?

A. Starting a server in cold weather
B. Database initialization taking too long
C. No history for new users or items
D. A computer boot issue on startup

Answer: C

Q623. What is data privacy?

A. Deleting all data after collection
B. Only encrypting data at rest here
C. Making all data publicly available
D. Handling personal info per standards

Answer: D

Q624. What is fault tolerance?

A. Ignoring all faults that occur
B. Continuing operation despite failures
C. Removing hardware that has faults
D. Having no faults in the system

Answer: B

Q625. Technical feasibility?

A. Whether the team is interested
B. Can build with available resources
C. Only the project budget matters
D. Only the team size is relevant

Answer: B

Q626. Backward compatibility?

A. Only old code is maintained still
B. Only old hardware is supported now
C. New version works with old systems
D. Running programs in reverse order

Answer: C

Q627. MVP approach?

A. Build all features before releasing
B. Smallest core feature set to test
C. Only planning without implementation
D. Building nothing and just planning

Answer: B

Q628. What is interoperability?

A. Avoiding all system integrations
B. Systems operating independently only
C. Only one system at a time runs
D. Systems communicating and working together

Answer: D

Q629. What is CI/CD?

A. A manual deployment process used
B. Automate build, test, and deploy
C. A programming language for web
D. A database management system type

Answer: B

Q630. Disaster recovery?

A. Only for natural disaster events
B. Deleting all backups from storage
C. Strategies to restore after disruption
D. Ignoring all disruptions that occur

Answer: C

Q631. What is API documentation?

A. A marketing brochure for the app
B. Describes endpoints, params, examples
C. Internal code comments only written
D. A testing plan for quality checks

Answer: B

Q632. What is technical spec?

A. A user guide for end-user features
B. Detailed technical design and architecture
C. A marketing brochure for clients
D. A sales pitch for stakeholders

Answer: B

Q633. Inline vs block comments?

A. Block comments are for single lines
B. Inline: single line; block: section
C. Inline comments are always longer
D. They are exactly the same thing

Answer: B

Q634. What is RFC/design doc?

A. Change proposal with rationale given
B. A financial budget document for project
C. A test plan for quality assurance
D. A bug report filed by the team

Answer: A

Q635. Documentation-driven development?

A. Only writing docs for bugs that are found
B. Avoiding all documentation in the project
C. Write docs before code to clarify design
D. Writing docs only after the project ends

Answer: C

Q636. What is UML?

A. Just drawing pictures for fun only
B. Only for database schema diagrams
C. Standardized software modeling notation
D. Only for creating flowchart diagrams

Answer: C

Q637. Document the why not what?

A. Never write any comments at all
B. Comment every single line of code
C. Explain reasoning, not restate code
D. Only document variable names used

Answer: C

Q638. What is knowledge base?

A. A collection of team passwords stored
B. A textbook for learning to code
C. A code repository on version control
D. Repository of solutions for problems

Answer: D

Q639. Version control for docs?

A. Track changes with revision history
B. Deleting old versions of documents
C. Counting the number of documents
D. Numbering pages in the document

Answer: A

Q640. What is an ADR?

A. A blueprint for building construction
B. A server log of all system events
C. Architectural decision with context noted
D. A test result from quality checks

Answer: C

Q641. What distinguishes computational thinking from general problem solving?

A. It focuses on solutions computers can execute
B. It ignores data and pattern recognition
C. It avoids using any logical reasoning skills
D. It only applies to mathematical equations

Answer: A

Q642. In Polya's method, what does looking back involve?

A. Reviewing and verifying the solution found
B. Abandoning the solution without any check
C. Forgetting all steps that were already taken
D. Starting the entire problem over from scratch

Answer: A

Q643. How does analogical reasoning help in problem solving?

A. By applying solutions from similar problems
B. By avoiding any comparison between cases
C. By creating entirely new unrelated methods
D. By ignoring all previously solved problems

Answer: A

Q644. What is means-ends analysis in problem solving?

A. Reducing difference between current and goal
B. Randomly selecting any available next action
C. Ignoring the goal and focusing on the start
D. Solving unrelated problems simultaneously

Answer: A

Q645. Which best describes the role of feedback in solving?

A. It replaces the need for initial planning
B. It should always be completely ignored here
C. It guides adjustments and improvements now
D. It only matters after final deployment done

Answer: C

Q646. What happens when a problem is ill-defined?

A. Every possible approach will definitely succeed
B. The solution is immediately and easily obvious
C. Goals and constraints are unclear or ambiguous
D. No analysis or clarification is ever required

Answer: C

Q647. How does top-down design relate to problem solving?

A. It starts with details then moves to overview
B. It solves only the bottom-level sub-problems
C. It avoids any form of hierarchical thinking
D. It begins with overview then refines details

Answer: D

Q648. What is the benefit of using pseudocode in planning?

A. It is only used for database query design
B. It replaces the actual implementation fully
C. It compiles and runs like real program code
D. It describes logic without language specifics

Answer: D

Q649. Which cognitive bias can hinder effective problem solving?

A. Confirmation bias limiting consideration
B. Careful review of alternative approaches
C. Systematic analysis of available evidence
D. Open-minded evaluation of all options

Answer: A

Q650. What is the relationship between creativity and solving?

A. Creativity replaces the need for all logic
B. Creativity has no role in problem solving
C. Creativity enables novel solution approaches
D. Creativity only matters in artistic fields

Answer: C

Q651. How does stakeholder analysis contribute to understanding?

A. It identifies who is affected and their needs
B. It eliminates the need for requirements review
C. It replaces technical analysis of the problem
D. It only focuses on the developer preferences

Answer: A

Q652. What is the purpose of creating a problem taxonomy?

A. Making problems more confusing to understand
B. Classifying problems by type and characteristics
C. Eliminating the need for any further analysis
D. Reducing all problems to a single type only

Answer: B

Q653. Which technique uses 5 Whys for root cause analysis?

A. Statistical regression analysis of the data
B. Single question to find immediate surface cause
C. Iterative questioning to find deeper causes
D. Random hypothesis generation without any logic

Answer: C

Q654. What is a fishbone diagram used for in analysis?

A. Mapping potential causes of a specific problem
B. Displaying the project timeline and milestones
C. Showing the organizational hierarchy structure
D. Tracking daily progress of the development team

Answer: A

Q655. How does gap analysis help in problem understanding?

A. It only measures the size of the code written
B. It ignores differences between states entirely
C. It focuses on past states and ignores the goal
D. It compares current state to the desired state

Answer: D

Q656. What role do acceptance criteria play in analysis?

A. They replace the need for testing the solution
B. They are optional and can be safely left out
C. They only apply to user interface design tasks
D. They define when the solution is complete enough

Answer: D

Q657. Why distinguish symptoms from causes in analysis?

A. Causes are never important in problem analysis
B. Treating symptoms alone leads to recurring issues
C. Symptoms and causes are always the same thing
D. Symptoms always reveal the true root cause here

Answer: B

Q658. What is SWOT analysis in problem solving context?

A. A method for encrypting sensitive user information
B. Evaluating strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats
C. A type of algorithm for sorting large data arrays
D. A technique for compressing files to save space

Answer: B

Q659. How does domain knowledge affect analysis quality?

A. Domain knowledge enables deeper issue understanding
B. Domain knowledge only matters for simple problems
C. Domain knowledge always leads to incorrect analysis
D. Domain knowledge is irrelevant to analysis quality

Answer: A

Q660. What is the purpose of feasibility analysis?

A. Determining if the proposed solution is achievable
B. Skipping the analysis and starting implementation
C. Eliminating all constraints from the problem scope
D. Proving that every solution is equally feasible

Answer: A

Q661. What is the contrapositive of If it rains then the ground is wet?

A. If it does not rain then ground is not wet
B. If the ground is wet then it definitely rained
C. If ground is not wet then it did not rain
D. If the ground is wet then it did not rain

Answer: C

Q662. What is modus ponens as a rule of inference?

A. If P implies Q and P is false then Q is true
B. If P implies Q and P is true then Q is true
C. If P implies Q and Q is false then P is true
D. If P implies Q and Q is true then P is true

Answer: B

Q663. What is the difference between validity and soundness?

A. Soundness only concerns form not actual truth
B. Validity concerns form while soundness adds truth
C. Neither concept is relevant to logical reasoning
D. They mean exactly the same thing in all cases

Answer: B

Q664. Which logical equivalence is known as De Morgan's Law?

A. NOT(A OR B) equals (NOT A) OR (NOT B)
B. NOT(A AND B) equals (NOT A) OR (NOT B)
C. NOT(A AND B) equals (NOT A) AND (NOT B)
D. (A AND B) equals NOT(NOT A OR NOT B AND C)

Answer: B

Q665. What is proof by contradiction?

A. Providing a direct proof from given premises here
B. Assuming opposite is true and showing a conflict
C. Using examples to demonstrate the statement true
D. Assuming the conclusion is true then verifying

Answer: B

Q666. What does the exclusive OR operation return?

A. True only when both inputs are actually true
B. True when both inputs have the same value
C. True when exactly one input is true not both
D. True only when both inputs are actually false

Answer: C

Q667. A valid argument with a false conclusion has what?

A. At least one false premise in the reasoning
B. An informal logical fallacy in the reasoning
C. An inductive argument based on strong evidence
D. A sound argument with reliable conclusions

Answer: A

Q668. How does propositional logic differ from predicate logic?

A. Propositional logic uses quantifiers over domains
B. Predicate logic adds quantifiers and predicates
C. They are identical in expressive power and scope
D. Propositional logic is more expressive than predicate

Answer: B

Q669. What is the law of excluded middle in classical logic?

A. A statement is either true or false no third option
B. Some statements have no truth value whatsoever
C. A statement can be both true and false at once
D. Logic only applies to mathematical statements made

Answer: A

Q670. What is a tautology in propositional logic?

A. A statement that is always false for all values
B. A statement that depends on context for truth
C. A statement that is true for all possible values
D. A statement that cannot be evaluated at all now

Answer: C

Q671. What is the key difference between while and do-while?

A. A while loop always executes at least one time
B. A do-while loop never executes the loop body
C. A do-while executes body at least once first
D. Both loops behave in exactly the same manner

Answer: C

Q672. What is a nested loop in algorithm design?

A. A loop that runs exactly once then stops forever
B. Two loops running in parallel at the same time
C. A loop placed inside another loop structure here
D. A loop that never terminates under any condition

Answer: C

Q673. What does a break statement do inside a loop?

A. It pauses the loop for a specified time period
B. It exits the loop immediately when it executes
C. It restarts the loop from the very beginning
D. It doubles the speed of the loop iterations

Answer: B

Q674. What is a sentinel value in loop control?

A. A random value used to start the loop running
B. A special value that signals end of input data
C. An error value that crashes the program here
D. The first value always processed in every loop

Answer: B

Q675. How does switch-case differ from if-else chains?

A. If-else chains are never used in any programs
B. Switch-case cannot handle any conditions at all
C. Switch-case only supports two possible outcomes
D. Switch-case matches a value against multiple cases

Answer: D

Q676. What is an infinite loop and when is it intentional?

A. A loop that runs forever, used in event-driven code
B. A loop that always runs exactly five times at most
C. A loop that cannot be written in any programming code
D. A compiler error that prevents program from running

Answer: A

Q677. What does the continue statement do in a loop?

A. It stops the loop entirely and exits the code
B. It reverses the direction of the loop execution
C. It skips remaining body and goes to next iteration
D. It duplicates the current iteration one extra time

Answer: C

Q678. What is a swim lane diagram used for in flowcharts?

A. Showing which actor performs each process step
B. Counting the number of variables in the program
C. Displaying the color scheme of the user interface
D. Measuring the execution speed of each algorithm

Answer: A

Q679. How does recursion relate to flow control?

A. A function calling itself to solve smaller instances
B. Recursion always runs faster than iterative loops
C. Recursion never involves any function calls at all
D. Recursion eliminates the need for base conditions

Answer: A

Q680. What is short-circuit evaluation in conditional flow?

A. Randomly skipping some conditions during evaluation
B. Evaluating all conditions regardless of early results
C. Always evaluating every condition fully before acting
D. Stopping evaluation when the outcome is determined

Answer: D

Q681. How does a hash table provide efficient data lookup?

A. It stores data randomly without any structure
B. It maps keys to indices using a hash function
C. It searches through every element sequentially
D. It sorts all data before every lookup operation

Answer: B

Q682. What is the difference between a stack and a queue?

A. Stack is LIFO while queue follows the FIFO order
B. Stack is FIFO while queue follows the LIFO order
C. Both follow LIFO ordering for all their elements
D. Both follow FIFO ordering for all their elements

Answer: A

Q683. Why is Unicode preferred over ASCII for text?

A. Unicode only supports the English alphabet letters
B. Unicode supports characters from all world languages
C. ASCII already supports every language in the world
D. Unicode uses fewer bytes than ASCII for every text

Answer: B

Q684. What is a linked list's advantage over an array?

A. Linked lists use less memory for each stored item
B. Linked lists provide faster random element access
C. Linked lists allow efficient insertion and deletion
D. Linked lists have better cache performance overall

Answer: C

Q685. How does floating-point handle decimal numbers?

A. It converts all decimals to exact integer values
B. It uses mantissa and exponent for approximation
C. It stores decimals with exact infinite precision
D. It only handles whole numbers with no decimals

Answer: B

Q686. What is data normalization in database design?

A. Deleting all tables and recreating from scratch
B. Making all data values uppercase text strings
C. Organizing data to reduce redundancy and dependency
D. Duplicating data across many tables for speed

Answer: C

Q687. What is the purpose of an abstract data type?

A. To eliminate the need for any data structures here
B. To expose all implementation details to the user
C. To define behavior independently of implementation
D. To force one specific implementation approach only

Answer: C

Q688. How does two's complement represent negative integers?

A. By adding a minus sign before the binary number
B. By inverting all bits and adding one to the result
C. By storing the sign in a completely separate byte
D. By using only positive numbers for all integers

Answer: B

Q689. What is a graph data structure used to represent?

A. Relationships between entities as nodes and edges
B. Only linear sequential data ordered by position
C. A chart displayed on a computer monitor screen
D. A single variable holding one value at a time

Answer: A

Q690. What is serialization in data representation?

A. Running multiple processes at the exact same time
B. Permanently deleting data from all storage systems
C. Converting data to a format for storage or transfer
D. Displaying data on a graphical user interface only

Answer: C

Q691. How do design patterns help software developers?

A. They create unique solutions for every new problem
B. They eliminate the need for any coding entirely
C. They only apply to user interface design alone
D. They provide tested reusable solution templates

Answer: D

Q692. What is the Observer pattern used for?

A. Notifying multiple objects when a state changes
B. Ensuring only one instance of a class exists
C. Preventing any communication between components
D. Sorting elements in a collection by value order

Answer: A

Q693. How does regular expression pattern matching work?

A. It only works with numerical data not text at all
B. It randomly selects text from a given document
C. It matches text against a defined symbolic pattern
D. It creates new text rather than matching existing

Answer: C

Q694. What distinguishes the Singleton from other patterns?

A. It ensures a class has only one global instance
B. It creates objects without specifying their class
C. It creates unlimited instances of the given class
D. It clones existing objects to create new instances

Answer: A

Q695. How does the Strategy pattern enable flexible algorithms?

A. It hardcodes the algorithm directly into the client
B. It encapsulates algorithms to make them swappable
C. It prevents changing algorithms after initial setup
D. It uses only one algorithm for all situations given

Answer: B

Q696. What role does feature extraction play in recognition?

A. It adds noise to make pattern recognition more hard
B. It removes all characteristics from the input data
C. It identifies the most relevant characteristics used
D. It ignores all features and uses random selection

Answer: C

Q697. How does MVC pattern separate concerns in design?

A. It separates model, view, and controller components
B. It only separates the database from the application
C. It combines all code into one single monolithic file
D. It merges user interface with business logic together

Answer: A

Q698. What is anomaly detection in pattern recognition?

A. Deleting all data that follows expected patterns
B. Finding patterns that match the expected baseline
C. Ignoring unusual data to focus on common trends
D. Identifying data points that deviate from normal

Answer: D

Q699. How does the Factory pattern help manage creation?

A. It delegates creation to a method or subclass here
B. It requires knowing the exact class to instantiate
C. It only works with primitive data types not objects
D. It prevents any new objects from being created now

Answer: A

Q700. What is clustering in pattern recognition?

A. Assigning data to already known fixed categories here
B. Deleting data points that are similar to each other
C. Spreading data points as far apart as possible now
D. Grouping similar data points without predefined labels

Answer: D

Q701. How is mathematical induction used to prove statements?

A. By assuming the conclusion without any proof at all
B. By testing every natural number one at a time here
C. By using only examples without any formal reasoning
D. By proving base case and that step k implies step k+1

Answer: D

Q702. What is the relationship between logarithms and exponents?

A. Logarithms are the inverse operation of exponents
B. Exponents are a special case of logarithm functions
C. Logarithms and exponents give the same exact result
D. They are completely unrelated math operations here

Answer: A

Q703. How does the pigeonhole principle apply to problem solving?

A. It proves that distribution is always exactly even
B. If items exceed containers at least one has two items
C. It states every container will always remain empty
D. It only applies to problems involving actual pigeons

Answer: B

Q704. What is the significance of base-2 logarithms in CS?

A. They represent the halving steps in divide-and-conquer
B. They are never used in algorithm time complexity work
C. They measure the linear growth of algorithm runtime
D. They only apply to algorithms with constant runtime

Answer: A

Q705. How do permutations differ from combinations in counting?

A. Permutations ignore order while combinations respect it
B. Permutations consider order while combinations do not
C. Both permutations and combinations always ignore order
D. Both permutations and combinations always respect order

Answer: B

Q706. What is the purpose of modular arithmetic in CS?

A. It eliminates the need for division operations here
B. It replaces all arithmetic with simpler string operations
C. It handles cyclic computations like hashing and crypto
D. It only works with even numbers in all calculations

Answer: C

Q707. How does a math function relate to a programming function?

A. Programming functions never return any output values
B. Math functions can only handle numerical input data
C. Math functions have no relation to programming ones
D. Both map inputs to outputs based on defined rules

Answer: D

Q708. What does Big-O notation describe mathematically?

A. The minimum possible time any algorithm can achieve
B. The average case performance of every algorithm run
C. The exact running time of a given algorithm here
D. The upper bound growth rate of a function or algorithm

Answer: D

Q709. How are sets useful for solving collection problems?

A. Sets have no operations defined for them at all here
B. Sets allow duplicate elements in the collection given
C. Sets can only contain numerical values nothing more
D. Sets model unique elements with union and intersection

Answer: D

Q710. What is the significance of Fibonacci in problem solving?

A. It is a random sequence with no mathematical pattern
B. It only appears in recreational math puzzles alone
C. It has no application in computer science at all here
D. It models growth patterns in nature and algorithms

Answer: D

Q711. How does binary search achieve O(log n) time?

A. It halves the search space with each comparison made
B. It checks every element in the array sequentially
C. It uses extra memory to store all comparison results
D. It sorts the array before performing the search here

Answer: A

Q712. What differs between stable and unstable sorting?

A. Stable sorts are always faster than unstable ones here
B. Unstable sorts always preserve order of equal elements
C. Stable sorts preserve relative order of equal elements
D. The distinction has no practical significance at all

Answer: C

Q713. Why is data structure choice important for efficiency?

A. All data structures perform exactly the same in practice
B. Data structures have no effect on algorithm performance
C. The right structure optimizes time and space complexity
D. Data structures only affect code readability not speed

Answer: C

Q714. What is the key idea behind dynamic programming?

A. Storing solutions to subproblems to avoid recomputation
B. Solving each subproblem repeatedly from scratch always
C. Using random choices to find an approximate solution
D. Solving the problem without breaking it into any parts

Answer: A

Q715. How does a hash function contribute to O(1) lookup?

A. It searches through all elements in sorted order here
B. It uses binary search on the underlying array structure
C. It maps keys directly to array indices for fast access
D. It sorts all elements before every lookup operation run

Answer: C

Q716. What problem does the traveling salesman represent?

A. Finding the shortest path between two specific nodes
B. Sorting a list of city names in alphabetical order now
C. Finding the minimum cost tour visiting all cities once
D. Counting the number of cities in a given country here

Answer: C

Q717. What is backtracking in algorithmic problem solving?

A. Always choosing the first available option and staying
B. Exploring paths and reverting when they lead to failure
C. Randomly jumping between different solution candidates
D. Moving forward without ever reconsidering past choices

Answer: B

Q718. How does merge sort achieve guaranteed O(n log n)?

A. It divides the array and merges sorted halves repeatedly
B. It randomly shuffles elements until they are sorted now
C. It uses a single pass through the data without splitting
D. It compares every pair of elements in the entire array

Answer: A

Q719. What is the purpose of a priority queue?

A. Randomly selecting elements for processing each time
B. Processing elements in the order they were inserted
C. Always processing the highest priority element first
D. Storing elements without any ordering consideration

Answer: C

Q720. What is the space-time tradeoff in algorithm design?

A. Space and time always increase together simultaneously
B. Using more space can reduce time and vice versa here
C. Space and time are completely independent of each other
D. Reducing space always also reduces the time required

Answer: B

Q721. How does the straw man fallacy misrepresent arguments?

A. By distorting the argument to make it easier to attack
B. By ignoring the argument and discussing another topic
C. By accurately representing the original argument
D. By strengthening the argument before responding to it

Answer: A

Q722. What is the appeal to authority fallacy?

A. Consulting specialists before making important decisions
B. Citing a relevant expert in the field of discussion
C. Claiming truth because an authority said so not evidence
D. Using evidence and data to support a logical argument

Answer: C

Q723. How does the sunk cost fallacy affect decisions?

A. Past investments irrationally influence future choices
B. It always leads to the most profitable decisions taken
C. It encourages ignoring all previous investments made
D. It helps make rational forward-looking decisions here

Answer: A

Q724. What differs between correlation and causation?

A. Correlation and causation are the same concept exactly
B. Correlation shows relationship while causation shows cause
C. Correlation always proves one thing causes another
D. Causation never requires any evidence to establish here

Answer: B

Q725. How does Occam's Razor guide critical thinking?

A. It eliminates the need for any evidence or reasoning
B. It says the most complex explanation is usually best
C. The simplest adequate explanation is usually preferred
D. It requires considering only one possible explanation

Answer: C

Q726. What is a false dilemma in argumentation?

A. Offering too many options making the choice impossible
B. Presenting all available options for fair evaluation
C. Presenting only two options when more actually exist
D. Accurately describing the limited available options here

Answer: C

Q727. How does the Dunning-Kruger effect impact solving?

A. It ensures accurate self-assessment of all abilities
B. It has no effect on problem solving or decision making
C. Low ability individuals may overestimate their competence
D. High ability individuals always overestimate their skills

Answer: C

Q728. What is the bandwagon fallacy?

A. Rejecting an idea because too many people accept it
B. Forming conclusions based on strong evidence and logic
C. Assuming something is true because many people believe it
D. Carefully evaluating popular opinions before acceptance

Answer: C

Q729. How does devil's advocate improve decision making?

A. By deliberately arguing against to expose weaknesses
B. By preventing any discussion of alternative viewpoints
C. By always agreeing with the group without questioning
D. By accepting the first proposed solution immediately

Answer: A

Q730. What differs between deductive and inductive strength?

A. Deductive arguments are certain while inductive probable
B. Inductive are always certain while deductive are not
C. Neither type of argument provides any certainty at all
D. Both provide the same level of certainty in all cases

Answer: A

Q731. What is rubber duck debugging?

A. A proprietary tool made by a company called RubberDuck
B. Randomly changing code until the error goes away now
C. Using an actual rubber duck to fix code errors here
D. Explaining code line-by-line to find errors by talking

Answer: D

Q732. How does binary search debugging help isolate a bug?

A. It halves the suspicious code region with each test
B. It only works when there is exactly one bug present
C. It requires sorting the code alphabetically first here
D. It tests every line of code one at a time in order

Answer: A

Q733. What is a regression bug?

A. A bug that fixes itself without any developer action
B. A bug introduced by changes that broke working features
C. A bug that only appears on the first run of program
D. A bug that exists in the very first version of code

Answer: B

Q734. What is the purpose of logging in error analysis?

A. Logging replaces the need for any testing procedures
B. Logging slows programs and provides no real value
C. Logging is only useful during initial development here
D. Logging records events and data for post-mortem analysis

Answer: D

Q735. How do assertions help catch bugs early?

A. They only work in production not development environments
B. Assertions have no effect on catching bugs at all here
C. They validate assumptions and fail fast when violated
D. Assertions slow the program without providing any value

Answer: C

Q736. What is a memory leak and how is it detected?

A. A fast and efficient use of all available system memory
B. Unreleased memory growing over time detected by profiling
C. A type of syntax error caught during code compilation
D. A physical leak of liquid from computer hardware here

Answer: B

Q737. How do unit and integration testing differ for bugs?

A. Both test exactly the same scope of functionality here
B. Unit tests are always more comprehensive than integration
C. Unit tests check components while integration checks interactions
D. Integration tests replace the need for any unit testing

Answer: C

Q738. How does version control help in debugging?

A. Version control only stores the latest version of code
B. It automatically fixes all bugs without developer action
C. Version control has no relationship to debugging at all
D. It allows comparing changes to identify when bugs appeared

Answer: D

Q739. What is a null pointer exception?

A. A valid operation that always succeeds without any issue
B. An error from accessing a reference that points to nothing
C. An efficient way to manage memory in any program here
D. A type of optimization that improves program performance

Answer: B

Q740. What role does code review play in preventing bugs?

A. Reviews should only happen after bugs are found in code
B. Code review only focuses on formatting not logic errors
C. Peers examine code to catch errors before deployment now
D. Code review is a waste of time and finds no bugs here

Answer: C

Q741. What is the time complexity of binary search?

A. O(1) constant time regardless of the array size
B. O(log n) logarithmic time by halving search space
C. O(n) linear time for the search operation given
D. O(n^2) quadratic time for comparing element pairs

Answer: B

Q742. What is the best-case time complexity of quicksort?

A. O(1) when the array has only a single element in
B. O(n log n) when pivots divide the array evenly
C. O(n^2) when the pivot is always the worst choice
D. O(n) when the array is already sorted in order

Answer: B

Q743. How do hash table operations degrade with many collisions?

A. Collisions have no effect on the performance at all
B. Performance improves significantly with collisions
C. Hash tables never experience any collisions at all
D. Operations degrade from O(1) average to O(n) worst

Answer: D

Q744. What is the space complexity of recursion with depth d?

A. Space complexity is unaffected by recursion depth
B. O(1) constant space regardless of recursion depth
C. O(d) due to the call stack frames stored in memory
D. O(n^2) quadratic space for all recursive algorithms

Answer: C

Q745. Why is O(2^n) considered impractical for large inputs?

A. O(2^n) grows slower than O(n) for all input sizes
B. Exponential algorithms are the most efficient overall
C. Exponential growth makes computation time infeasible
D. It is actually faster than linear for large inputs

Answer: C

Q746. What is the complexity of inserting at linked list head?

A. O(n^2) because the entire list must be reorganized
B. O(n) because all elements must be shifted forward
C. O(log n) because binary search finds insertion point
D. O(1) because only pointer adjustments are needed

Answer: D

Q747. How does matrix multiplication complexity impact design?

A. Standard matrix multiplication is O(n^3) which is costly
B. Matrix multiplication has O(1) constant time complexity
C. Matrix multiplication complexity has no practical impact
D. Standard matrix multiplication is always O(n) time

Answer: A

Q748. What does amortized analysis tell us about operations?

A. Every single operation has the exact same cost always
B. The average cost per operation over many operations here
C. Amortized analysis ignores all expensive operations now
D. Only the most expensive operation matters for analysis

Answer: B

Q749. What is the relationship between O(n log n) and O(n^2)?

A. O(n^2) grows slower than O(n log n) for large inputs
B. Both grow at exactly the same rate for all input sizes
C. O(n log n) is always worse than O(n^2) in every case
D. O(n log n) grows slower than O(n^2) for large inputs

Answer: D

Q750. How does choosing list versus set affect complexity?

A. Lists always have better performance than sets entirely
B. Sets offer O(1) lookup while lists require O(n) search
C. Lists and sets have identical performance for all tasks
D. The choice between list and set never affects performance

Answer: B

Q751. How does modular programming improve problem solving?

A. It prevents any code reuse across different programs
B. It puts all code in one file for simplicity of access
C. It breaks solutions into independent reusable modules
D. It eliminates the need for functions in the code base

Answer: C

Q752. What advantage does recursion have for tree problems?

A. Recursion always uses less memory than iterative ways
B. Tree structures naturally match recursive decomposition
C. Recursion cannot handle any tree structure at all
D. Trees can only be traversed using iterative approaches

Answer: B

Q753. How does exception handling improve robustness?

A. It prevents all errors from occurring in the program
B. It makes programs run faster by skipping error checks
C. It gracefully manages errors without crashing program
D. It eliminates the need for any input validation checks

Answer: C

Q754. What benefit do dictionaries provide for lookup problems?

A. Dictionaries enable fast O(1) average key-value lookups
B. Dictionaries require sorting before any lookup is done
C. Dictionaries can only store numerical data values now
D. Dictionaries provide slow key-value pair access speed

Answer: A

Q755. How does the DRY principle improve maintainability?

A. By making code as long and verbose as possible always
B. By avoiding all abstraction to keep code very simple
C. By duplicating code in many places for redundancy
D. By eliminating repetition through abstraction and reuse

Answer: D

Q756. What role does algorithm selection play in solving?

A. Any algorithm works equally well for every problem
B. Choosing the right algorithm significantly impacts speed
C. The fastest algorithm is the one with the most code
D. Algorithm selection has no effect on execution at all

Answer: B

Q757. How does test-driven development improve quality?

A. Writing tests first clarifies requirements before coding
B. TDD eliminates the need for any code review process
C. Tests are written after the code is fully complete
D. TDD makes programs run faster than other approaches

Answer: A

Q758. What advantage do list comprehensions provide?

A. They express transformations concisely and readably
B. They prevent any filtering of data from the lists
C. They make code longer and harder to understand here
D. They always run slower than traditional loop methods

Answer: A

Q759. How do enumerations improve code clarity?

A. They make code harder to understand and maintain now
B. They define named constants for a set of related values
C. They prevent any constants from being used in code
D. They replace named constants with magic numbers here

Answer: B

Q760. What is the purpose of input validation?

A. To accept all input without any checking whatsoever
B. To reject all input regardless of its correctness here
C. To slow down the program by adding unnecessary checks
D. To ensure input meets expected format before processing

Answer: D

Q761. How does hypothesis testing help in data-driven solving?

A. It replaces the need for any analysis of the data given
B. It always confirms whatever hypothesis was proposed here
C. It eliminates the need for any data collection at all
D. It validates or rejects claims based on statistical evidence

Answer: D

Q762. What is the purpose of data visualization?

A. To make data harder to understand and interpret here
B. To store data more efficiently on the computer disk now
C. To replace the need for any numerical analysis entirely
D. To reveal patterns and insights through visual representation

Answer: D

Q763. What differs between qualitative and quantitative data?

A. Quantitative data describes qualities not numerical values
B. Qualitative describes qualities while quantitative measures
C. Qualitative data can only be collected through surveys
D. They are exactly the same type of data in all cases

Answer: B

Q764. How does A/B testing help in data-driven decisions?

A. It eliminates the need for any control group in testing
B. It compares two variants to determine which performs better
C. It randomly assigns outcomes without measuring results
D. It tests only one version without any comparison done

Answer: B

Q765. What is a key performance indicator used for?

A. Tracking the number of emails received by the team
B. Counting the number of lines of code written daily
C. Measuring the physical weight of computer hardware
D. Measuring progress toward specific business objectives

Answer: D

Q766. What is the purpose of exploratory data analysis?

A. To skip all analysis and go directly to implementation
B. To replace the need for any hypothesis testing process
C. To discover patterns and anomalies before formal analysis
D. To confirm predetermined conclusions without question

Answer: C

Q767. How does data normalization help when combining sources?

A. It deletes data that does not match a specific format
B. It scales data to a common range for fair comparison
C. It prevents any data from multiple sources combined
D. It makes data from different sources incompatible here

Answer: B

Q768. What role does statistical significance play in decisions?

A. It has no bearing on the reliability of analysis results
B. It guarantees the result will apply to all future cases
C. It indicates results are likely due to chance variation
D. It indicates results are unlikely due to chance alone

Answer: D

Q769. What is a data pipeline?

A. A type of chart used for data visualization purposes
B. A one-time manual data entry process for single use
C. An automated flow for collecting and processing data
D. A physical pipe that carries data through wires here

Answer: C

Q770. How does sampling bias affect conclusion validity?

A. Sampling bias has no effect on conclusion validity here
B. Sampling bias improves the accuracy of all conclusions
C. Non-representative samples lead to misleading conclusions
D. Only very large samples can have any sampling bias now

Answer: C

Q771. How does SCAMPER stimulate creative problem solving?

A. It only works for product design not software solutions
B. It provides a single fixed solution for every problem
C. It uses prompts like substitute combine adapt to explore
D. It eliminates the need for any creative thinking effort

Answer: C

Q772. What is design thinking's approach to creative solving?

A. It skips understanding users and goes to building
B. It eliminates the need for any user research or input
C. It centers on empathy ideation prototyping and testing
D. It follows a rigid linear process without iteration

Answer: C

Q773. How does cross-domain thinking enhance solutions?

A. It only works when both domains are exactly identical
B. It applies concepts from other fields to the problem
C. It limits thinking to only one specific domain area
D. It prevents any knowledge transfer between domains

Answer: B

Q774. What is rapid prototyping in creative problem solving?

A. Avoiding prototypes and going to full production now
B. Building a final polished product on the first attempt
C. Spending years perfecting a prototype before testing
D. Quickly creating a rough model to test ideas and learn

Answer: D

Q775. How does fail fast support creative innovation?

A. Quick failures provide early learning to redirect effort
B. Failing fast always results in permanent project failure
C. It encourages building perfect solutions on first try
D. It means giving up after the first minor setback here

Answer: A

Q776. What is divergent thinking and when is it most useful?

A. It replaces the need for any convergent thinking here
B. Narrowing down to a single solution immediately given
C. Generating many different ideas during idea exploration
D. It is only useful at the very end of problem solving

Answer: C

Q777. How does constraint-based creativity use limitations?

A. Removing all constraints is the only path to creativity
B. Constraints make every solution worse without exception
C. Limitations force exploration of non-obvious solutions
D. Constraints always prevent any creative thinking at all

Answer: C

Q778. What is the role of incubation in creative solving?

A. It requires constant active focus without any breaks
B. Incubation wastes time that should be spent working now
C. Stepping away allows subconscious processing to happen
D. It only works for artistic problems not technical ones

Answer: C

Q779. How does yes and from improv enhance creative collaboration?

A. It requires saying no to all suggestions made by others
B. It encourages rejecting every idea from team members
C. It prevents any collaboration between team members now
D. It builds on others ideas rather than dismissing them

Answer: D

Q780. What is reverse brainstorming?

A. It prevents any new ideas from being generated at all
B. It generates ideas in the usual forward direction only
C. It asks how to cause the problem to find solutions
D. It only works for problems that have been solved before

Answer: C

Q781. How does agile address uncertainty in projects?

A. It eliminates all uncertainty through upfront planning
B. It embraces change through iterative incremental delivery
C. It prevents any changes once the project has started here
D. It requires complete specifications before any work starts

Answer: B

Q782. What is technical debt and why does it matter?

A. Shortcuts now that increase future maintenance effort
B. It is a financial obligation to purchase new hardware
C. Technical debt always improves long-term code quality
D. It has no effect on future development speed at all

Answer: A

Q783. How does risk management improve project outcomes?

A. It identifies and mitigates potential problems proactively
B. It replaces the need for any contingency planning done
C. Risk management is only needed for very large projects
D. It eliminates all risks from the project completely

Answer: A

Q784. What is the minimum viable product approach?

A. Launching with core features to validate and iterate
B. Waiting until every feature is perfect before release
C. Delivering a product with no features at all to users
D. Building the most feature-complete product on first try

Answer: A

Q785. How does scope creep affect project delivery?

A. Scope creep always improves project quality and timeline
B. Adding features always speeds up project completion time
C. Scope creep has no negative effects on any project work
D. Uncontrolled additions can delay delivery and increase cost

Answer: D

Q786. Why is documentation important in projects?

A. Documentation is never read by anyone on the team here
B. Only large enterprise projects need any documentation now
C. Documentation slows development without any benefits here
D. It preserves knowledge and enables maintenance onboarding

Answer: D

Q787. How does continuous integration improve quality?

A. By preventing any changes to the code after initial release
B. By frequently merging and testing changes automatically
C. By requiring manual testing of every change by the team
D. By integrating code changes only at the end of project

Answer: B

Q788. What role does prioritization play in problem solving?

A. Prioritization prevents any tasks from being completed
B. All tasks are equally important and should be done at once
C. It focuses resources on the most impactful tasks first
D. Only the easiest tasks should be prioritized for completion

Answer: C

Q789. How does UX design relate to real-world problem solving?

A. It replaces the need for any functional requirements here
B. It ensures solutions are usable and meet user needs well
C. UX design only matters for games not business applications
D. User experience is unrelated to problem solving entirely

Answer: B

Q790. What is the purpose of a retrospective?

A. To plan the next five years of the project in detail
B. To assign blame for any mistakes made during sprint
C. To celebrate success without identifying improvements
D. To reflect on what worked and what needs improvement

Answer: D

Q791. How do architecture decision records improve decisions?

A. They document context, decision, and consequences here
B. They prevent any future decisions from being made
C. They replace the need for any team discussions given
D. They are only useful for very large enterprise projects

Answer: A

Q792. What is the benefit of diagrams in technical communication?

A. They convey complex relationships visually and concisely
B. Diagrams make documentation more confusing than text
C. They replace the need for any written explanation text
D. Diagrams are only useful for non-technical audiences

Answer: A

Q793. How does a runbook improve operational problem solving?

A. It provides step-by-step procedures for common scenarios
B. Runbooks are only needed for new team members starting
C. It replaces the need for any operational knowledge
D. It eliminates the possibility of any operational errors

Answer: A

Q794. What is the purpose of a project status report?

A. To communicate progress, risks, and blockers transparently
B. To replace all other forms of project communication
C. To document only successes and never mention issues
D. To hide problems from stakeholders and management

Answer: A

Q795. How does API documentation help developers?

A. API documentation is only needed for internal use here
B. They describe endpoints, parameters, and expected behaviors
C. They replace the need for any testing of integrations
D. API docs prevent any integration from being possible

Answer: B

Q796. What is the value of post-mortem documents?

A. They are only required by policy not for any learning
B. To capture lessons learned and prevent future recurrence
C. Post-mortems have no value for improving reliability
D. To assign blame to the person who caused incident

Answer: B

Q797. How does a changelog help track software evolution?

A. It summarizes notable changes between software versions
B. They only list bug fixes never mentioning new features
C. It replaces the need for any version control system
D. Changelogs make software harder to use and understand

Answer: A

Q798. What is the purpose of a design document?

A. To propose and discuss a technical approach before building
B. Design documents are never read by anyone on the team
C. To record the final code implementation line by line
D. To list all the technologies the developer knows well

Answer: A

Q799. How does structured commit formatting improve communication?

A. It makes commit messages longer without adding value
B. Only the first line of commit messages matters at all
C. It enables automated changelog generation and tracking
D. Commit format has no effect on project communication

Answer: C

Q800. What role does technical writing play for non-experts?

A. It eliminates the need for any diagrams or visual aids
B. Technical writing should only target expert audiences
C. It translates complex concepts into accessible explanations
D. Technical writing makes content harder to understand

Answer: C

Q801. How does the generate-and-test strategy work in problem solving?

A. It avoids generating any solutions
B. It creates possible solutions and tests each against the requirements
C. It only uses the first solution found
D. It eliminates testing entirely

Answer: B

Q802. What is the difference between a problem and a puzzle in computer science?

A. They are identical concepts
B. A problem has practical significance while a puzzle is typically recreational with a known solution
C. Puzzles are harder than problems
D. Problems have no solutions

Answer: B

Q803. Which problem-solving strategy involves starting from the desired outcome and working backward?

A. Forward chaining
B. Working backward
C. Random search
D. Brute force

Answer: B

Q804. How does collaboration improve the problem-solving process?

A. It slows everything down
B. Different perspectives and expertise can lead to better solutions
C. It creates more problems
D. Collaboration is never useful

Answer: B

Q805. What is the role of mental models in problem solving?

A. They make thinking slower
B. They provide simplified representations of how things work to guide reasoning
C. They are only useful in psychology
D. They prevent creative solutions

Answer: B

Q806. Why might simplifying assumptions be useful when solving complex problems?

A. They always lead to wrong answers
B. They reduce complexity to make the problem tractable while preserving key features
C. They eliminate the need for analysis
D. They are only used by beginners

Answer: B

Q807. What distinguishes algorithmic problem solving from heuristic problem solving?

A. They are the same thing
B. Algorithmic guarantees a correct solution; heuristic provides a good-enough solution faster
C. Heuristic always gives the best answer
D. Algorithmic is always faster

Answer: B

Q808. What is the importance of recognizing problem types in computer science?

A. It has no importance
B. Knowing the problem type helps select appropriate solving strategies and algorithms
C. It only matters for exams
D. It makes problems harder

Answer: B

Q809. How does the concept of incremental development relate to problem solving?

A. It means solving the entire problem at once
B. It involves building a solution step by step, testing at each stage
C. It skips the planning phase
D. It only applies to large teams

Answer: B

Q810. What is the relationship between problem representation and solution efficiency?

A. Representation has no effect
B. A good representation can make the solution much easier to find
C. Only one representation exists for any problem
D. Representation only affects readability

Answer: B

Q811. How does impact analysis help in understanding a proposed change?

A. It has no value
B. It identifies what parts of the system will be affected by a change and assesses the risks
C. It only measures performance
D. It replaces testing

Answer: B

Q812. What is the purpose of creating a problem decomposition tree?

A. To make the problem look bigger
B. To break a complex problem into a hierarchy of smaller, manageable sub-problems
C. To avoid solving the problem
D. It is only decorative

Answer: B

Q813. How do non-functional requirements differ from functional requirements in analysis?

A. They are identical
B. Functional requirements define what the system does; non-functional define how well it performs
C. Non-functional requirements are optional
D. Functional requirements are less important

Answer: B

Q814. What is the purpose of creating a context diagram during analysis?

A. To draw pretty pictures
B. To show the system boundary and its interactions with external entities
C. To write code
D. To replace all documentation

Answer: B

Q815. Why is it important to distinguish between causes and symptoms in problem analysis?

A. They are always the same
B. Fixing symptoms without addressing root causes leads to recurring problems
C. Symptoms do not exist
D. Causes are always obvious

Answer: B

Q816. How does benchmarking contribute to problem analysis?

A. It has no contribution
B. It provides reference points by comparing against known standards or competitors
C. It slows down analysis
D. It only applies to hardware

Answer: B

Q817. What is a decision table used for in problem analysis?

A. Tracking expenses
B. Mapping combinations of conditions to their corresponding actions systematically
C. Storing data
D. Scheduling tasks

Answer: B

Q818. How does Pareto analysis help prioritize problems?

A. It solves all problems equally
B. It identifies the vital few causes that produce the majority of effects
C. It ignores important issues
D. It only works for manufacturing

Answer: B

Q819. What is the role of traceability in requirements analysis?

A. It is unnecessary overhead
B. It links requirements to their sources, tests, and implementations for accountability
C. It slows development
D. It only matters for documentation

Answer: B

Q820. How does an affinity diagram help organize analysis findings?

A. It replaces all other diagrams
B. It groups related ideas and findings into clusters to reveal themes and patterns
C. It is only for brainstorming
D. It creates confusion

Answer: B

Q821. What is the law of contraposition and how is it applied?

A. If P then Q is equivalent to If Q then P
B. If P then Q is logically equivalent to If not Q then not P
C. It reverses all logical operators
D. It only applies to mathematics

Answer: B

Q822. What distinguishes deductive reasoning from abductive reasoning?

A. They are identical
B. Deductive derives certain conclusions from premises; abductive infers the best explanation from observations
C. Abductive is always wrong
D. Deductive is faster

Answer: B

Q823. What is the difference between necessary and sufficient conditions?

A. They mean the same thing
B. A necessary condition must be true for the conclusion; a sufficient condition guarantees the conclusion
C. Necessary conditions are optional
D. Sufficient conditions are always necessary

Answer: B

Q824. What is the fallacy of false cause (post hoc ergo propter hoc)?

A. Correctly identifying causation
B. Assuming that because one event followed another, the first caused the second
C. A valid form of reasoning
D. A mathematical proof technique

Answer: B

Q825. How does reductio ad absurdum work as a proof technique?

A. It proves something by example
B. It assumes the opposite of what you want to prove and shows this leads to a contradiction
C. It avoids contradictions
D. It only works for simple statements

Answer: B

Q826. What is the closed-world assumption in logical reasoning?

A. The world is physically closed
B. Anything not known or stated to be true is assumed to be false
C. Everything is assumed to be true
D. It applies only to databases

Answer: B

Q827. What is the difference between strong and weak inductive arguments?

A. There is no difference
B. A strong inductive argument makes the conclusion very probable; a weak one does not
C. Strong arguments are always deductive
D. Weak arguments are always fallacious

Answer: B

Q828. How does the principle of explosion apply in inconsistent logical systems?

A. It prevents contradictions
B. From a contradiction, any statement can be derived as true
C. It destroys the computer
D. It only applies to explosives

Answer: B

Q829. What is the relationship between logical equivalence and biconditional?

A. They are unrelated
B. Two statements are logically equivalent if and only if their biconditional is a tautology
C. Biconditional is always false
D. Equivalence means one implies the other

Answer: B

Q830. What is the difference between material and strict implication?

A. They are identical
B. Material implication is truth-functional; strict implication requires a necessary connection
C. Strict implication is weaker
D. Material implication requires causation

Answer: B

Q831. What is the difference between pre-test and post-test loops?

A. There is no difference
B. Pre-test loops check the condition before each iteration; post-test loops check after, guaranteeing at least one execution
C. Pre-test loops are faster
D. Post-test loops never terminate

Answer: B

Q832. How does a flag variable control flow in an algorithm?

A. It draws a flag on screen
B. It is a Boolean variable that signals when a specific condition has been met, altering subsequent flow
C. It stores numerical data
D. It replaces all loops

Answer: B

Q833. What is an accumulator pattern in algorithm design?

A. A hardware component
B. A variable that collects a running total or result through repeated updates in a loop
C. A type of flowchart symbol
D. A debugging technique

Answer: B

Q834. How does exception handling affect the normal flow of a program?

A. It has no effect
B. When an exception occurs, normal flow is interrupted and control transfers to an exception handler
C. It speeds up execution
D. It prevents all errors

Answer: B

Q835. What is the purpose of a guard clause in function flow?

A. To protect against hackers
B. To handle edge cases early by returning or throwing before the main logic executes
C. To make code longer
D. To add complexity

Answer: B

Q836. How does a state machine manage complex flow control?

A. It uses random states
B. It defines a finite set of states and transitions between them based on inputs or events
C. It eliminates all states
D. It only works for games

Answer: B

Q837. What is the difference between iteration and recursion for solving the same problem?

A. They always produce different results
B. Iteration uses loops while recursion uses self-calling functions; both can solve the same problems
C. Recursion is always better
D. Iteration cannot solve recursive problems

Answer: B

Q838. What is the role of an initialization step before a loop?

A. It is unnecessary
B. It sets up variables to their starting values so the loop operates correctly from the first iteration
C. It makes loops slower
D. It only applies to for loops

Answer: B

Q839. How does early termination improve algorithm efficiency?

A. It does not help
B. It stops processing as soon as the answer is found, avoiding unnecessary work on remaining data
C. It makes algorithms incorrect
D. It only works for sorting

Answer: B

Q840. What is a structured programming theorem and what does it guarantee?

A. It is a math theorem only
B. Any computable function can be implemented using only sequence, selection, and iteration
C. It requires goto statements
D. It is outdated and irrelevant

Answer: B

Q841. How does a priority queue differ from a regular queue?

A. They are identical
B. In a priority queue, elements are dequeued based on priority rather than insertion order
C. Priority queues are always slower
D. Regular queues use priorities too

Answer: B

Q842. What is the trade-off between using an array versus a linked list?

A. There is no trade-off
B. Arrays provide O(1) random access but expensive insertion; linked lists provide O(1) insertion but O(n) access
C. Arrays are always better
D. Linked lists are always better

Answer: B

Q843. What problem does data compression solve?

A. It makes data larger
B. It reduces the size of data for efficient storage and transmission while preserving information
C. It deletes data permanently
D. It only works on images

Answer: B

Q844. How does a tree data structure organize hierarchical data?

A. In a flat list
B. With a root node and child nodes forming a branching hierarchy where each node has at most one parent
C. In a circular pattern
D. Randomly without structure

Answer: B

Q845. What is the purpose of a hash function in data representation?

A. To encrypt data
B. To map data of arbitrary size to fixed-size values for efficient lookup and comparison
C. To sort data alphabetically
D. To compress data

Answer: B

Q846. How does JSON represent structured data?

A. In binary format
B. As human-readable text using key-value pairs, arrays, and nested objects
C. As machine code
D. In XML format only

Answer: B

Q847. What is the difference between a set and a list as data structures?

A. They are identical
B. A set contains unique unordered elements while a list maintains order and allows duplicates
C. Sets are always larger
D. Lists cannot store numbers

Answer: B

Q848. Why might a circular buffer be preferred over a regular array for streaming data?

A. It is always slower
B. It efficiently reuses fixed memory by overwriting the oldest data when full, ideal for constant-size windows
C. It uses infinite memory
D. It cannot store data

Answer: B

Q849. How does an enum (enumeration) type improve data representation?

A. It makes code slower
B. It defines a fixed set of named values, making code more readable and preventing invalid values
C. It replaces all data types
D. It is only for numbers

Answer: B

Q850. What is the purpose of a schema in data representation?

A. To make data larger
B. To define the structure, types, and constraints of data, ensuring consistency and validation
C. It is only decorative
D. Schemas are unnecessary

Answer: B

Q851. How does the Decorator pattern extend object behavior without modifying existing code?

A. It replaces the original class
B. It wraps objects with additional functionality layers while maintaining the same interface
C. It deletes existing behavior
D. It only works with strings

Answer: B

Q852. What is the difference between structural and behavioral design patterns?

A. There is no difference
B. Structural patterns deal with object composition; behavioral patterns deal with communication between objects
C. Structural patterns are always better
D. Behavioral patterns are outdated

Answer: B

Q853. How does the sliding window pattern optimize problems involving contiguous subarrays?

A. It processes all subarrays independently
B. It maintains a window that slides through the data, updating results incrementally rather than recomputing from scratch
C. It only works for sorting
D. It makes problems slower

Answer: B

Q854. What common pattern connects depth-first search, backtracking, and recursive tree traversal?

A. They all use queues
B. They all explore paths fully before backtracking, using a stack-like mechanism
C. They are unrelated algorithms
D. They all require sorted data

Answer: B

Q855. How does the Iterator pattern decouple traversal from data structure implementation?

A. It does not decouple anything
B. It provides a uniform interface for accessing elements sequentially regardless of the underlying data structure
C. It only works with arrays
D. It replaces all loops

Answer: B

Q856. What pattern do problems like finding duplicates, counting frequencies, and grouping share?

A. Sorting pattern
B. Hash-based lookup pattern using dictionaries or hash maps
C. Recursive pattern
D. Divide and conquer

Answer: B

Q857. How does the Adapter pattern solve interface incompatibility?

A. It deletes one interface
B. It wraps an existing interface to make it compatible with a different expected interface
C. It requires rewriting both interfaces
D. It only works in Java

Answer: B

Q858. What is the two-pointer pattern and when is it typically applied?

A. Using two mouse pointers
B. Using two indices that traverse a sorted array from different positions to find pairs or subarrays
C. It only works for strings
D. It requires extra memory

Answer: B

Q859. How does the publish-subscribe pattern differ from the observer pattern?

A. They are identical in every way
B. Publish-subscribe uses a message broker for decoupling while observer has direct subject-observer coupling
C. Observer is always better
D. Publish-subscribe cannot handle events

Answer: B

Q860. What pattern connects binary search, bisection method, and git bisect?

A. Linear search pattern
B. Divide-and-eliminate pattern that halves the search space at each step
C. Random search pattern
D. Brute force pattern

Answer: B

Q861. How does the inclusion-exclusion principle count the size of a union of sets?

A. It adds all set sizes
B. It adds individual sizes, subtracts pairwise intersections, adds triple intersections, and so on
C. It only counts the largest set
D. It ignores overlaps

Answer: B

Q862. What is the sum formula for an arithmetic series with n terms, first term a and last term l?

A. n * a
B. n * (a + l) / 2
C. a * l / n
D. (a + l) * n

Answer: B

Q863. Why is the floor function useful in algorithm analysis?

A. It rounds numbers up
B. It gives the largest integer less than or equal to a value, useful for integer division in index calculations
C. It is only for architecture
D. It has no use in CS

Answer: B

Q864. What does it mean for a function to grow exponentially?

A. It grows by adding a constant
B. Its growth rate is proportional to its current value, resulting in doubling over fixed intervals
C. It stays the same
D. It decreases over time

Answer: B

Q865. How is the binomial coefficient C(n,k) computed using factorials?

A. n! / k!
B. n! / (k! * (n-k)!)
C. n * k
D. (n+k)!

Answer: B

Q866. What is the significance of the number e (Euler's number) in mathematics?

A. It is just a random constant
B. It is the base of natural logarithms and appears in growth, decay, probability, and calculus
C. It equals exactly 3
D. It is only used in physics

Answer: B

Q867. How does proof by strong induction differ from regular mathematical induction?

A. They are identical
B. Strong induction assumes the statement holds for all values up to k, not just k, when proving k+1
C. Strong induction is weaker
D. Regular induction is more powerful

Answer: B

Q868. What is the mathematical principle behind hashing with modular arithmetic?

A. It has no mathematical basis
B. Mapping keys to indices using h(k) = k mod m distributes keys across m buckets, where prime m reduces clustering
C. It requires floating-point math
D. It only works for strings

Answer: B

Q869. Why are logarithms important in analyzing divide-and-conquer algorithms?

A. They are not important
B. Each halving of the problem adds one step, so algorithms that halve the input have O(log n) depth
C. Logarithms make algorithms slower
D. They only apply to sorting

Answer: B

Q870. What is a recurrence relation in algorithm analysis?

A. A loop in code
B. An equation that defines a function in terms of its value at smaller inputs, used to describe recursive algorithm complexity
C. A fixed formula
D. A type of data structure

Answer: B

Q871. How does memoization improve the performance of recursive algorithms?

A. It makes recursion deeper
B. It caches results of expensive function calls and returns the cached result when the same inputs recur
C. It eliminates recursion
D. It increases memory but not speed

Answer: B

Q872. What is the key difference between BFS and DFS in terms of the data structure used?

A. Both use stacks
B. BFS uses a queue (FIFO) while DFS uses a stack (LIFO)
C. Both use queues
D. They use the same structure

Answer: B

Q873. What makes a greedy algorithm 'greedy'?

A. It uses the most memory
B. It makes the locally optimal choice at each step without reconsidering previous choices
C. It always finds the global optimum
D. It tries every possibility

Answer: B

Q874. How does counting sort achieve O(n) time complexity?

A. It compares elements pairwise
B. It counts occurrences of each value and uses the counts to place elements directly, avoiding comparisons
C. It divides the array in half
D. It is only O(n) for small inputs

Answer: B

Q875. What is the advantage of using a heap for finding the k smallest elements in a stream?

A. Heaps are slower than sorting
B. A max-heap of size k maintains the k smallest elements seen so far with O(log k) per insertion
C. Heaps require sorting first
D. There is no advantage

Answer: B

Q876. What problem does Dijkstra's algorithm solve and what is its key limitation?

A. It sorts arrays but is slow
B. It finds shortest paths from a source vertex but requires all edge weights to be non-negative
C. It works with negative weights
D. It finds the longest path

Answer: B

Q877. How does the concept of invariants help prove algorithm correctness?

A. Invariants are not useful
B. An invariant is a condition that holds before and after each iteration; proving it holds throughout proves correctness
C. They only apply to mathematics
D. They make algorithms slower

Answer: B

Q878. What is the difference between a deterministic and a non-deterministic algorithm?

A. They are the same
B. A deterministic algorithm always produces the same output for the same input; a non-deterministic one may explore multiple paths simultaneously
C. Non-deterministic is always wrong
D. Deterministic is always faster

Answer: B

Q879. How does the two-phase approach of map-reduce enable distributed algorithm design?

A. It only works on single machines
B. Map distributes work by applying a function to each element; reduce aggregates results, enabling parallelism
C. Map and reduce must be sequential
D. It replaces all algorithms

Answer: B

Q880. What is the significance of algorithm stability in sorting?

A. It means the algorithm never crashes
B. A stable sort preserves the relative order of elements with equal keys, which matters when sorting by multiple criteria
C. Stability is irrelevant
D. All sorts are stable

Answer: B

Q881. How does the Socratic method promote critical thinking?

A. It provides answers directly
B. It uses systematic questioning to challenge assumptions, expose contradictions, and deepen understanding
C. It avoids all questions
D. It is only for philosophy

Answer: B

Q882. What is the difference between deductive and inductive reasoning in critical analysis?

A. They are identical
B. Deductive moves from general principles to specific conclusions with certainty; inductive moves from specific observations to general conclusions with probability
C. Inductive is always correct
D. Deductive is always wrong

Answer: B

Q883. What is the appeal to emotion fallacy?

A. Using emotions to enhance understanding
B. Manipulating emotional responses instead of providing logical arguments to support a claim
C. All emotions are fallacious
D. Emotions and logic are the same

Answer: B

Q884. How does steel-manning differ from straw-manning an argument?

A. They are the same technique
B. Steel-manning presents the strongest version of an opponent's argument; straw-manning misrepresents it as weaker
C. Steel-manning is always wrong
D. Straw-manning is more honest

Answer: B

Q885. Why is the distinction between correlation and causation important in data interpretation?

A. They mean the same thing
B. Two things occurring together (correlation) does not mean one causes the other; confusing them leads to false conclusions
C. Correlation always implies causation
D. Causation never involves correlation

Answer: B

Q886. What is the role of falsifiability in evaluating claims?

A. It makes claims false
B. A claim that cannot be tested or potentially disproven is not scientifically meaningful
C. All claims are falsifiable
D. Falsifiability weakens claims

Answer: B

Q887. How does the principle of charity improve critical discourse?

A. It involves donating money
B. It interprets others' arguments in the strongest reasonable way before critiquing, leading to more productive dialogue
C. It weakens your position
D. It is only for debates

Answer: B

Q888. What is the red herring fallacy in argumentation?

A. A type of fish
B. Introducing an irrelevant topic to divert attention from the original argument
C. A strong counterargument
D. A valid reasoning technique

Answer: B

Q889. How does systems thinking enhance critical analysis of complex problems?

A. It simplifies everything to one cause
B. It examines how components interact within a larger system, revealing feedback loops and unintended consequences
C. It ignores relationships between parts
D. It only applies to engineering

Answer: B

Q890. What is the difference between necessary and sufficient evidence?

A. They are identical
B. Necessary evidence must be present but may not be enough alone; sufficient evidence is enough to support the conclusion
C. Necessary evidence is optional
D. Sufficient evidence is always necessary

Answer: B

Q891. How does git bisect help locate the commit that introduced a bug?

A. It searches every commit linearly
B. It uses binary search through commit history, testing the midpoint to halve the search space each time
C. It only works for merge conflicts
D. It requires manual inspection of every commit

Answer: B

Q892. What is the difference between a bug caused by incorrect logic versus incorrect data?

A. They are the same thing
B. Logic bugs are errors in the algorithm or control flow; data bugs are caused by unexpected or corrupt input data
C. Data bugs do not exist
D. Logic bugs are always harder

Answer: B

Q893. How do assertions help catch bugs during development?

A. They slow programs down without benefit
B. They check that expected conditions hold at runtime, failing immediately with a clear message when violated
C. They replace all testing
D. They only work in production

Answer: B

Q894. What is the watchpoint feature in a debugger used for?

A. Watching a clock
B. It pauses execution when a specific variable's value changes, helping track unexpected modifications
C. It watches network traffic
D. It monitors CPU usage

Answer: B

Q895. Why is logging often preferred over print debugging in production systems?

A. Logging is slower
B. Logging provides structured, level-based output that can be filtered, persisted, and analyzed without code changes
C. Print statements are always better
D. Logging adds no value over print

Answer: B

Q896. What is a stack overflow error and what typically causes it?

A. Too much data in an array
B. Excessive recursion or very deep call chains that exhaust the available call stack memory
C. Writing too many functions
D. Using too many variables

Answer: B

Q897. How does defensive programming help prevent bugs?

A. It makes code defensive against hackers only
B. It validates inputs, checks preconditions, and handles edge cases explicitly, catching errors before they propagate
C. It slows development without benefit
D. It replaces all testing

Answer: B

Q898. What is the purpose of a core dump in debugging?

A. To delete core files
B. It captures the memory state of a program at the time of a crash, allowing post-mortem analysis
C. To improve performance
D. To backup the database

Answer: B

Q899. How does pair debugging improve bug-finding efficiency?

A. It doubles the number of bugs
B. Two people bring different perspectives and can catch errors that a single person might overlook due to familiarity
C. It always slows things down
D. It only works for beginners

Answer: B

Q900. What is the significance of boundary value analysis in testing and debugging?

A. Boundaries are not important
B. Bugs frequently occur at the edges of input ranges, so testing boundary values (0, max, min, empty) catches common errors
C. It only applies to numerical data
D. Boundary values are always correct

Answer: B

Q901. What is the difference between Big-O and Big-Theta notation?

A. They are the same
B. Big-O gives an upper bound; Big-Theta gives a tight bound that is both upper and lower
C. Big-O is always tighter
D. Big-Theta is less precise

Answer: B

Q902. Why is O(n log n) considered an efficient complexity class for sorting?

A. It is the slowest possible
B. It is the theoretical lower bound for comparison-based sorting, so no comparison sort can do better
C. It is the same as O(n)
D. It is worse than O(n^2)

Answer: B

Q903. How does space complexity differ from auxiliary space complexity?

A. They are identical
B. Space complexity includes input space; auxiliary space measures only the extra memory the algorithm uses beyond the input
C. Auxiliary space is always larger
D. They measure different things entirely

Answer: B

Q904. What is the time complexity of searching an unsorted array for a specific element?

A. O(1)
B. O(log n)
C. O(n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: C

Q905. How does the time complexity of building a heap compare to sorting?

A. Building a heap is O(n log n)
B. Building a heap is O(n) which is faster than the O(n log n) required for comparison-based sorting
C. They are both O(n)
D. Building a heap is slower than sorting

Answer: B

Q906. What is the worst-case complexity of a hash table lookup?

A. O(1) always
B. O(n) when all elements hash to the same bucket
C. O(log n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: B

Q907. Why is O(2^n) considered intractable for even moderate input sizes?

A. It is actually very fast
B. Exponential growth means even n=40 requires over a trillion operations, far exceeding practical limits
C. It only seems slow on old hardware
D. It is the same as O(n^2)

Answer: B

Q908. How does memoization change the complexity of the naive recursive Fibonacci?

A. It has no effect
B. It reduces the complexity from O(2^n) to O(n) by caching previously computed results
C. It increases complexity
D. It only affects space, not time

Answer: B

Q909. What is the relationship between recursion depth and stack space complexity?

A. They are unrelated
B. Each recursive call adds a frame to the call stack, so space complexity is at least O(depth)
C. Recursion uses no stack space
D. Stack depth is always O(1)

Answer: B

Q910. What is the time complexity of matrix multiplication for two n x n matrices using the standard algorithm?

A. O(n)
B. O(n^2)
C. O(n^3)
D. O(n log n)

Answer: C

Q911. How does the strategy of pre-sorting input data simplify certain programming problems?

A. Pre-sorting always wastes time
B. Sorted data enables binary search, simplifies duplicate detection, and allows efficient two-pointer techniques
C. Sorting has no benefit for problem solving
D. Pre-sorting makes problems harder

Answer: B

Q912. What is the advantage of using a stack for matching brackets in an expression?

A. Stacks are the only data structure
B. A stack naturally matches each opening bracket with its corresponding closing bracket in correct nesting order
C. Arrays cannot solve this problem
D. Stacks make the problem harder

Answer: B

Q913. How does the concept of 'separation of concerns' improve code quality?

A. It has no effect
B. Each module handles a single responsibility, making code easier to understand, test, modify, and reuse
C. It makes code more complex
D. It only applies to large projects

Answer: B

Q914. What is the benefit of using a hash map for counting frequency of elements?

A. Hash maps are slower than arrays for counting
B. Hash maps provide O(1) average-time lookup and update, making frequency counting O(n) for any hashable element type
C. Arrays are always better for counting
D. Hash maps cannot count frequencies

Answer: B

Q915. How does refactoring improve code without changing its behavior?

A. Refactoring changes program output
B. It restructures existing code for better readability, maintainability, or performance while preserving the same functionality
C. It is the same as rewriting from scratch
D. Refactoring introduces bugs

Answer: B

Q916. What is the purpose of edge case testing in programming?

A. Edge cases are unimportant
B. It tests boundary conditions and unusual inputs where bugs commonly hide, such as empty inputs, single elements, or maximum values
C. It only tests happy paths
D. Edge cases never cause bugs

Answer: B

Q917. How does the builder pattern solve the problem of complex object construction?

A. It deletes complex objects
B. It separates the construction of a complex object from its representation, allowing step-by-step construction with validation
C. It only works for strings
D. It makes construction harder

Answer: B

Q918. What advantage does recursion provide for tree and graph traversal?

A. Recursion cannot traverse trees
B. Recursion naturally maps to the hierarchical structure of trees and graphs, where each recursive call handles a subtree or neighbor
C. It is always slower than iteration
D. It only works for binary trees

Answer: B

Q919. How does using a set data structure help solve problems involving duplicates?

A. Sets allow duplicates
B. Sets automatically ensure uniqueness, making duplicate detection and removal trivially efficient
C. Sets are slower than lists for this
D. Sets cannot store data

Answer: B

Q920. What is the importance of writing clean code for future problem solving?

A. Clean code is unnecessary
B. Clean code is easier to understand, modify, and extend, reducing the time needed to solve future problems in the same codebase
C. Only compilers care about code quality
D. Clean code is slower

Answer: B

Q921. How does stratified sampling improve the representativeness of a sample?

A. It uses random selection only
B. It divides the population into subgroups and samples from each proportionally, ensuring all groups are represented
C. It selects only from the largest group
D. It eliminates sampling entirely

Answer: B

Q922. What is the purpose of a box plot (box and whisker diagram)?

A. To show exact data values
B. To visualize the distribution's center, spread, skewness, and outliers through quartiles
C. To display trends over time
D. To show part-to-whole relationships

Answer: B

Q923. How does the concept of standard deviation complement the mean?

A. It replaces the mean
B. The mean shows the center of data while standard deviation shows how spread out the data is around that center
C. They measure the same thing
D. Standard deviation is always larger than mean

Answer: B

Q924. What is selection bias and how does it affect data analysis?

A. It is not a real problem
B. It occurs when the sample is not representative of the population, leading to conclusions that do not generalize
C. It only affects large datasets
D. It improves data quality

Answer: B

Q925. How do dashboards help in data-driven problem solving?

A. They are purely decorative
B. They consolidate key metrics and visualizations in one place for quick monitoring, trend identification, and decision support
C. They replace all data analysis
D. They only show historical data

Answer: B

Q926. What is the purpose of a control group in an experiment?

A. To control the experiment's cost
B. To provide a baseline comparison by not receiving the treatment, allowing measurement of the treatment's true effect
C. Control groups are unnecessary
D. It receives all treatments simultaneously

Answer: B

Q927. How does data interpolation differ from data extrapolation?

A. They are identical
B. Interpolation estimates values within the range of known data; extrapolation estimates beyond it, with higher uncertainty
C. Extrapolation is more reliable
D. Interpolation ignores existing data

Answer: B

Q928. What is the difference between precision and recall in data-driven evaluation?

A. They measure the same thing
B. Precision measures accuracy of positive predictions; recall measures completeness of finding all actual positives
C. Precision is always more important
D. Recall is always more important

Answer: B

Q929. How does cohort analysis provide insights that aggregate analysis misses?

A. It is identical to aggregate analysis
B. It groups users by shared characteristics or time periods and tracks them separately, revealing patterns hidden in aggregate data
C. It only works for medical data
D. It requires larger samples

Answer: B

Q930. What role does data provenance play in trusting analysis results?

A. It is irrelevant
B. Knowing where data came from, how it was collected, and how it was transformed helps assess its reliability and potential biases
C. Only the final result matters
D. Provenance makes data less trustworthy

Answer: B

Q931. How does the technique of random stimulation promote creative thinking?

A. It produces random solutions
B. It introduces unrelated concepts or words as stimuli to force new associations and break fixation on familiar approaches
C. It replaces structured thinking
D. Random input always confuses

Answer: B

Q932. What is the concept of 'creative constraints' and how do they help?

A. Constraints always limit creativity
B. Deliberate limitations force innovative thinking by requiring novel approaches within boundaries
C. Constraints eliminate all creativity
D. They only apply to art

Answer: B

Q933. How does the concept of bisociation explain creative breakthroughs?

A. It is about bicycle associations
B. It describes creativity as connecting two previously unrelated frames of reference or mental matrices
C. It only applies to science
D. It prevents creative thinking

Answer: B

Q934. How does the 'worst possible idea' technique lead to creative solutions?

A. It produces only bad ideas
B. Deliberately generating terrible ideas removes the fear of failure and often reveals the inverse as a viable creative solution
C. It wastes time
D. It is never used in practice

Answer: B

Q935. What is the difference between incremental and radical innovation?

A. They are identical
B. Incremental innovation makes small improvements to existing solutions; radical innovation creates fundamentally new approaches
C. Incremental is always better
D. Radical innovation is impossible

Answer: B

Q936. How does role-playing or perspective-taking enhance creative problem solving?

A. It is only for actors
B. Adopting different roles forces you to see the problem from unfamiliar viewpoints, generating ideas you would not otherwise consider
C. It has no cognitive benefit
D. It always produces wrong answers

Answer: B

Q937. What is the purpose of an innovation sprint or design sprint?

A. To run fast
B. To compress the creative process into a short time-boxed period with structured activities for rapid prototyping and validation
C. Sprints eliminate the need for planning
D. They replace long-term development

Answer: B

Q938. How does the concept of serendipity contribute to creative discoveries?

A. It is pure luck with no preparation
B. Prepared minds recognize unexpected connections or accidental findings as opportunities for creative solutions
C. It cannot be facilitated
D. It only happens in laboratories

Answer: B

Q939. How does analogical reasoning across domains drive innovation?

A. Analogies are always misleading
B. Solutions from one domain can be adapted to solve problems in a completely different domain through structural similarity
C. Analogies only work within the same field
D. They always produce identical solutions

Answer: B

Q940. What is the role of constructive criticism in refining creative ideas?

A. All criticism destroys creativity
B. Constructive feedback identifies weaknesses and suggests improvements, helping transform raw creative ideas into viable solutions
C. Criticism should always be avoided
D. Only praise is productive

Answer: B

Q941. How does feature flagging help manage risk in real-world deployments?

A. It adds unnecessary complexity
B. It allows new features to be deployed but disabled by default, enabling gradual rollout and quick rollback without redeployment
C. It prevents all deployments
D. It only works for web applications

Answer: B

Q942. What is the significance of Service Level Agreements (SLAs) in real-world systems?

A. They are just legal documents with no practical impact
B. They define measurable commitments for availability, performance, and support, setting clear expectations between providers and consumers
C. SLAs are only for large companies
D. They guarantee perfect uptime

Answer: B

Q943. How does the concept of technical debt affect long-term project health?

A. Technical debt has no long-term effect
B. Shortcuts taken now accumulate and make future changes increasingly expensive and risky if not addressed
C. It is always worth taking on
D. It can be completely avoided

Answer: B

Q944. Why is monitoring important after deploying a solution to production?

A. Monitoring is unnecessary after deployment
B. It detects issues, performance degradation, and unexpected behavior before they significantly impact users
C. Only broken systems need monitoring
D. Monitoring slows down the system

Answer: B

Q945. How does the strangler pattern help modernize legacy systems?

A. It shuts down the legacy system immediately
B. It gradually replaces legacy components with new implementations while both coexist, reducing migration risk
C. It requires a complete rewrite
D. It only works for small systems

Answer: B

Q946. What role does capacity planning play in preventing real-world system failures?

A. Capacity planning is unnecessary
B. It forecasts future resource needs based on growth projections to ensure the system can handle expected load
C. It only matters for new systems
D. Current capacity is always sufficient

Answer: B

Q947. How does A/B testing help make better product decisions?

A. It tests the alphabet
B. It compares two versions with real users simultaneously, using statistical analysis to determine which performs better
C. It requires two separate products
D. It always gives clear answers

Answer: B

Q948. What is the purpose of an incident response plan?

A. To assign blame for incidents
B. To define clear procedures, roles, and communication channels for responding to production issues quickly and effectively
C. Incidents do not need plans
D. It replaces prevention measures

Answer: B

Q949. How does the concept of graceful degradation improve user experience during failures?

A. It lets the system crash gracefully
B. The system continues operating with reduced functionality rather than failing completely when components malfunction
C. It prevents all failures
D. It is the same as zero downtime

Answer: B

Q950. Why is stakeholder management important throughout a project lifecycle?

A. Stakeholders are only relevant at the start
B. Continuous stakeholder engagement ensures alignment, manages expectations, and prevents costly surprises from misaligned priorities
C. Only technical stakeholders matter
D. It creates unnecessary overhead

Answer: B

Q951. How do Architecture Decision Records (ADRs) improve long-term project understanding?

A. They are unnecessary bureaucracy
B. They document the context, options considered, and rationale behind architectural decisions, preserving decision-making context for future teams
C. They replace all other documentation
D. They only record final decisions

Answer: B

Q952. What is the difference between a tutorial, a how-to guide, and a reference document?

A. They serve the same purpose
B. Tutorials teach through examples; how-to guides provide steps for specific tasks; references provide comprehensive technical details
C. Only references are needed
D. Tutorials replace all other docs

Answer: B

Q953. How does the STAR method help communicate problem-solving achievements?

A. It involves astronomy
B. It structures communication as Situation, Task, Action, Result to clearly convey the context and impact of problem-solving work
C. It is only for job interviews
D. It replaces technical documentation

Answer: B

Q954. Why is audience awareness critical when writing technical documentation?

A. All audiences need the same information
B. Different audiences have different knowledge levels, needs, and goals requiring adapted content, depth, and terminology
C. Technical writing has no audience
D. Only experts read documentation

Answer: B

Q955. How do diagrams complement textual documentation?

A. Diagrams are always unnecessary
B. Diagrams convey relationships, architectures, and flows more clearly than text alone, especially for complex systems
C. Text is always sufficient
D. Diagrams replace all text

Answer: B

Q956. What is the purpose of semantic commit messages?

A. They look more professional
B. They categorize commits by type (feat, fix, docs, refactor) making history easier to search, understand, and automate changelog generation
C. They are only for open-source projects
D. They make commits longer for no reason

Answer: B

Q957. How does a glossary improve technical documentation for diverse audiences?

A. Glossaries are outdated
B. A glossary defines domain-specific terms in one place, ensuring consistent understanding across readers with different backgrounds
C. Everyone knows all technical terms
D. Glossaries make docs too long

Answer: B

Q958. What is the value of writing a pre-mortem document before starting a project?

A. Pre-mortems are only for medical contexts
B. It imagines the project has already failed and identifies potential causes, enabling proactive risk mitigation before problems occur
C. It is too pessimistic
D. Post-mortems are sufficient

Answer: B

Q959. How do inline code documentation tools like JSDoc or Javadoc improve developer productivity?

A. They slow down development
B. They generate navigable API documentation directly from annotated source code, keeping documentation close to the code it describes
C. They are only for Java
D. They replace all testing

Answer: B

Q960. Why is asynchronous communication important for distributed teams?

A. Asynchronous communication is always inferior
B. It allows team members in different time zones to contribute at their own pace, with documented discussions that anyone can reference later
C. All communication must be synchronous
D. It creates communication gaps

Answer: B

Hard Questions

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Q961. Shortest path with negative edges (no negative cycles)?

A. Simple BFS traversal
B. Bellman-Ford algorithm
C. Dijkstra's algorithm
D. DFS with backtracking

Answer: B

Q962. Which paradigm makes locally optimal choices at each step?

A. Dynamic programming approach
B. Backtracking technique
C. Divide and conquer method
D. Greedy algorithm approach

Answer: D

Q963. What is reduction in problem solving?

A. Reducing the number of variables used
B. Transforming into another known problem
C. Simplifying the program output format
D. Making smaller by removing input data

Answer: B

Q964. What characterizes an NP-hard problem?

A. Has absolutely no solution at all
B. At least as hard as hardest NP problems
C. Solvable easily in polynomial time
D. Always unsolvable by any algorithm

Answer: B

Q965. What is optimal substructure?

A. Only greedy algorithms work on it
B. Problem cannot be decomposed at all
C. Sub-problems are fully independent
D. Optimal solution uses optimal sub-solutions

Answer: D

Q966. Which concept stores sub-problem solutions?

A. Iterative computation
B. Memoization technique
C. Simple recursion method
D. Compilation process

Answer: B

Q967. Overlapping sub-problems + optimal substructure = which paradigm?

A. Linear search method
B. Brute force search
C. Dynamic programming
D. Simple recursion only

Answer: C

Q968. Decidable vs undecidable?

A. An algorithm solves every decidable instance
B. Decidable problems cannot use any recursion
C. Undecidable problems have no instances at all
D. Decidable problems are always harder to solve

Answer: A

Q969. What is state space search?

A. Querying a database for records
B. Allocating memory for data storage
C. Searching through files on a disk
D. Exploring all states to find a path

Answer: D

Q970. Which problem is undecidable?

A. Binary search tree lookup
B. Finding the shortest path
C. Sorting a list of elements
D. The Halting Problem itself

Answer: D

Q971. 10K concurrent users, <100ms response is what type?

A. Usability requirement type
B. Security requirement type
C. Functional requirement type
D. Performance non-functional type

Answer: D

Q972. Mapping to TSP implies?

A. Likely NP-hard, needs heuristics
B. Only sorting is required to solve
C. It can be solved in linear time
D. The problem is trivially solvable

Answer: A

Q973. Most critical real-time constraint?

A. Deterministic response time guarantees
B. Code readability standards
C. Number of comments in code
D. Descriptive variable naming style

Answer: A

Q974. Problem space vs solution space?

A. They are exactly the same thing
B. Neither concept is used in CS at all
C. They refer to code versus documentation
D. Problem: all states; solution: valid answers

Answer: D

Q975. Multiple conflicting constraints need?

A. Multi-objective optimization approach
B. Only brute force can work on them
C. Ignoring some constraints entirely
D. Removing all constraints from scope

Answer: A

Q976. Stream processing each element once?

A. Static analysis technique
B. Online streaming algorithm type
C. Batch processing approach
D. Compile-time optimization

Answer: B

Q977. What is invariant analysis?

A. Measuring code coverage metrics
B. Checking syntax for correctness
C. Properties remaining true throughout
D. Enforcing a code style guide

Answer: C

Q978. Scheduling with dependencies uses?

A. Binary tree structure
B. Linked list structure
C. Hash table structure
D. Directed acyclic graph

Answer: D

Q979. What is amortized analysis for?

A. Measuring space complexity alone
B. Analyzing the best case scenario
C. Average cost per operation over time
D. Analyzing single worst case only

Answer: C

Q980. Well-defined vs ill-defined problems?

A. All CS problems are always well-defined
B. Ill-defined problems have no solution at all
C. Well-defined are always easier to solve
D. Well-defined: clear states; ill-defined: ambiguous

Answer: D

Q981. Universal quantifier means?

A. For exactly one element only
B. For all elements in the domain
C. For no elements in the domain
D. There exists at least one element

Answer: B

Q982. Negation of forall x P(x)?

A. exists x NOT P(x)
B. forall x NOT P(x)
C. NOT exists x P(x)
D. forall x P(x) still

Answer: A

Q983. What is mathematical induction?

A. Proving base case plus if n then n+1
B. Testing all possible cases manually
C. Guessing the answer to the problem
D. Only proving the base case alone

Answer: A

Q984. What is a clause in resolution?

A. A disjunction of logical literals
B. A conjunction of several functions
C. A complete executable program
D. A variable assignment statement

Answer: A

Q985. Logical completeness means?

A. The system runs very fast
B. The system has no bugs at all
C. Every valid formula is provable
D. It uses all logical operators

Answer: C

Q986. Godel's first incompleteness theorem?

A. All formal systems are complete
B. All true statements are provable
C. Consistent systems have unprovable truths
D. Logic is unnecessary for proofs

Answer: C

Q987. What is satisfiability (SAT)?

A. Whether an assignment makes it true
B. A formula that is always true
C. A formula with no variable bindings
D. A formula that is always false

Answer: A

Q988. What is soundness?

A. It uses auditory signal processing
B. The system proves everything possible
C. The system has zero error states
D. Every provable statement is valid

Answer: D

Q989. SAT worst case?

A. O(n^2) quadratic time
B. O(n) linear time
C. Exponential (NP-complete)
D. O(n log n) linearithmic

Answer: C

Q990. What is semantic entailment?

A. A programming concept for objects
B. A specific data type for storage
C. A syntax rule in formal languages
D. Premises true implies conclusion true

Answer: D

Q991. for i=1..3, j=1..2: print(i*j). Output?

A. 1 1 2 2 3 3
B. 1 2 2 4 3 6
C. 1 2 3 4 5 6
D. 2 4 6 8 10 12

Answer: B

Q992. What is tail recursion?

A. A recursion that never ends at all
B. Last operation is the recursive call
C. Recursion with multiple base cases
D. A specific type of iterative loop

Answer: B

Q993. Recursion vs iteration relationship?

A. They are completely unrelated concepts
B. Only recursion works for any problem
C. Every recursive can become iterative
D. Iteration is always faster than recursion

Answer: C

Q994. Factorial base case?

A. n * factorial(n-1) recursive call
B. factorial(n)=n for all values
C. factorial(0)=1 or factorial(1)=1
D. No base case is ever needed

Answer: C

Q995. No base case means?

A. The function runs much faster
B. Stack overflow from infinite recursion
C. The function gives correct results
D. The function returns zero always

Answer: B

Q996. What is mutual recursion?

A. A function calling only itself
B. Functions calling each other cyclically
C. A loop nested inside a function
D. Recursion without any base case

Answer: B

Q997. Max depth for naive fibonacci(n)?

A. n/2
B. log n
C. 2^n
D. n

Answer: D

Q998. What is a coroutine?

A. A specific type of loop construct
B. Can suspend and resume execution
C. A normal sequential function call
D. An error handler for exceptions

Answer: B

Q999. What is short-circuit evaluation?

A. Evaluating expressions in reverse order
B. A hardware electrical circuit fault
C. Always evaluate all operands fully
D. Stop evaluating when result is known

Answer: D

Q1000. What is a basic block?

A. A class definition in a program
B. A function definition in code
C. One entry, one exit, no branches
D. Any arbitrary piece of code

Answer: C

Q1001. Float problems vs integer?

A. Rounding errors only
B. Overflow errors only
C. All of the above
D. Underflow errors only

Answer: C

Q1002. What is endianness?

A. A sorting algorithm technique
B. A programming paradigm style
C. A data compression approach
D. Byte order stored in memory

Answer: D

Q1003. IEEE 754 single exponent bits?

A. 32 bits
B. 23 bits
C. 8 bits
D. 1 bit

Answer: C

Q1004. What is a tagged union?

A. An array with mixed types
B. A union with a type tag field
C. A regular union without tags
D. A sorting data structure type

Answer: B

Q1005. What is information hiding?

A. Encrypting all data in storage
B. Deleting data after processing
C. Hiding files on the filesystem
D. Restricting access, exposing interfaces

Answer: D

Q1006. What is data alignment?

A. Alphabetical sorting of records
B. Formatting text in a document
C. Aligning elements on the screen
D. Placing at boundaries for CPU access

Answer: D

Q1007. What is Liskov Substitution Principle?

A. Subtypes substitutable for supertypes
B. Making all class members public
C. An encryption standard for data
D. Functions without any parameters

Answer: A

Q1008. What is a phantom type?

A. A null type with no useful value
B. A runtime type for dynamic checks
C. Type param with compile-time info only
D. A type that does not exist at all

Answer: C

Q1009. IEEE 754 single max value?

A. 3.4e38
B. 2^64
C. 1.8e308
D. 2^31

Answer: A

Q1010. Structural vs nominal typing?

A. They are exactly the same thing
B. Nominal typing is not used in practice
C. Structural is always better to use here
D. Structural: shape match; nominal: name match

Answer: D

Q1011. LCS, edit distance, knapsack share?

A. Linear search through all values
B. Simple recursion without caching
C. DP with optimal substructure pattern
D. Greedy algorithm approach works

Answer: C

Q1012. Monotonic stack is for?

A. Next greater/smaller element queries
B. Graph traversal and pathfinding
C. Sorting elements in an array
D. String matching and searching

Answer: A

Q1013. Prefix sum is for?

A. Searching for specific elements
B. Sorting elements in an array
C. Balancing a binary search tree
D. Efficient range sum query answers

Answer: D

Q1014. Floyd's cycle detection?

A. Two pointers at different speeds
B. Graph coloring and partitioning
C. Sorting elements in a list
D. Tree traversal and path finding

Answer: A

Q1015. All permutations/combinations use?

A. Hashing data structure
B. Binary search technique
C. Greedy algorithm approach
D. Backtracking exploration

Answer: D

Q1016. What is meet in the middle?

A. A compromise between two parties
B. A social meeting of team members
C. Split, process halves, then combine
D. Finding the median of a dataset

Answer: C

Q1017. Topological sort is for?

A. Sorting numbers in order
B. Binary search in sorted data
C. Sorting strings alphabetically
D. Tasks ordered by dependencies

Answer: D

Q1018. Union-find is for?

A. Sorting elements in arrays
B. String matching and parsing
C. Connected components and membership
D. Queue operation management

Answer: C

Q1019. Binary lifting in trees?

A. Sorting with binary comparisons
B. Balancing a binary tree structure
C. Ancestors and LCA in O(log n)
D. Binary search in an array

Answer: C

Q1020. Sweep line is for?

A. Geometric event processing tasks
B. Sorting points by coordinates
C. Drawing shapes on screen
D. Rendering graphics on display

Answer: A

Q1021. Master Theorem for?

A. Finding prime numbers only
B. Sorting arrays of elements
C. Recurrences T(n)=aT(n/b)+f(n)
D. Graph traversal algorithms

Answer: C

Q1022. T(n)=2T(n/2)+n?

A. O(n)
B. O(log n)
C. O(n log n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: C

Q1023. Euler's totient phi(n)?

A. Count of numbers coprime with n
B. The factorial of the number n
C. The largest prime factor of n
D. The sum of all divisors of n

Answer: A

Q1024. Catalan numbers count?

A. Prime numbers in a range
B. Greatest common divisor values
C. Parenthesizations and binary trees
D. Sorted permutations of arrays

Answer: C

Q1025. Fermat's Little Theorem?

A. a^p = a (mod p) for prime p
B. All prime numbers are odd values
C. a^n = n^a for all values
D. Every integer has unique factors

Answer: A

Q1026. Sieve of Eratosthenes complexity?

A. O(n log n)
B. O(n^2)
C. O(n log log n)
D. O(n)

Answer: C

Q1027. Chinese Remainder Theorem for?

A. Sorting elements in arrays
B. Graph coloring and partitioning
C. Factorization of large numbers
D. Simultaneous modular congruences

Answer: D

Q1028. Stirling's approximation significance?

A. Approximates n! for growth analysis
B. It sorts elements efficiently
C. It finds prime numbers quickly
D. It solves algebraic equations

Answer: A

Q1029. Handshaking Lemma?

A. All vertices have even degree
B. The graph is always fully connected
C. Sum of degrees equals 2 times edges
D. All edges have equal weight values

Answer: C

Q1030. Matrix exponentiation for?

A. Sorting matrix rows and columns
B. nth term of linear recurrences fast
C. Displaying matrices on screen
D. Reading matrix input from files

Answer: B

Q1031. Comparison sort lower bound?

A. O(log n)
B. O(n log n)
C. O(n)
D. O(n^2)

Answer: B

Q1032. What is approximation algorithm?

A. Produces random unpredictable results
B. Always gives exact solutions
C. Near-optimal with provable guarantees
D. Tries all solutions by brute force

Answer: C

Q1033. What is A*?

A. A string matching technique
B. A linear search method only
C. Best-first search using heuristics
D. A sorting algorithm for arrays

Answer: C

Q1034. What is branch and bound?

A. A tree data structure type
B. A sorting algorithm approach
C. A compression technique used
D. Prunes branches worse than best

Answer: D

Q1035. Floyd-Warshall complexity?

A. O(V^2)
B. O(V^3)
C. O(V*E)
D. O(E log V)

Answer: B

Q1036. What is randomized algorithm?

A. An algorithm with no clear structure
B. An algorithm that has bugs in it
C. Uses random choices for performance
D. An algorithm that is always wrong

Answer: C

Q1037. Las Vegas vs Monte Carlo?

A. LV: always correct; MC: may err sometimes
B. Monte Carlo is always correct output
C. They are exactly the same algorithm
D. Las Vegas is always faster in practice

Answer: A

Q1038. Amortized O(1) dynamic array?

A. The array never resizes at all
B. Every single operation is O(1)
C. Some O(n) resizes, average O(1)
D. All operations take O(log n)

Answer: C

Q1039. Kruskal's key idea?

A. Use DFS for tree construction
B. Start from a single vertex first
C. Sort edges, add non-cycle-forming
D. Use BFS for tree construction

Answer: C

Q1040. KMP solves?

A. Sorting array elements fast
B. Pattern matching in O(n+m)
C. Matrix multiplication task
D. Graph traversal and search

Answer: B

Q1041. What is CAP theorem?

A. A programming language feature
B. At most 2 of C, A, P guaranteed
C. All 3 properties always achievable
D. A sorting algorithm for databases

Answer: B

Q1042. What is technical debt?

A. Money owed to hardware vendors
B. Software licensing fees to pay
C. Future rework cost from shortcuts
D. Physical hardware that is broken

Answer: C

Q1043. Pareto Principle in software?

A. 80% of code should be comments
B. All components contribute equally
C. 80% of effects from 20% of causes
D. 80% developers write 20% of code

Answer: C

Q1044. What is opportunity cost?

A. The cost of running cloud servers
B. The best alternative you gave up
C. A pricing type for subscriptions
D. The cost of buying software tools

Answer: B

Q1045. What is survivorship bias?

A. A sorting algorithm technique used
B. A programming paradigm approach
C. A database concept for backups
D. Focus on successes, ignore failures

Answer: D

Q1046. Correlation vs causation?

A. Neither concept applies in CS work
B. They are exactly the same concept
C. Correlation: related; causation: causes
D. Causation is weaker than correlation

Answer: C

Q1047. Conway's Law?

A. A sorting algorithm for lists
B. A complexity class in theory
C. A data storage optimization law
D. Systems mirror communication structure

Answer: D

Q1048. What is expected value?

A. The maximum possible outcome
B. The most common outcome seen
C. Sum of outcome times probability
D. The minimum possible outcome

Answer: C

Q1049. What is post-mortem?

A. Structured review of what happened
B. Only done after deployment phase
C. Deleting all code from the project
D. A security audit of the system

Answer: A

Q1050. Occam's Razor in software?

A. All solutions are equally valid here
B. Simplest adequate solution preferred
C. Maximize complexity for robustness
D. Complex solutions are always best

Answer: B

Q1051. What is a Heisenbug?

A. A syntax error in the source code
B. A bug that changes when observed
C. A normal reproducible program bug
D. A hardware component malfunction

Answer: B

Q1052. What is static analysis?

A. Testing at runtime with real data
B. Analyzing code without executing it
C. User acceptance testing of the app
D. Running the code to find bugs

Answer: B

Q1053. What is dynamic analysis?

A. Code review by team members only
B. Reading documentation about the code
C. Analyzing behavior during execution
D. Static code review without running

Answer: C

Q1054. What is buffer overflow?

A. Writing beyond allocated memory area
B. A database overflowing with data
C. A network packet overflow error
D. A full disk with no free space

Answer: A

Q1055. What is fault localization?

A. Finding faulty hardware components
B. Locating the server in a datacenter
C. Finding the compiler installation path
D. Automatically identifying bug locations

Answer: D

Q1056. What is delta debugging?

A. Running multiple programs together
B. Using version control for changes
C. Minimizing failure-inducing input size
D. Making small incremental changes

Answer: C

Q1057. What is a sanitizer?

A. A cleaning product for hardware
B. A code formatting utility tool
C. An antivirus software application
D. Runtime tool detecting memory errors

Answer: D

Q1058. What is symbolic execution?

A. Using symbols in variable names
B. Deploying to production environment
C. Symbolic values exploring all paths
D. Code review by senior developers

Answer: C

Q1059. What is a Mandelbug?

A. A graphical rendering issue seen
B. A simple reproducible error found
C. A user interface display problem
D. Complex chaotic causes, hard to fix

Answer: D

Q1060. What is time-travel debugging?

A. Predicting future bugs in advance
B. Record execution, step backward
C. Debugging legacy system software
D. Debugging very old legacy code

Answer: B

Q1061. Naive Fibonacci complexity?

A. O(n)
B. O(n^2)
C. O(2^n)
D. O(n log n)

Answer: C

Q1062. Splay tree amortized?

A. O(n)
B. O(n log n)
C. O(log n)
D. O(1)

Answer: C

Q1063. Adjacency list vs matrix?

A. No meaningful difference exists
B. O(V+E) vs O(V^2), saves space sparse
C. Matrix is always better to use here
D. They use exactly the same space

Answer: B

Q1064. Dijkstra with binary heap?

A. O(V^3)
B. O((V+E) log V)
C. O(V^2)
D. O(E)

Answer: B

Q1065. P=NP asks?

A. Are primes equal to naturals
B. Verifiable in poly time means solvable?
C. Do programs always need parameters
D. Are pointers always needed in code

Answer: B

Q1066. Naive matrix mult n*n?

A. O(n^2)
B. O(n^2 log n)
C. O(n^3)
D. O(n)

Answer: C

Q1067. Strassen significance?

A. Same time as naive multiplication
B. It is slower than naive approach
C. Below O(n^3) at about O(n^2.807)
D. It only works on 2x2 matrices

Answer: C

Q1068. What is NP-complete?

A. An easy problem with fast solution
B. In NP, all NP reduces to it in poly
C. A problem with known O(n) solution
D. A problem that is unsolvable always

Answer: B

Q1069. Cache complexity?

A. Same as hash table complexity analysis
B. Cache misses affect real performance
C. Only measures the cache memory size
D. Same as space complexity of program

Answer: B

Q1070. PSPACE?

A. Polynomial time class problems
B. Only applies to sorting algorithms
C. The simplest complexity class known
D. Polynomial space, contains P and NP

Answer: D

Q1071. Find LCS?

A. DP with a 2D table approach
B. Hashing all subsequences found
C. Brute force all subsequences
D. Simple character matching scan

Answer: A

Q1072. 0/1 Knapsack optimal?

A. Sort items by weight first
B. DP over items and capacities
C. Greedy algorithm approach
D. Random selection of items

Answer: B

Q1073. LRU cache efficient implementation?

A. Only an array data structure
B. A stack-based data structure
C. A binary search tree structure
D. Hash map plus doubly linked list

Answer: D

Q1074. All connected components?

A. BFS/DFS from unvisited vertices
B. Use hash table for the lookup
C. Check all pairs of vertex nodes
D. Sort all the vertices first

Answer: A

Q1075. What is tree DP?

A. Sorting the tree node values
B. Balancing the tree structure
C. Bottom-up from children results
D. Simple tree traversal method

Answer: C

Q1076. Median in stream?

A. Two heaps: max lower, min upper
B. Use a single array for storage
C. Sort the entire stream each time
D. Use a linked list for ordering

Answer: A

Q1077. Bit manipulation for?

A. Making code completely unreadable
B. Graphics rendering operations only
C. Low-level hardware drivers only
D. Sets, flags, and O(1) optimizations

Answer: D

Q1078. Shortest path unweighted?

A. BFS from the source vertex
B. Bellman-Ford algorithm approach
C. Dijkstra's algorithm approach
D. DFS from the source vertex

Answer: A

Q1079. What is segment tree?

A. Sorting segments of an array
B. String matching and pattern search
C. Range queries and updates in O(log n)
D. Graph traversal and pathfinding

Answer: C

Q1080. Find articulation points?

A. BFS from every vertex in the graph
B. Sort the graph vertices by degree
C. Tarjan's DFS with discovery/low values
D. Check all vertices by removal

Answer: C

Q1081. Dimensionality reduction?

A. Reduce features, preserve information
B. Compressing files on the filesystem
C. Deleting rows from the data table
D. Reducing disk storage size used

Answer: A

Q1082. What is overfitting?

A. Having too little training data
B. A model achieving perfect accuracy
C. Learns noise, fails on new data
D. A model that is far too simple

Answer: C

Q1083. Bias-variance tradeoff?

A. Balance simplicity and complexity
B. A network optimization technique
C. A database optimization approach
D. A hiring process consideration

Answer: A

Q1084. What is MapReduce?

A. A database type for storing data
B. A visualization tool for charts
C. Parallel map and reduce for big data
D. A sorting algorithm for arrays

Answer: C

Q1085. Simpson's Paradox?

A. Trend reverses when groups combined
B. A sorting algorithm special case
C. A code error in the implementation
D. A normal expected statistical result

Answer: A

Q1086. Curse of dimensionality?

A. Having too few data dimensions
B. A graphics rendering limitation
C. More features makes data sparser
D. Simple linear scaling of the data

Answer: C

Q1087. Time series analysis?

A. Sorting data by alphabetical name
B. Counting occurrences in a dataset
C. Analyzing static unchanging data only
D. Temporal data for trends and forecasts

Answer: D

Q1088. Ensemble learning?

A. A data cleaning preprocessing step
B. Using a single model for predictions
C. A database optimization technique used
D. Combining multiple models for accuracy

Answer: D

Q1089. Data lineage?

A. Formatting data for the display
B. Deleting data after processing it
C. The age of the data in storage
D. Tracking origin and transformations

Answer: D

Q1090. Streaming vs batch?

A. Streaming: real-time; batch: scheduled
B. Streaming is always much slower
C. They are exactly the same approach
D. Batch processing is always real-time

Answer: A

Q1091. What is TRIZ?

A. Systematic innovation from patents
B. A testing framework for software
C. A programming language for apps
D. A database management system type

Answer: A

Q1092. What is first principles?

A. Copying existing best practices always
B. Following established procedures only
C. Using templates without modification
D. Reasoning up from fundamental truths

Answer: D

Q1093. Emergent vs planned design?

A. Emergent evolves; planned defines upfront
B. They are exactly the same approach
C. Planned design never actually works
D. Emergent design is always worse overall

Answer: A

Q1094. Innovator's dilemma?

A. A database design issue to address
B. A code problem in the application
C. Established orgs struggle with disruption
D. A sorting algorithm special case issue

Answer: C

Q1095. What is double diamond?

A. A testing framework for the app
B. A type of jewelry design pattern
C. A data structure for binary trees
D. Two diverge/converge phases in design

Answer: D

Q1096. What is technology transfer?

A. Upgrading hardware on all machines
B. Installing new software on systems
C. Technology from one domain to another
D. Moving servers to a new location

Answer: C

Q1097. What is morphological analysis?

A. Analyzing word forms in linguistics
B. All parameter variation combinations
C. Parsing source code for syntax errors
D. Static code analysis for quality

Answer: B

Q1098. Serendipity in innovation?

A. It fully replaces structured research
B. It always guarantees success achieved
C. It plays no role in innovation
D. Unexpected discoveries become breakthroughs

Answer: D

Q1099. What is disruptive innovation?

A. Simpler solutions for overlooked segments
B. Optimization of existing system performance
C. Breaking things without any purpose
D. Normal incremental improvement of product

Answer: A

Q1100. Platform thinking?

A. Extensible platforms creating ecosystems
B. Building stages for presentations
C. Only using existing platforms given
D. Targeting a specific operating system

Answer: A

Q1101. CAP for distributed DBs?

A. Choose consistency or availability during partitions
B. Only consistency matters in databases
C. All 3 guarantees always achievable
D. Only availability matters in databases

Answer: A

Q1102. Eventual consistency?

A. System is never consistent at all
B. Only works on very small systems
C. Becomes consistent given enough time
D. System is always immediately consistent

Answer: C

Q1103. Two generals problem?

A. Reliable communication over unreliable channel
B. A graph traversal algorithm technique
C. A military history lesson studied
D. A sorting algorithm for dual arrays

Answer: A

Q1104. Horizontal vs vertical scaling?

A. Vertical is always the better choice
B. They are exactly the same approach
C. Horizontal: more machines; vertical: more power
D. Horizontal is always the better choice

Answer: C

Q1105. Microservices?

A. Very small source code files only
B. Independent services communicating via APIs
C. Micro-controller hardware programming
D. A testing framework for small units

Answer: B

Q1106. Chaos engineering?

A. Breaking systems permanently by intent
B. General disorder in the codebase
C. Creating chaos without any purpose
D. Deliberate failures to test resilience

Answer: D

Q1107. Byzantine Generals?

A. Consensus with faulty participants
B. A graph coloring algorithm used
C. A military strategy for battles
D. A history lesson about generals

Answer: A

Q1108. GDPR compliance?

A. A programming language standard
B. Protecting EU personal data rights
C. A database type for EU servers
D. A testing methodology for quality

Answer: B

Q1109. Edge computing?

A. A CSS styling technique for borders
B. An optimization for rendering speed
C. Processing near source for low latency
D. Computing at the edge of a desk

Answer: C

Q1110. Zero-knowledge proof?

A. A testing methodology for software
B. An authentication method for users
C. Knowing nothing about the subject
D. Prove knowledge without revealing info

Answer: D

Q1111. What is literate programming?

A. Adding many comments everywhere found
B. Writing poetry about the algorithms
C. Writing literary fiction about code
D. Code embedded in documentation text

Answer: D

Q1112. What is docs-as-code?

A. Using code tools to write docs
B. Docs with version control and CI/CD
C. Writing code inside documentation
D. Replacing code with documentation

Answer: B

Q1113. What is C4 model?

A. A C programming language standard
B. A security classification framework
C. Four levels: Context, Container, Component, Code
D. A testing methodology for the app

Answer: C

Q1114. Technical writing for diverse audiences?

A. Write only for experts in the field
B. Always use maximum jargon in writing
C. Adapt style and depth for audience
D. Write the longest documents possible

Answer: C

Q1115. What are runbooks?

A. Step-by-step operational procedure guides
B. A marathon training plan document
C. Code execution logs from the system
D. Competitions between team members

Answer: A

Q1116. Diagramming in distributed systems?

A. Designing logos for the application
B. Diagrams for complex interactions shown
C. Creating art for the office walls
D. Drawing pictures for decoration only

Answer: B

Q1117. Retrospective documentation?

A. Documenting very old legacy systems
B. Record successes, failures, improvements
C. Archiving old documents for storage
D. Deleting outdated documentation files

Answer: B

Q1118. What is traceability?

A. Link requirements to design and tests
B. Numbering all the pages in documents
C. Finding lost documentation on the server
D. Tracking user access to the system

Answer: A

Q1119. What is communication debt?

A. Outstanding phone bills to be paid
B. Cost of poor communication accumulated
C. Too many meetings in the schedule
D. Email overload in the team inbox

Answer: B

Q1120. Post-incident review docs?

A. Legal documents for court proceedings
B. Documents assigning blame to someone
C. Deleting all evidence of the incident
D. Blameless timeline, root cause, actions

Answer: D

Q1121. A team repeatedly solves symptoms instead of root causes. Which problem-solving failure does this represent?

A. Premature optimization of solution components
B. Surface-level analysis without deep investigation
C. Excessive decomposition of the original problem
D. Functional fixedness limiting their perspective

Answer: B

Q1122. When solving a novel problem, which approach is most effective for generating initial solution ideas?

A. Immediately coding the first idea that emerges
B. Avoiding all brainstorming to save time needed
C. Selecting the most popular known framework now
D. Divergent thinking before convergent evaluation

Answer: D

Q1123. A developer uses only familiar tools despite better alternatives existing. What cognitive trap is this?

A. The law of the instrument or Maslow's hammer
B. The Dunning-Kruger effect on skill assessment
C. Analysis paralysis from too many viable options
D. Anchoring bias toward the first piece of data

Answer: A

Q1124. In complex system failures, why is linear cause-and-effect thinking often insufficient for analysis?

A. Because complex problems only have single causes
B. Because simple problems always have simple fixes
C. Because linear thinking always finds root causes
D. Because complex systems have interacting factors

Answer: D

Q1125. Which meta-cognitive strategy most improves problem-solving performance across different domains?

A. Avoiding all unfamiliar problem types encountered
B. Memorizing solutions to every known problem type
C. Self-monitoring and reflective evaluation of approach
D. Working faster without pausing to think or assess

Answer: C

Q1126. A problem has multiple valid solutions with different trade-offs. What is the best decision approach?

A. Randomly select any solution since all are valid
B. Always pick the solution with the lowest cost only
C. Evaluate solutions against weighted criteria matrix
D. Choose the first solution that seems acceptable

Answer: C

Q1127. How does the concept of problem space relate to search-based problem solving in AI research?

A. It eliminates the need for any search algorithms
B. It defines all possible states and transitions
C. It only refers to physical workspace dimensions
D. It is unrelated to state-based representations

Answer: B

Q1128. Why might an expert sometimes perform worse than a novice on certain restructured problems?

A. Experts always think slower than beginners do
B. Experts lack any knowledge of the problem domain
C. Novices have inherently superior problem-solving skills
D. Expert schemas can create fixation on known patterns

Answer: D

Q1129. In design thinking, why is reframing a problem often more valuable than directly solving it as stated?

A. Because the original framing usually is always correct
B. Because it eliminates the need for any user research
C. Because reframing reveals hidden assumptions and needs
D. Because it allows avoiding the problem entirely now

Answer: C

Q1130. Which approach best handles wicked problems that have no definitive formulation or stopping rule?

A. Ignoring complexity and applying the simplest solution
B. Applying a single fixed algorithm repeatedly here
C. Iterative prototyping with stakeholder feedback loops
D. Waiting until all information is completely available

Answer: C

Q1131. A system shows intermittent failures only under peak load. Which analysis approach best identifies the root cause?

A. Reviewing the code during low traffic periods only
B. Restarting the system each time a failure is noted
C. Asking users to describe the error from their memory
D. Load testing combined with systematic log analysis

Answer: D

Q1132. When requirements conflict with each other in a project, what is the most appropriate analysis strategy?

A. Implementing all conflicting requirements simultaneously
B. Ignoring the conflict and proceeding with work
C. Prioritization and trade-off analysis with stakeholders
D. Removing all conflicting requirements from the scope

Answer: C

Q1133. How does causal loop diagramming improve analysis of complex interdependent system problems?

A. It focuses only on the most obvious direct causes
B. It reveals feedback loops and systemic interactions
C. It eliminates the need for any quantitative analysis
D. It simplifies systems to single cause-effect chains

Answer: B

Q1134. A bug appears only when three specific modules interact simultaneously. What analysis type is most appropriate?

A. Code style review of each module independently
B. Performance benchmarking of individual module speed
C. Unit testing each module in complete isolation
D. Integration and interaction analysis across modules

Answer: D

Q1135. Why might quantitative data alone be insufficient for complete analysis in socio-technical systems?

A. Statistical methods solve every analytical challenge
B. Human factors require qualitative analysis as well
C. Quantitative data always provides complete insights
D. Numbers are always more important than any context

Answer: B

Q1136. When analyzing a legacy system for modernization, which approach best captures both explicit and tacit knowledge?

A. Automated scanning without any human involvement
B. Only reading the existing documentation available
C. Code archaeology combined with expert interviews
D. Rewriting everything from scratch without analysis

Answer: C

Q1137. How does Cynefin framework help classify problems for appropriate analysis strategies?

A. It treats all problems as equally complex always
B. It categorizes problems by their domain complexity
C. It eliminates the need for any problem analysis
D. It only works for simple and obvious problem types

Answer: B

Q1138. A data pipeline fails silently, producing incorrect results. What analysis method best detects this?

A. Data validation with expected output range assertions
B. Reviewing the pipeline code for syntax errors only
C. Checking only if the pipeline completes without errors
D. Monitoring only the system CPU and memory utilization

Answer: A

Q1139. When performing risk analysis for a critical system, why is fault tree analysis preferred over simple checklists?

A. Fault trees are simpler to create than any checklist
B. Fault trees model causal relationships between failures
C. Checklists capture all possible failure combinations
D. Checklists are always more thorough and comprehensive

Answer: B

Q1140. How does assumption mapping improve problem analysis in uncertain environments?

A. It eliminates the need for any empirical validation
B. It only works when all assumptions are already known
C. It proves all assumptions are completely correct
D. It identifies and ranks assumptions by risk and impact

Answer: D

Q1141. A programmer argues: The tests pass so the code is correct. What logical error is this?

A. Affirming the consequent in conditional logic
B. Correct use of biconditional logical equivalence
C. Valid modus ponens application of the argument
D. Denying the antecedent in conditional reasoning

Answer: A

Q1142. In formal verification, how does temporal logic extend propositional logic for system reasoning?

A. It removes the need for any truth values used
B. It only applies to static non-changing systems now
C. It simplifies logic by removing all connectives
D. It adds operators for reasoning about time states

Answer: D

Q1143. Why is the halting problem significant for the limits of logical reasoning in CS?

A. It proves all programs can be verified completely
B. It proves formal logic can solve every CS problem
C. It demonstrates that all programs eventually halt
D. It shows some properties are logically undecidable

Answer: D

Q1144. When building a logical argument for system requirements, why might closed-world assumption lead to errors?

A. It ensures all possible scenarios are fully covered
B. Unknown facts default to false which may be wrong
C. It correctly handles all unknown facts in systems
D. It makes reasoning more complete and more accurate

Answer: B

Q1145. How does non-monotonic reasoning differ from classical logic in practical problem solving?

A. Both systems handle new evidence in the same way
B. Classical logic allows retracting past conclusions
C. Non-monotonic reasoning retracts with new evidence
D. Non-monotonic reasoning never revises conclusions

Answer: C

Q1146. A spec states the system shall not fail more than once per year. What logical challenge arises in verification?

A. It is trivially easy to verify this requirement
B. Negative requirements need no special handling at all
C. The requirement is too simple to need verification
D. Proving a negative over time requires exhaustive testing

Answer: D

Q1147. In fuzzy logic, how is truth handled differently than in classical Boolean logic systems?

A. Truth values range continuously between zero and one
B. Truth values are restricted to only zero and one
C. Fuzzy logic uses only three discrete truth values
D. Fuzzy logic eliminates the concept of truth entirely

Answer: A

Q1148. Why is the principle of explosion problematic in inconsistent knowledge bases?

A. It only affects mathematical proofs not software
B. It makes consistent knowledge bases unreliable now
C. From a contradiction any statement can be derived
D. It prevents deriving any conclusions whatsoever

Answer: C

Q1149. How does abductive reasoning complement deductive and inductive reasoning in diagnostics?

A. It provides mathematically certain proofs of causes
B. It generates the best explanation for observations
C. It replaces both deductive and inductive methods
D. It ignores observed evidence during the reasoning

Answer: B

Q1150. When designing a rule-based system, why is the Rete algorithm important for efficient inference?

A. It only works with exactly two rules at one time
B. It optimizes pattern matching across many rules
C. It eliminates the need for any rules in the system
D. It replaces logical inference with random selection

Answer: B

Q1151. A recursive algorithm has overlapping subproblems. Which technique best optimizes its flow?

A. Removing the base case to simplify the algorithm
B. Adding more recursive calls to increase coverage
C. Converting all recursion to deeply nested if-else
D. Dynamic programming with memoization of results

Answer: D

Q1152. When converting recursive to iterative, which data structure commonly replaces the call stack?

A. An explicit stack data structure for depth tracking
B. A queue data structure for breadth-first processing
C. A linked list for sequential data traversal only
D. A hash table for random access to stored elements

Answer: A

Q1153. In concurrent programming, what flow control challenge does a race condition represent?

A. Unpredictable behavior from unsynchronized shared access
B. A guaranteed correct ordering of all operations
C. A performance optimization technique for parallel code
D. A standard debugging technique for multi-threaded code

Answer: A

Q1154. Why might tail-call optimization be important for recursive algorithms in functional programming?

A. It increases the number of stack frames allocated
B. It is only relevant to non-recursive function calls
C. It prevents stack overflow by reusing stack frames
D. It makes recursion slower but more memory intensive

Answer: C

Q1155. A state machine has unreachable states in its design. What does this indicate about algorithm flow?

A. The design is optimal and completely correct here
B. All states must be unreachable for a correct design
C. Dead code or design flaws exist in the state model
D. Unreachable states improve system fault tolerance

Answer: C

Q1156. How does coroutine-based flow control differ from traditional subroutine calls?

A. Subroutines can pause execution at arbitrary points
B. Coroutines cannot pause and resume their execution
C. Coroutines and subroutines behave identically always
D. Coroutines can suspend and resume at specific points

Answer: D

Q1157. What does cyclomatic complexity measure about code in a control flow graph?

A. The number of independent paths through the program
B. The execution speed of the algorithm in milliseconds
C. The amount of memory the program needs to execute
D. The total number of lines in the source code file

Answer: A

Q1158. In reactive programming, how does event-driven flow handle backpressure in data streams?

A. By processing all events regardless of capacity now
B. By shutting down the entire system under any load
C. By dropping all incoming events without any notice
D. By signaling the producer to slow down its rate

Answer: D

Q1159. Why are continuation-passing style transformations relevant to complex flow control?

A. They make the flow of control explicit as a parameter
B. They simplify all algorithms to a single instruction
C. They eliminate the need for any function calls at all
D. They only apply to algorithms with no branching logic

Answer: A

Q1160. In microservices, what flow pattern handles distributed transactions across services?

A. Ignoring transaction failures across all the services
B. Locking all services until one transaction completes
C. The saga pattern with compensating transactions here
D. Running all operations in a single local transaction

Answer: C

Q1161. For handling both structured and unstructured data, which representation provides the most flexibility?

A. Schema-on-read approach using document-based storage
B. Single flat file with comma separated value fields
C. Rigid relational schema with strict type enforcement
D. Fixed-width record format with no flexibility given

Answer: A

Q1162. Why might a trie be preferred over a hash table for storing a dictionary of words?

A. Hash tables cannot store string data at all reliably
B. Tries support efficient prefix-based search queries
C. Tries have faster exact match lookup than hash tables
D. Tries use less memory than hash tables for words

Answer: B

Q1163. In distributed systems, what challenge does the CAP theorem pose for data representation across nodes?

A. The CAP theorem only applies to single-node systems
B. Distributed systems never face any consistency issues
C. All three properties can always be fully guaranteed
D. Only two of consistency, availability, partition tolerance

Answer: D

Q1164. How does a bloom filter represent set membership differently from a traditional hash set?

A. Bloom filters use more memory than standard hash sets
B. Bloom filters guarantee no false positives ever occur
C. Bloom filters store every element in full original form
D. Bloom filters allow false positives never false negatives

Answer: D

Q1165. When representing time-series data, why might columnar storage outperform row-based storage?

A. Columnar enables better compression and faster scans
B. Columnar is worse for analytical aggregation queries
C. Columnar storage cannot handle time-series data at all
D. Row-based always compresses better than column based

Answer: A

Q1166. What is the significance of endianness in cross-platform data representation?

A. Byte order differences can cause incorrect data reading
B. Endianness has no effect on data interpretation ever
C. All systems universally use the same byte ordering now
D. Endianness only affects text data never numerical data

Answer: A

Q1167. Why might persistent data structures be preferred over mutable ones in concurrent programming?

A. Persistent structures use less memory than mutable ones
B. Mutable structures never cause concurrency problems here
C. Persistent structures avoid race conditions by immutability
D. Persistent structures are always faster to modify now

Answer: C

Q1168. How does a B-tree optimize data representation for disk-based storage systems?

A. B-trees minimize disk reads with high branching factors
B. B-trees cannot be used in any database system at all
C. B-trees are binary trees optimized for memory only use
D. B-trees store all data in memory avoiding disk reads

Answer: A

Q1169. When choosing between adjacency matrix and adjacency list for a sparse graph, what drives the decision?

A. Adjacency matrices are always better for sparse graphs
B. The choice has no impact on space or time performance
C. Adjacency lists require more space than matrices always
D. Adjacency lists use less space for graphs with few edges

Answer: D

Q1170. What challenge does IEEE 754 floating-point create for financial calculations?

A. It represents all decimal values with perfect precision
B. Rounding errors accumulate making exact comparison unsafe
C. It is designed specifically for financial math operations
D. Floating-point numbers never have any precision issues

Answer: B

Q1171. When applying CQRS, what does separating read and write models provide?

A. It prevents any data from being written to the store
B. It ensures read and write use the same model always
C. It optimizes each model for its specific access pattern
D. It eliminates the need for any database queries at all

Answer: C

Q1172. How does the circuit breaker pattern help in distributed systems?

A. It stops calls to failing services preventing cascading
B. It keeps retrying failed calls indefinitely always
C. It ignores all failures and continues normal operation
D. It speeds up calls to services that are already down

Answer: A

Q1173. In ML, why might overfitting be a failure of pattern generalization?

A. The model learns general patterns that transfer well
B. Overfitting and generalization are the same concept
C. The model memorizes training data without generalizing
D. Overfitting always improves performance on new data

Answer: C

Q1174. How does event sourcing differ from CRUD in representing state changes?

A. It stores only the current state deleting all history
B. It uses the same approach as traditional CRUD always
C. It prevents any modification to the application state
D. It stores all state changes as a sequence of events

Answer: D

Q1175. Why is the anti-corruption layer important when integrating with legacy systems?

A. It translates between new and legacy domain models
B. It forces legacy systems to adopt all new interfaces
C. It eliminates the need for any integration testing
D. It directly couples new code to the legacy interface

Answer: A

Q1176. How does hierarchical pattern recognition improve efficiency over flat matching?

A. Hierarchical approaches ignore high-level pattern data
B. It processes all patterns at the same level of detail
C. Flat matching is always more efficient than hierarchical
D. It recognizes patterns at multiple levels of abstraction

Answer: D

Q1177. When should the strangler fig pattern be used instead of a big-bang rewrite?

A. When the system is small enough for instant rewrite
B. When gradual incremental migration reduces overall risk
C. When no part of the old system needs to keep running
D. When all features must be replaced simultaneously now

Answer: B

Q1178. What challenge does concept drift pose for deployed recognition systems?

A. Patterns remain perfectly stable over all time periods
B. Concept drift improves model accuracy automatically
C. Deployed models never need any retraining or updates
D. Data distributions change making learned patterns stale

Answer: D

Q1179. How does the bulkhead pattern prevent total system failure?

A. It shares all resources across every system component
B. It eliminates redundancy to reduce system complexity
C. It isolates components so failure in one stays contained
D. It connects all components tightly for maximum speed

Answer: C

Q1180. Why is transfer learning effective when labeled data is scarce?

A. It requires more labeled data than training from scratch
B. It trains from scratch ignoring all prior knowledge
C. It reuses patterns learned from related tasks or domains
D. It only works when unlimited labeled data is available

Answer: C

Q1181. A problem requires counting paths in a grid. Which mathematical concept most efficiently solves this?

A. Combinatorics using binomial coefficients for paths
B. Simple addition of row and column dimensions here
C. Subtraction of blocked cells from the total cell count
D. Multiplication of the grid area by a constant factor

Answer: A

Q1182. Why is the master theorem important for analyzing divide-and-conquer complexity?

A. It only applies to iterative non-recursive algorithms
B. It provides closed-form solutions for recurrence relations
C. It gives exact constant factors for algorithm run time
D. It eliminates the need for any complexity analysis done

Answer: B

Q1183. How does probability theory help in analyzing randomized algorithms?

A. Randomized algorithms are always worse than deterministic
B. Probability is irrelevant to algorithm analysis work
C. Expected value analysis predicts average case behavior
D. Randomized algorithms always have fixed performance

Answer: C

Q1184. When solving optimization, why might linear programming be preferred over brute force?

A. Brute force is always faster for optimization problems
B. Linear programming efficiently handles continuous constraints
C. Brute force uses less memory than linear programming does
D. Linear programming cannot handle any constraints at all

Answer: B

Q1185. How does graph theory help model and solve network flow problems?

A. Graph theory is unrelated to any network flow problems
B. Graph theory only applies to social network analysis
C. Network flows cannot be modeled using any graph theory
D. Max-flow min-cut theorem optimizes network throughput

Answer: D

Q1186. Why is NP-completeness important for practical problem-solving decisions?

A. NP-complete problems are always easy to solve quickly
B. NP-completeness is only theoretical with no practical use
C. It identifies problems unlikely to have efficient solutions
D. All NP-complete problems have known polynomial solutions

Answer: C

Q1187. How does Bayes' theorem enable updating beliefs with new evidence?

A. It updates posterior probability using prior and likelihood
B. It ignores prior probabilities during all calculations
C. It only works when all probabilities are exactly known
D. It eliminates uncertainty from all decision-making tasks

Answer: A

Q1188. In cryptography, why is the discrete logarithm problem computationally significant?

A. Computing discrete logarithms takes constant time only
B. Its difficulty forms the basis for public key security
C. Discrete logarithms are trivially easy to compute
D. Discrete logarithms have no use in modern cryptography

Answer: B

Q1189. How does amortized analysis provide more accurate picture than worst-case analysis?

A. It only applies to algorithms with constant time cost
B. It always shows worse performance than worst-case does
C. It ignores expensive operations in the total cost here
D. It averages cost over a sequence of operations performed

Answer: D

Q1190. Why are Markov chains useful for modeling stochastic processes?

A. They can only model deterministic non-random processes
B. They require knowledge of entire history for prediction
C. They model memoryless state transitions with probability
D. They are unable to predict any future system states

Answer: C

Q1191. For real-time systems, why is worst-case complexity more critical than average-case?

A. Average case guarantees meeting real-time deadlines
B. Worst case determines if deadlines are always met here
C. Real-time systems have no time constraints whatsoever
D. Average and worst case are always the same value given

Answer: B

Q1192. How does A* search combine heuristic and actual cost for optimal paths?

A. It always explores every node in the entire graph now
B. It ignores heuristics and only uses actual path cost
C. It uses f(n) = g(n) + h(n) to guide the search path
D. It randomly explores nodes without any cost function

Answer: C

Q1193. Why might approximation be preferred over exact for NP-hard problems?

A. Approximation gives near-optimal results in polynomial time
B. Approximation algorithms always find the exact best answer
C. NP-hard problems are always easy to solve exactly in time
D. Exact algorithms always run faster for NP-hard problems

Answer: A

Q1194. How does amortized O(1) apply to dynamic array resizing?

A. Every individual insertion takes O(n) time to complete
B. Resizing always takes constant time for every operation
C. Expensive resizing is rare enough to average O(1) cost
D. Dynamic arrays never need to resize their storage space

Answer: C

Q1195. What advantage does randomized quicksort have over deterministic quicksort?

A. Randomization makes the algorithm produce wrong results
B. Deterministic quicksort handles all inputs optimally here
C. It avoids worst-case O(n^2) for adversarial input data
D. Randomized quicksort is always slower in every case

Answer: C

Q1196. When should BFS be chosen over DFS for graph traversal?

A. When finding any path regardless of its total length
B. When memory usage must be minimized above all else
C. When the shortest path in unweighted graph is required
D. When the deepest node must be found first before rest

Answer: C

Q1197. How do algorithmic paradigms help select problem-solving strategies?

A. They categorize problems to match with proven techniques
B. They eliminate the need for understanding the problem
C. Paradigms are only relevant for theoretical not practical
D. Paradigms restrict thinking to only one possible approach

Answer: A

Q1198. Why is cache-oblivious algorithm design important for modern architectures?

A. Modern computers have no memory hierarchy at all now
B. It optimizes memory access patterns without cache knowledge
C. Cache-oblivious algorithms are always slower in practice
D. Memory hierarchy has no effect on algorithm performance

Answer: B

Q1199. How does minimax with alpha-beta pruning optimize game tree search?

A. It prunes branches that cannot affect the final decision
B. It only works for games with a single possible outcome
C. It randomly selects moves without evaluating game state
D. It explores every node in the entire game tree fully

Answer: A

Q1200. What is the significance of reduction in proving problem complexity?

A. It proves all problems have polynomial-time solutions
B. It shows one problem is at least as hard as another one
C. Reduction makes all problems easier to solve quickly
D. Reduction eliminates the need for complexity analysis

Answer: B

Q1201. A team unanimously agrees on a risky strategy without discussing alternatives. Which failure is this?

A. Groupthink suppressing dissent and alternative views
B. Effective consensus building through open discussion
C. Healthy team alignment on a well-analyzed strategy
D. Structured decision making with diverse perspectives

Answer: A

Q1202. How does survivorship bias distort analysis of success factors in startups?

A. It equally considers both successful and failed startups
B. It overweights successful cases ignoring failed examples
C. It focuses specifically on understanding failure patterns
D. It provides accurate insights by studying all startups

Answer: B

Q1203. Which critical thinking approach best reveals hidden assumptions in a technical proposal?

A. Focusing only on cost without considering other factors
B. Accepting the proposal based on presenter credentials
C. Systematically questioning each premise and dependency
D. Approving proposals that use the latest technology stack

Answer: C

Q1204. How does the availability heuristic lead to errors in risk assessment?

A. It ensures accurate risk assessment in every situation
B. It provides a mathematically rigorous probability model
C. It eliminates all cognitive biases from risk assessment
D. Recent or vivid events are overweighted in probability

Answer: D

Q1205. Why might a technically superior solution fail in practice despite logical analysis?

A. Logical analysis always guarantees practical success here
B. Technical superiority is the only factor that ever matters
C. Organizational, cultural, or political factors override logic
D. Rigorous analysis eliminates all implementation challenges

Answer: C

Q1206. How does the framing effect influence evaluation of equivalent options?

A. People are immune to how information is framed and shown
B. Presentation format changes perception of same information
C. Statistically equivalent options always are seen the same
D. Framing has no effect on rational decision making here

Answer: B

Q1207. In post-mortem analysis, why is just culture more effective than blame?

A. Blame assignment encourages honest reporting of errors
B. Just culture encourages reporting without fear of punishment
C. Blame assignment always identifies the true root cause now
D. Just culture prevents anyone from being held accountable

Answer: B

Q1208. How does confirmation bias affect the software testing process?

A. It has no effect on how testers design their test cases
B. It ensures all bugs are found during the testing phase
C. Confirmation bias improves testing coverage automatically
D. Testers may unconsciously write tests that confirm code works

Answer: D

Q1209. When stakeholders present competing priorities, which framework structures trade-off analysis best?

A. Multi-criteria decision analysis with weighted scoring
B. Ignoring all priorities and using developer intuition
C. Choosing the priority of the most senior stakeholder
D. Randomly selecting between the competing priorities here

Answer: A

Q1210. How does bounded rationality explain why optimal decisions are often impossible?

A. Humans always make perfectly optimal rational decisions
B. Cognitive limits and incomplete information constrain choices
C. With enough time humans can always find optimal solutions
D. Bounded rationality only applies to irrational individuals

Answer: B

Q1211. A distributed system produces inconsistent results but all services pass unit tests. What approach helps?

A. Restarting all services simultaneously to clear the state
B. Ignoring the inconsistency since all unit tests pass now
C. Running more unit tests on each individual service here
D. Distributed tracing to track requests across all services

Answer: D

Q1212. How does time-travel debugging improve analysis of intermittent bugs?

A. It only works for bugs that occur at specific clock times
B. It records execution history to replay and inspect states
C. It speeds up program execution to find bugs more quickly
D. It prevents bugs from ever occurring in the future here

Answer: B

Q1213. A heisenbug disappears under debugging conditions. What technique helps?

A. Non-intrusive logging and statistical analysis of behavior
B. Adding more breakpoints to catch the bug during debug
C. Removing all error handling code to expose the real bug
D. Attaching a debugger which will reliably reproduce the bug

Answer: A

Q1214. How does fuzzing complement traditional testing in discovering vulnerabilities?

A. Fuzzing only tests the normal expected execution paths here
B. It verifies that existing test cases are correctly written
C. It provides random unexpected inputs to expose edge cases
D. Fuzzing replaces the need for any traditional test cases

Answer: C

Q1215. Why might a bug be reproducible in dev but not staging?

A. Development environments are always more strict than staging
B. Bugs always behave identically across all environments here
C. Environments are always identical in every possible way
D. Configuration data or infrastructure differences mask bug

Answer: D

Q1216. How does static analysis complement dynamic testing?

A. Static analysis replaces the need for runtime testing here
B. Static finds code issues without running, dynamic tests behavior
C. Dynamic testing makes static analysis completely unnecessary
D. Both approaches find exactly the same types of bugs always

Answer: B

Q1217. Why is a data race in multi-threaded code hard to reproduce?

A. Thread scheduling non-determinism changes execution order
B. Data races are easily caught by standard unit testing here
C. Data races always produce the same behavior every time
D. Multi-threaded programs always execute in a fixed order

Answer: A

Q1218. How does chaos engineering improve reliability compared to reactive debugging?

A. It deliberately injects failures to find weaknesses early
B. It eliminates the need for any monitoring or logging here
C. It waits for failures to occur then investigates cause
D. It only applies to systems that have never had any bugs

Answer: A

Q1219. What is the significance of minimal reproducible examples for debugging?

A. It should include the entire codebase for completeness now
B. It is unnecessary when the full application code is given
C. It includes as much code as possible for full context
D. It isolates the essential conditions that trigger the bug

Answer: D

Q1220. How does observability differ from traditional monitoring for debugging?

A. Observability and monitoring are exactly the same concept
B. Observability enables exploring unknown unknowns from output
C. Traditional monitoring covers all possible failure modes here
D. Observability eliminates the need for any log collection now

Answer: B

Q1221. An algorithm has O(n log n) average but O(n^2) worst case. What practical implications does this have?

A. The algorithm should be rejected due to the worst case
B. Average and worst case are always the same in practice
C. The worst case never occurs in practice so ignore it
D. Input distribution and adversarial scenarios must be considered

Answer: D

Q1222. How does the complexity class P differ from NP?

A. P is solvable in polynomial time while NP is verifiable
B. P problems are unsolvable while NP problems are solvable
C. P and NP are exactly the same complexity class by definition
D. All NP problems have been proven to be in P class now

Answer: A

Q1223. Why is the constant factor important despite Big-O ignoring it?

A. For similar Big-O algorithms constants affect real performance
B. The constant factor has no practical significance at all
C. Big-O already accounts for all constant factors completely
D. Constants only matter for theoretical analysis not practice

Answer: A

Q1224. How does the external memory model affect complexity analysis?

A. Disk access patterns are irrelevant to algorithm performance
B. I/O complexity measures disk accesses which dominate runtime
C. Algorithms perform identically regardless of memory hierarchy
D. External memory has no effect on algorithm running time now

Answer: B

Q1225. What implications does the preprocessing vs query time trade-off have?

A. Heavy preprocessing can enable fast queries when many queries
B. Preprocessing never provides any benefit for query speed
C. The number of queries is irrelevant to this trade-off here
D. Preprocessing always makes every query slower not faster

Answer: A

Q1226. How does parallel algorithm complexity differ from sequential?

A. Parallel algorithms always achieve linear speedup exactly
B. Parallel algorithms never provide any speedup over sequential
C. Sequential algorithms are always faster than parallel versions
D. Work and span define parallel complexity and potential speedup

Answer: D

Q1227. Why might worse theoretical complexity outperform better in practice?

A. Input size never affects which algorithm performs better here
B. Worse theoretical complexity always means worse real running
C. Cache behavior and constants can dominate for real inputs
D. Theoretical complexity perfectly predicts real performance

Answer: C

Q1228. How do output-sensitive algorithms challenge traditional analysis?

A. Output-sensitive algorithms are always slower than others
B. Output size is always the same as input size in all cases
C. Traditional complexity already accounts for all output sizes
D. Complexity depends on output size which may be much smaller

Answer: D

Q1229. What is the significance of time-space trade-off in constrained environments?

A. Reducing memory may require more computation and vice versa
B. Time and space requirements always decrease together here
C. Memory constraints never affect algorithm design decisions
D. More memory always means faster execution in every case

Answer: A

Q1230. How does parameterized complexity provide more nuanced analysis?

A. It considers only input size for complexity analysis here
B. It always gives the same result as worst-case analysis here
C. It measures complexity in terms of problem-specific parameters
D. It ignores all parameters except the total input size given

Answer: C

Q1231. For fast insertion and fast lookup, which data structure combination best addresses this?

A. A singly linked list for all insertion and lookup tasks
B. A balanced BST or hash table with appropriate trade-offs
C. Using only an unsorted array for both operations here
D. A stack that provides both fast insertion and fast lookup

Answer: B

Q1232. How does memoization transform the computational complexity of Fibonacci?

A. It reduces complexity from O(2^n) to O(n) linear time
B. It increases memory usage without any speed improvement
C. It changes complexity from O(n) to O(2^n) exponential
D. Memoization has no effect on Fibonacci computation time

Answer: A

Q1233. When should composition be chosen over inheritance for code reuse?

A. Composition is preferred for flexible has-a relationships
B. Inheritance and composition are the same thing entirely
C. Composition prevents any code reuse between components
D. Inheritance is always the better choice for code reuse

Answer: A

Q1234. How does lazy evaluation improve performance with potentially unused computations?

A. It prevents any computation from ever being performed
B. It defers computation until results are actually required
C. Lazy evaluation always uses more memory than eager does
D. It computes everything eagerly whether needed or not

Answer: B

Q1235. In concurrent solving, why might immutable structures be preferred?

A. Mutable structures never cause any concurrency problems
B. They eliminate synchronization issues between threads
C. Immutable structures cannot be used in concurrent code
D. Immutable structures are always slower to access here

Answer: B

Q1236. How does the sliding window technique optimize contiguous subarray problems?

A. It maintains a window that moves incrementally through
B. It requires sorting the array before any processing
C. It examines every possible subarray from scratch each
D. It only works on arrays with fewer than ten elements

Answer: A

Q1237. For complex state transitions, which programming paradigm best manages this?

A. Unstructured code with global variables and goto jumps
B. State machine pattern with explicit state and transitions
C. Random conditional logic scattered throughout the codebase
D. Ignoring state management and hoping for correct results

Answer: B

Q1238. How does the two-pointer technique improve efficiency for sorted arrays?

A. It only works on unsorted arrays not on sorted ones
B. It solves problems in O(n) that naively require O(n^2)
C. It always requires additional O(n) extra memory to use
D. It requires three passes through the array for queries

Answer: B

Q1239. Why is understanding constraints crucial before selecting an approach?

A. Constraints should only be considered after implementing
B. Constraints are irrelevant to the approach selection
C. All approaches work regardless of any constraints given
D. Constraints determine which approaches are feasible here

Answer: D

Q1240. How does Union-Find efficiently solve graph connectivity problems?

A. It stores the entire adjacency matrix for the graph
B. It tracks connected components with near-constant operations
C. It requires O(n^2) time for every connectivity query made
D. It can only determine connectivity for two specific nodes

Answer: B

Q1241. When building a predictive model, why is train-test split essential?

A. Training and testing on same data gives true accuracy
B. Separate test data reveals how well the model generalizes
C. Testing on training data always shows worst performance
D. The split is unnecessary when the dataset is large enough

Answer: B

Q1242. How does Simpson's paradox challenge interpretation of aggregated data?

A. Trends in subgroups can reverse when data is aggregated
B. Aggregation always improves the accuracy of data trends
C. Aggregated data always shows the same trend as subgroups
D. Simpson's paradox only affects very small datasets here

Answer: A

Q1243. What challenges does multicollinearity pose for regression?

A. Multicollinearity has no effect on regression analysis
B. It improves reliability of all regression coefficients
C. Correlated predictors make individual effects unreliable
D. It always reduces the prediction error of the model now

Answer: C

Q1244. How does the curse of dimensionality affect high-dimensional data?

A. Data becomes sparse making distance metrics less meaningful
B. More dimensions always improve model accuracy and speed
C. High-dimensional data is always easier to analyze than low
D. The curse only affects two-dimensional data and nothing else

Answer: A

Q1245. Why are randomized controlled trials the gold standard for causal claims?

A. Observational studies always provide stronger causal claims
B. They are cheaper and faster than observational studies
C. They require no statistical analysis of the results given
D. Random assignment controls for confounding variables here

Answer: D

Q1246. How does feature engineering improve ML model performance?

A. It only involves deleting features from the original data
B. Feature engineering is unnecessary for all modern models
C. It always reduces model accuracy by adding complexity
D. It creates informative features that capture domain knowledge

Answer: D

Q1247. What ethical challenge does algorithmic bias present?

A. Algorithmic bias only affects entertainment recommendations
B. Algorithmic bias ensures perfectly fair decisions always
C. Biased training data can perpetuate systemic discrimination
D. Data-driven systems are always free from any human bias

Answer: C

Q1248. How does cross-validation provide more robust performance estimates?

A. Cross-validation uses the same split every single time
B. A single split always provides a more reliable estimate now
C. It averages performance across multiple different data splits
D. Cross-validation always uses more data for testing than training

Answer: C

Q1249. With imbalanced datasets, why might accuracy be misleading?

A. Accuracy always reflects true model performance correctly
B. A model predicting majority class gets high accuracy trivially
C. Imbalanced datasets make accuracy harder to calculate here
D. Accuracy is the only valid metric for classification tasks

Answer: B

Q1250. How does data lineage ensure trustworthiness of conclusions?

A. Data lineage only matters for regulatory compliance now
B. It eliminates the need for any data validation checks
C. Data lineage is unrelated to data quality or trust here
D. It tracks data origins transformations and dependencies

Answer: D

Q1251. How does biomimicry translate natural solutions to engineering challenges?

A. Natural solutions never apply to technology or engineering
B. It ignores nature and relies only on human engineering
C. Biomimicry only applies to biological science research
D. It studies natural systems to inspire engineered solutions

Answer: D

Q1252. When a team has creative block, which technique most likely generates breakthroughs?

A. Restricting discussion to only the most obvious solutions
B. Random stimulus technique introducing unrelated concepts
C. Ending the creative process and accepting current results
D. Repeating the same brainstorming approach more intensely

Answer: B

Q1253. How does TRIZ systematically approach creative problem solving unlike brainstorming?

A. TRIZ relies on random idea generation without structure
B. TRIZ uses patterns of invention from patent analysis here
C. TRIZ only works for problems in mechanical engineering
D. TRIZ eliminates the need for understanding the problem

Answer: B

Q1254. Why might psychological safety be more important than talent for team creativity?

A. Safety enables risk-taking and sharing unconventional ideas
B. Psychological safety has no effect on team creative output
C. Teams perform best when members fear negative consequences
D. Individual talent is always sufficient for team creativity

Answer: A

Q1255. How does creative destruction relate to innovative problem solving?

A. It preserves all existing solutions without any changes
B. Existing solutions should never be replaced or improved
C. New innovations replace outdated approaches and systems
D. Destruction of ideas always hinders creative progress now

Answer: C

Q1256. How does minimum viable product reduce innovation risk?

A. MVP eliminates the need for any market validation work
B. It tests core assumptions quickly with minimal investment
C. It requires building the complete product before testing
D. It always results in a product needing no improvements

Answer: B

Q1257. How does combinatorial creativity generate novel solutions?

A. It requires discarding all prior knowledge before starting
B. Combinatorial creativity only replicates existing solutions
C. It creates ideas from nothing without any prior knowledge
D. It connects existing concepts in unexpected combinations

Answer: D

Q1258. Why is the tension between exploitation and exploration important for innovation?

A. Only exploration of new ideas matters for innovation now
B. Exploitation and exploration are the same activity exactly
C. Balancing refinement of known and exploration of new ideas
D. Only exploitation of known solutions matters for success

Answer: C

Q1259. How does the adjacent possible explain emergence of innovations?

A. Innovation builds incrementally on what currently exists
B. The adjacent possible concept only applies to biology here
C. All innovations appear randomly without any preconditions
D. Innovation can jump to any possibility regardless of now

Answer: A

Q1260. What advantage does considering extreme scenarios provide in planning?

A. They reveal vulnerabilities and opportunities others miss
B. Extreme scenarios always lead to impractical solutions now
C. Only the most likely scenario needs to be considered here
D. Extreme scenarios are unrealistic and should be ignored

Answer: A

Q1261. When balancing reliability, performance, and cost, which approach best manages these concerns?

A. Ignoring cost and focusing only on maximum performance
B. Maximizing all three simultaneously without trade-off
C. Service level objectives with explicit trade-off decisions
D. Choosing the cheapest option regardless of reliability

Answer: C

Q1262. How does Conway's Law affect software architecture decisions?

A. Organization structure has no effect on software design
B. Conway's Law only applies to hardware not software design
C. Small teams always produce more complex software systems
D. System design tends to mirror organizational communication

Answer: D

Q1263. When migrating a legacy system, what approach minimizes business disruption?

A. Shutting down old system before building new one from scratch
B. Incremental strangler pattern migrating component by component
C. Complete rewrite deployed all at once replacing old system
D. Running both systems indefinitely without any migration plan

Answer: B

Q1264. How should a team handle deadline pressure versus code quality?

A. Negotiate scope reduction while maintaining quality standards
B. Ignore the deadline and deliver whenever team is ready now
C. Always sacrifice quality to meet every deadline set here
D. Deliver buggy code and fix it in a future release cycle

Answer: A

Q1265. In a production incident, what balances speed and thoroughness?

A. Immediate mitigation followed by systematic root cause analysis
B. Thorough root cause analysis before attempting any fix here
C. Trying random fixes until something appears to work now
D. Ignoring the incident until customers report it to support

Answer: A

Q1266. How does the build versus buy decision framework apply?

A. Always buy commercial solutions and never build anything
B. Evaluate total cost of ownership, fit, and strategic value
C. Always build custom solutions for every requirement needed
D. The decision has no long-term impact on the project here

Answer: B

Q1267. What challenge does data sovereignty present for global systems?

A. Data sovereignty is only a concern for government systems
B. All countries have identical data storage regulations here
C. Data can be stored anywhere without any legal implications
D. Local laws require data to remain within specific jurisdictions

Answer: D

Q1268. How does antifragility apply to designing resilient systems?

A. Antifragile systems break under any stress or volatility
B. Antifragile systems improve and strengthen under stress
C. All systems should be designed to avoid all stressors now
D. Antifragility means the system never changes or adapts

Answer: B

Q1269. When requirements evolve faster than development, which approach maintains alignment?

A. Continuous discovery with short feedback loops and adaptation
B. Freezing requirements at the start and never changing them
C. Waiting for all requirements to stabilize before any coding
D. Building features based on predicted future requirements only

Answer: A

Q1270. How does observability-driven development change problem solving?

A. It eliminates the need for any pre-production testing here
B. It replaces all monitoring with manual health checks only
C. Observability is only useful for debugging not development
D. It instruments systems to understand behavior in production

Answer: D

Q1271. How does documentation-as-code improve maintainability and accuracy?

A. It keeps documentation separate from code in different repo
B. It makes documentation harder to update than traditional
C. It versions documentation alongside code using same workflow
D. Documentation-as-code eliminates the need for any reviews

Answer: C

Q1272. When communicating architecture to mixed audiences, what approach is most effective?

A. Layered communication with different detail levels per group
B. Only communicating with the technical team and no one else
C. Avoiding all diagrams and using only dense text paragraphs
D. Using the same highly technical presentation for everyone

Answer: A

Q1273. How does the C4 model improve communication of software architecture?

A. It describes architecture at only one level of detail here
B. It replaces all other forms of technical documentation used
C. The C4 model only works for microservices architecture now
D. It provides context, container, component, and code views

Answer: D

Q1274. Why might a team adopt RFC documents for major technical decisions?

A. RFCs prevent any discussion or debate about decisions
B. RFCs are only used in internet standards not in companies
C. They eliminate the need for any meetings about the decision
D. RFCs enable structured async review and knowledge sharing

Answer: D

Q1275. How does living documentation address the problem of stale docs?

A. Living docs are written once and never updated afterwards
B. It eliminates the need for any human-written documentation
C. Living docs are generated or verified from source of truth
D. Living documentation is identical to traditional static docs

Answer: C

Q1276. When writing a post-mortem for a major outage, what balance must be struck?

A. Only management should have access to post-mortem docs
B. Post-mortems should avoid discussing what went wrong
C. Focus entirely on blaming individuals who caused issue
D. Blameless analysis focuses on systemic causes prevention

Answer: D

Q1277. How do structured communication frameworks like STAR help present work?

A. Structured frameworks prevent any creative communication
B. They make communication longer without adding clarity
C. They organize information into situation task action result
D. STAR only works for job interviews not project contexts

Answer: C

Q1278. What role do knowledge management systems play for problem-solving expertise?

A. They capture and make searchable collective solving knowledge
B. They replace the need for any experienced team members
C. Knowledge management has no effect on team productivity
D. They only store administrative documents not technical ones

Answer: A

Q1279. How does diagramming-as-code improve consistency and version control?

A. It eliminates ability to include diagrams in any documents
B. It generates diagrams from text making them versionable
C. Diagramming-as-code produces lower quality diagrams always
D. It requires manual drawing tools for all diagram creation

Answer: B

Q1280. When establishing documentation standards for cross-functional teams, how to reconcile competing needs?

A. Eliminate all documentation standards let everyone decide
B. Enforce one rigid format regardless of audience or purpose
C. Create templates by documentation type with flexible sections
D. Only the team lead should write all documentation for team

Answer: C

Q1281. How does the concept of computational irreducibility challenge traditional problem-solving approaches?

A. It means all problems have shortcuts
B. Some problems require running the full computation with no shortcut possible
C. It only applies to simple problems
D. It eliminates the need for algorithms

Answer: B

Q1282. When applying the Cynefin framework, how should a problem in the 'complex' domain be approached differently from one in the 'complicated' domain?

A. Complex problems need expert analysis; complicated ones need experimentation
B. Complex problems require probe-sense-respond; complicated ones require sense-analyze-respond
C. Both domains use the same approach
D. Complex problems are simpler than complicated ones

Answer: B

Q1283. Why is problem decomposition sometimes counterproductive for highly coupled systems?

A. Decomposition always works perfectly
B. Splitting tightly coupled components can obscure critical interactions between them
C. Coupled systems are always simple
D. Decomposition is only for hardware

Answer: B

Q1284. How does the concept of 'satisficing' differ from 'optimizing' in real-world problem solving?

A. They are identical
B. Satisficing seeks a good-enough solution that meets criteria; optimizing seeks the absolute best
C. Satisficing always produces worse results
D. Optimizing is always faster

Answer: B

Q1285. What role does epistemic humility play in effective problem solving?

A. It has no role
B. Recognizing the limits of one's knowledge prevents overconfidence and encourages seeking additional information
C. It means never attempting difficult problems
D. It only applies to beginners

Answer: B

Q1286. In systems thinking, why is understanding feedback loops essential for solving complex problems?

A. Feedback loops only exist in electronics
B. Feedback loops can amplify or dampen effects, creating non-linear behaviors that simple cause-effect analysis misses
C. They make problems simpler
D. They are irrelevant to software

Answer: B

Q1287. How does the 'no free lunch' theorem impact the selection of problem-solving strategies?

A. One strategy works best for all problems
B. No single strategy outperforms all others across every possible problem, so strategy must be matched to the problem
C. It means all strategies are equally bad
D. It only applies to machine learning

Answer: B

Q1288. What is the significance of problem isomorphism in problem solving?

A. It means problems are always unique
B. Two problems with the same underlying structure can be solved using the same approach despite different surface appearances
C. It only applies to mathematics
D. It makes problems harder

Answer: B

Q1289. Why is the frame problem significant in artificial intelligence and automated problem solving?

A. It is about picture frames
B. It concerns determining which aspects of a state change and which remain unchanged after an action
C. It is a solved problem
D. It only affects image processing

Answer: B

Q1290. How does emergence complicate reductionist problem-solving approaches?

A. Emergence is not a real concept
B. System-level behaviors can arise from component interactions that cannot be predicted by studying components in isolation
C. It simplifies all problems
D. It only applies to biology

Answer: B

Q1291. When analyzing a system with emergent behavior, why might traditional requirements gathering be insufficient?

A. Traditional methods always work
B. Emergent behaviors arise from component interactions and cannot be specified upfront from individual component analysis
C. Emergent behavior does not exist
D. Requirements gathering is never useful

Answer: B

Q1292. How does event storming improve problem analysis for complex business domains?

A. It replaces all analysis techniques
B. It maps domain events collaboratively, revealing process flows, boundaries, and hidden complexity
C. It only applies to simple systems
D. It eliminates the need for stakeholders

Answer: B

Q1293. Why is sensitivity analysis important when evaluating solutions to problems with uncertain parameters?

A. It is only for finance
B. It reveals which input variables most affect outcomes, guiding where to focus validation effort
C. It adds unnecessary complexity
D. It always gives definitive answers

Answer: B

Q1294. How does formal methods analysis differ from informal analysis in verifying system correctness?

A. They are the same approach
B. Formal methods use mathematical proofs to guarantee properties; informal methods rely on testing and review
C. Informal methods are always better
D. Formal methods are faster

Answer: B

Q1295. When a problem has multiple valid framings, how does frame analysis help select the most productive one?

A. All framings are equally good
B. Frame analysis evaluates how different perspectives highlight different aspects and solutions
C. Only one framing ever exists
D. Frame analysis is purely theoretical

Answer: B

Q1296. What is the significance of identifying invariants during problem analysis?

A. Invariants are unimportant
B. Invariants are properties that must always hold true, providing anchors for correctness verification
C. They only apply to mathematics
D. They change with every iteration

Answer: B

Q1297. How does theory of constraints analysis identify the most impactful improvement point?

A. It improves everything simultaneously
B. It identifies the single bottleneck that limits overall system throughput
C. It only works for manufacturing
D. It ignores system interactions

Answer: B

Q1298. Why might Bayesian analysis be preferred over frequentist analysis for problems with prior knowledge?

A. It is always simpler
B. Bayesian analysis formally incorporates prior knowledge and updates beliefs as new evidence is gathered
C. It ignores prior knowledge
D. Frequentist analysis is always wrong

Answer: B

Q1299. How does sociotechnical systems analysis improve over purely technical analysis?

A. It ignores people
B. It considers both human and technical factors, recognizing that system behavior depends on their interaction
C. It replaces all technical analysis
D. Social factors never matter in CS

Answer: B

Q1300. What challenge does Goodhart's Law pose when selecting metrics for problem analysis?

A. It has no relevance
B. When a measure becomes a target, it ceases to be a good measure because people optimize for it
C. Metrics are always reliable
D. It only applies to economics

Answer: B

Q1301. How does paraconsistent logic handle contradictions differently from classical logic?

A. It ignores contradictions entirely
B. It allows contradictions to exist without the entire system becoming trivially true
C. It prevents all contradictions
D. It is identical to classical logic

Answer: B

Q1302. What is the significance of the resolution inference rule in automated theorem proving?

A. It is not used in practice
B. It provides a single, complete inference rule for refutation-based proofs in propositional and first-order logic
C. It replaces all other logic
D. It only works for simple problems

Answer: B

Q1303. Why is the distinction between decidable and semi-decidable problems important for logical reasoning?

A. It has no practical importance
B. For decidable problems an algorithm always terminates with an answer; for semi-decidable it may run forever on false inputs
C. All logical problems are decidable
D. Semi-decidable problems cannot be computed at all

Answer: B

Q1304. How does intuitionistic logic differ from classical logic regarding the law of excluded middle?

A. It accepts the law fully
B. It rejects the law of excluded middle, requiring constructive proof of existence rather than proof by contradiction
C. It is identical to classical logic
D. It only applies to mathematics

Answer: B

Q1305. What is the role of Skolemization in converting first-order logic formulas for resolution?

A. It adds more quantifiers
B. It eliminates existential quantifiers by introducing Skolem functions, enabling clause-form conversion
C. It removes all variables
D. It simplifies propositional logic only

Answer: B

Q1306. How does model checking verify properties of finite-state systems?

A. It checks physical models
B. It exhaustively explores all possible states to verify whether a specification holds
C. It only tests one scenario
D. It replaces formal logic entirely

Answer: B

Q1307. What is the significance of Curry-Howard correspondence for logic and programming?

A. It is a cooking technique
B. It establishes that proofs in logic correspond to programs in computation, connecting these fields deeply
C. It only applies to functional programming
D. It has been disproven

Answer: B

Q1308. How do many-valued logics extend classical two-valued logic for practical reasoning?

A. They reduce the number of truth values
B. They introduce additional truth values beyond true and false to handle uncertainty or partial truth
C. They eliminate true and false
D. They are purely theoretical

Answer: B

Q1309. What is the frame problem in the context of logical reasoning about actions?

A. It is about framing pictures
B. It concerns efficiently representing what does not change when an action is performed in a logical formalism
C. It has been fully solved
D. It only affects visual computing

Answer: B

Q1310. Why is the compactness theorem important for first-order logic?

A. It compresses files
B. If every finite subset of a set of sentences is satisfiable, then the entire set is satisfiable
C. It only applies to propositional logic
D. It makes proofs shorter

Answer: B

Q1311. How does continuation-passing style transform the flow control of a program?

A. It has no effect on flow
B. Each function receives an explicit continuation (callback) representing the rest of the computation, making control flow explicit
C. It removes all functions
D. It only applies to web programming

Answer: B

Q1312. What problem does backpressure solve in reactive flow control?

A. It increases data speed
B. It prevents fast producers from overwhelming slow consumers by providing feedback to regulate flow
C. It eliminates all data flow
D. It only applies to plumbing

Answer: B

Q1313. Why is the halting problem relevant to understanding the limits of flow analysis?

A. It is not relevant
B. It proves that no general algorithm can determine whether an arbitrary program will terminate or loop forever
C. It only affects old computers
D. It has been solved

Answer: B

Q1314. How does the actor model handle concurrent flow control differently from shared-memory threading?

A. They are identical
B. Actors communicate through message passing with no shared state, eliminating data races by design
C. Actors share all memory
D. Actors are slower in every case

Answer: B

Q1315. What is the significance of control flow integrity in security?

A. It has no security relevance
B. It ensures program execution follows only legitimate paths, preventing attacks like return-oriented programming
C. It makes programs slower
D. It only applies to web apps

Answer: B

Q1316. How does algebraic effects provide a structured alternative to exceptions and monads for control flow?

A. It eliminates all errors
B. It separates the declaration of effects from their handling, allowing composable and resumable control flow
C. It is identical to try-catch
D. It only works in Haskell

Answer: B

Q1317. What is the role of Petri nets in modeling concurrent and distributed flow control?

A. They are fishing nets
B. They formally model concurrent processes with places, transitions, and tokens, capturing synchronization and conflict
C. They only model sequential flow
D. They are obsolete

Answer: B

Q1318. How does speculative execution affect the intended flow of an algorithm?

A. It strictly follows the algorithm
B. The processor executes instructions ahead of confirmed branches, potentially needing to discard results if the prediction was wrong
C. It never makes predictions
D. It only applies to interpreted languages

Answer: B

Q1319. What is the difference between structured concurrency and unstructured concurrency?

A. There is no difference
B. Structured concurrency ties the lifetime of concurrent tasks to a lexical scope, ensuring all complete before the scope exits
C. Unstructured is always better
D. Structured concurrency prevents all parallelism

Answer: B

Q1320. How does dataflow programming differ from traditional control flow programming?

A. They are the same
B. In dataflow, execution is driven by data availability rather than a prescribed sequence of instructions
C. Dataflow is always slower
D. Dataflow eliminates all parallelism

Answer: B

Q1321. How does a skip list achieve probabilistic O(log n) search while maintaining simplicity over balanced trees?

A. It uses sorted arrays
B. It maintains multiple layers of linked lists with probabilistic promotion, providing expected O(log n) without complex rotations
C. It is always O(n)
D. It requires more memory than any tree

Answer: B

Q1322. What trade-offs does a content-addressable storage system make compared to location-addressable storage?

A. They have no differences
B. Content-addressable enables deduplication and integrity verification but requires computing hashes and complicates updates
C. Content-addressable is always faster
D. Location-addressable cannot store files

Answer: B

Q1323. How do CRDTs (Conflict-free Replicated Data Types) enable eventual consistency without coordination?

A. They prevent all conflicts
B. They are designed so that concurrent updates can always be merged deterministically without conflicts
C. They require a central server
D. They only work for text

Answer: B

Q1324. Why might a rope data structure be preferred over a string for text editing applications?

A. Ropes are simpler
B. Ropes represent strings as balanced binary trees of shorter strings, enabling O(log n) insertion and deletion
C. Ropes are always slower
D. Strings are better for all uses

Answer: B

Q1325. How does a Merkle tree enable efficient verification of large data structures?

A. It stores data linearly
B. Each non-leaf node contains the hash of its children, so any change propagates up, allowing efficient verification by checking only the path from root
C. It prevents all data changes
D. It only works for blockchains

Answer: B

Q1326. What is the significance of algebraic data types in representing domain models?

A. They are only for algebra
B. They combine sum types (tagged unions) and product types (structs) to precisely model domain concepts and make illegal states unrepresentable
C. They replace all databases
D. They are slower than primitives

Answer: B

Q1327. How does column-oriented storage improve analytical query performance compared to row-oriented storage?

A. It does not improve performance
B. Storing data by columns enables better compression and allows reading only the columns needed for a query
C. Columns are always slower
D. Row storage is always better

Answer: B

Q1328. What challenge does the object-relational impedance mismatch present?

A. There is no mismatch
B. Object-oriented models use inheritance, encapsulation, and identity while relational models use tables and joins, creating a fundamental tension in data mapping
C. They map perfectly
D. It only affects old systems

Answer: B

Q1329. How do probabilistic data structures like HyperLogLog achieve extreme space efficiency?

A. They store all data precisely
B. They trade exactness for space by using randomization to provide approximate answers with bounded error
C. They use more space than exact structures
D. They cannot provide useful answers

Answer: B

Q1330. Why is the choice between normalized and denormalized data representation critical for system design?

A. It makes no difference
B. Normalization reduces redundancy and anomalies but requires joins; denormalization improves read performance but risks inconsistency
C. Normalization is always best
D. Denormalization eliminates all problems

Answer: B

Q1331. How does the saga pattern manage distributed transactions across microservices?

A. It uses a single database transaction
B. It breaks a distributed transaction into a sequence of local transactions with compensating actions for rollback
C. It prevents all failures
D. It only works for monoliths

Answer: B

Q1332. How does recognizing the monotonic stack pattern help solve next-greater-element problems efficiently?

A. It does not help
B. A monotonic stack maintains elements in sorted order, allowing O(n) computation of next-greater-element for all positions
C. It requires O(n^2) time
D. It only works for sorted arrays

Answer: B

Q1333. Why is recognizing the interval scheduling pattern important for resource allocation problems?

A. It is not important
B. Many resource allocation problems reduce to interval scheduling, where greedy algorithms by end time produce optimal solutions
C. It only applies to calendars
D. It requires exponential time

Answer: B

Q1334. How does the sidecar pattern extend service functionality in microservices architectures?

A. It replaces the main service
B. It deploys auxiliary functionality alongside a service in a separate process, sharing the lifecycle but not the runtime
C. It merges all services
D. It only handles logging

Answer: B

Q1335. How does the reservoir sampling pattern enable fair sampling from streams of unknown length?

A. It requires knowing the stream length
B. It maintains a fixed-size sample where each element has an equal probability of being included regardless of stream length
C. It only works for small streams
D. It produces biased samples

Answer: B

Q1336. What is the significance of recognizing the topological sort pattern in dependency resolution?

A. It is only for sorting numbers
B. It identifies that a problem requires ordering items subject to precedence constraints, enabling linear-time solutions via DAG processing
C. It requires exponential time
D. It only works for trees

Answer: B

Q1337. How does the outbox pattern ensure reliable event publishing in database-centric systems?

A. It skips events during failures
B. It writes events to a database table atomically with state changes, then publishes them asynchronously, ensuring at-least-once delivery
C. It guarantees exactly-once delivery
D. It replaces the database

Answer: B

Q1338. How does recognizing anti-patterns help improve software quality?

A. Anti-patterns are always good
B. Identifying common negative patterns allows teams to refactor toward known better solutions before problems worsen
C. Anti-patterns are rare in practice
D. They only matter for new projects

Answer: B

Q1339. How does the space-partitioning pattern (like quad-trees or k-d trees) optimize spatial queries?

A. It makes spatial queries slower
B. It recursively divides space into regions, enabling logarithmic-time range and nearest-neighbor queries by pruning irrelevant regions
C. It only works in 2D
D. It requires sorting all points

Answer: B

Q1340. What is the relationship between the visitor pattern and double dispatch in object-oriented design?

A. They are unrelated
B. The visitor pattern uses double dispatch to select the correct method based on both the visitor and element types at runtime
C. Double dispatch is unnecessary
D. Visitor replaces all other patterns

Answer: B

Q1341. How does generating function methodology help solve counting problems in combinatorics?

A. It generates random numbers
B. It encodes a sequence as coefficients of a formal power series, enabling algebraic manipulation to derive closed-form or recursive solutions
C. It only works for simple sequences
D. It replaces all counting techniques

Answer: B

Q1342. Why is the extended Euclidean algorithm important for computing modular inverses?

A. It only computes GCD
B. It finds integers x and y such that ax + by = gcd(a,b), which yields the modular inverse when gcd is 1
C. It requires floating-point arithmetic
D. It is slower than brute force

Answer: B

Q1343. How does the probabilistic method prove existence of structures without constructing them?

A. It always constructs the structure
B. It shows that a random construction has nonzero probability of having the desired property, proving existence
C. It disproves existence
D. It only applies to small sets

Answer: B

Q1344. What is the significance of the fast Fourier transform for polynomial multiplication?

A. It has no computational benefit
B. It reduces polynomial multiplication from O(n^2) to O(n log n) by converting to and from frequency domain
C. It only works for integers
D. It increases the complexity

Answer: B

Q1345. How does Ramsey theory relate to the inevitability of patterns in large structures?

A. It eliminates all patterns
B. It proves that sufficiently large structures must contain certain ordered substructures regardless of arrangement
C. It only applies to graphs
D. It is a programming technique

Answer: B

Q1346. Why is the Akra-Bazzi method more general than the Master Theorem for solving recurrences?

A. It is less general
B. It handles non-uniform sub-problem sizes and more general cost functions that the Master Theorem cannot accommodate
C. It only works for linear recurrences
D. It gives less accurate results

Answer: B

Q1347. How does information theory quantify the minimum number of bits needed to represent data?

A. It always uses 8 bits
B. Shannon's entropy H = -sum(p*log2(p)) gives the theoretical lower bound on average bits per symbol
C. It requires fixed-length encoding
D. It ignores probability distributions

Answer: B

Q1348. What is the role of linear algebra in solving systems of equations computationally?

A. It has no role
B. Matrix representations enable efficient algorithms like Gaussian elimination and LU decomposition for solving large systems
C. It only works for 2 equations
D. It is slower than substitution

Answer: B

Q1349. How do Galois fields underpin error-correcting codes like Reed-Solomon?

A. They are unrelated
B. Galois fields provide finite arithmetic structures where polynomial operations enable systematic encoding and decoding for error detection and correction
C. They are only theoretical
D. They increase errors

Answer: B

Q1350. What is the mathematical foundation of public-key cryptography based on?

A. Simple addition
B. The computational asymmetry of certain mathematical problems: easy to compute in one direction but infeasible to reverse without a key
C. It has no mathematical basis
D. Only random number generation

Answer: B

Q1351. How does the minimax algorithm with alpha-beta pruning reduce game tree exploration?

A. It explores every node
B. It maintains alpha and beta bounds to skip branches that cannot influence the final decision, reducing exploration exponentially
C. It only works for tic-tac-toe
D. It eliminates all pruning

Answer: B

Q1352. Why is the distinction between online and offline algorithms important for system design?

A. It has no importance
B. Online algorithms must make decisions as data arrives without seeing future input, while offline algorithms have access to all data upfront
C. Online means internet-based
D. Offline is always better

Answer: B

Q1353. How does the concept of algorithm reduction help prove computational complexity?

A. It makes algorithms simpler
B. If problem A can be reduced to problem B in polynomial time, then B is at least as hard as A
C. Reductions always make problems easier
D. It only applies to NP problems

Answer: B

Q1354. What advantage do Las Vegas algorithms have over Monte Carlo algorithms?

A. They are always faster
B. Las Vegas algorithms always produce correct results but with variable runtime; Monte Carlo algorithms always terminate but may produce incorrect results
C. They are identical
D. Monte Carlo is always better

Answer: B

Q1355. How does the external memory model change algorithm design compared to the RAM model?

A. It has no effect
B. It accounts for the cost of transferring data blocks between disk and memory, favoring algorithms that minimize I/O operations
C. It only affects storage capacity
D. The RAM model is always sufficient

Answer: B

Q1356. What is the significance of fixed-parameter tractability for NP-hard problems?

A. It makes all NP-hard problems easy
B. It shows that some NP-hard problems can be solved efficiently when a specific parameter is small, even if input size is large
C. It disproves P != NP
D. It only applies to graph problems

Answer: B

Q1357. How does the concept of work-stealing improve parallel algorithm scheduling?

A. It prevents parallelism
B. Idle processors steal tasks from busy processors' queues, dynamically balancing load without centralized coordination
C. It requires a central scheduler
D. It increases total work

Answer: B

Q1358. Why is the competitive ratio important for evaluating online algorithms?

A. It is not important
B. It measures the worst-case ratio between the online algorithm's cost and the optimal offline solution's cost
C. It measures average performance
D. It only applies to sorting

Answer: B

Q1359. How does the concept of self-stabilization ensure algorithm robustness in distributed systems?

A. It prevents all errors
B. A self-stabilizing algorithm eventually reaches a correct state from any arbitrary initial state, recovering from transient faults automatically
C. It requires manual restart
D. It only works for single machines

Answer: B

Q1360. What is the significance of communication complexity for understanding distributed algorithm limits?

A. It measures code length
B. It quantifies the minimum amount of communication needed between parties to compute a function, establishing lower bounds
C. It only measures network speed
D. It is identical to time complexity

Answer: B

Q1361. How does Kahneman's System 1 and System 2 thinking framework explain decision-making errors?

A. All thinking is the same
B. System 1 is fast and intuitive but error-prone; System 2 is slow and analytical but often defers to System 1, leading to cognitive biases
C. System 1 is always correct
D. System 2 makes more errors

Answer: B

Q1362. Why is the ecological fallacy problematic in data-driven critical thinking?

A. It is not a real fallacy
B. It incorrectly infers individual characteristics from aggregate group data, leading to false conclusions about individuals
C. It only affects ecology
D. It strengthens conclusions

Answer: B

Q1363. How does the concept of epistemic closure affect critical evaluation of belief systems?

A. It has no effect
B. A closed system of beliefs can be internally consistent yet disconnected from reality, resisting disconfirming evidence
C. It ensures beliefs are correct
D. It only applies to formal logic

Answer: B

Q1364. What is the significance of Bayesian reasoning for updating beliefs in the face of new evidence?

A. It has no significance
B. It provides a formal framework for rationally updating the probability of a hypothesis as new evidence is observed
C. It always gives absolute answers
D. It replaces all other reasoning

Answer: B

Q1365. How does the concept of incommensurability challenge rational comparison of competing theories?

A. All theories are easily comparable
B. When theories use different concepts and standards, direct comparison may be impossible since there is no neutral ground
C. It makes all theories equal
D. It only affects science

Answer: B

Q1366. Why is the base rate fallacy particularly dangerous in medical and security screening?

A. It is not dangerous
B. Ignoring the base rate of a condition causes overestimation of positive results' reliability when the condition is rare
C. Base rates are always known
D. It only affects medical testing

Answer: B

Q1367. How does the veil of ignorance thought experiment promote fairness in decision-making?

A. It promotes ignorance
B. By imagining you do not know your position in society, you design rules that are fair to everyone since you might be anyone
C. It ignores fairness
D. It only applies to politics

Answer: B

Q1368. What is the Dunning-Kruger effect's impact on team decision-making in technical contexts?

A. It has no impact
B. Less skilled members may overestimate their competence while highly skilled members underestimate theirs, distorting group decisions
C. It makes everyone equally confident
D. It only affects individuals

Answer: B

Q1369. How does motivated reasoning differ from rational analysis?

A. They are the same
B. Motivated reasoning starts with a desired conclusion and selects evidence to support it, while rational analysis follows evidence to a conclusion
C. Motivated reasoning is more objective
D. Rational analysis ignores evidence

Answer: B

Q1370. Why is understanding second-order effects crucial for critical analysis of policy decisions?

A. Only first-order effects matter
B. Policies create cascading consequences where the indirect effects may be larger and opposite to the intended first-order effects
C. Second-order effects are always positive
D. They are too complex to consider

Answer: B

Q1371. How does differential debugging help identify the cause of a regression?

A. It compares two debuggers
B. It systematically compares a working version with a broken version, isolating the specific changes that caused the regression
C. It only works for mathematics
D. It requires two computers

Answer: B

Q1372. Why are race conditions particularly difficult to debug in concurrent systems?

A. They are easy to find
B. Their occurrence depends on precise timing of thread execution, making them non-deterministic and often unreproducible under debugger conditions
C. They always produce the same error
D. They are caught by compilers

Answer: B

Q1373. How does taint analysis help track the propagation of untrusted data through a program?

A. It checks for stains on hardware
B. It marks untrusted inputs and tracks their flow through computation, alerting when tainted data reaches sensitive operations
C. It only works for web applications
D. It replaces input validation

Answer: B

Q1374. What advantage does record-and-replay debugging provide for non-deterministic bugs?

A. It has no advantage
B. It captures the exact execution including all non-deterministic events, allowing deterministic replay for investigation
C. It only records inputs
D. It makes programs slower permanently

Answer: B

Q1375. How does property-based testing complement example-based testing in finding bugs?

A. It is identical to example-based testing
B. It generates many random inputs based on declared properties, often discovering edge cases that manually written tests miss
C. It replaces all other testing
D. It only works for simple functions

Answer: B

Q1376. What is the challenge of debugging in a microservices architecture compared to a monolith?

A. Microservices are easier to debug
B. Bugs may span multiple services, requiring correlation of distributed logs, understanding of network interactions, and tracing across service boundaries
C. There is no difference
D. Monoliths have more bugs

Answer: B

Q1377. How does mutation testing evaluate the quality of a test suite?

A. It mutates the tests themselves
B. It introduces small changes (mutations) to the source code and checks whether the test suite detects them; undetected mutations indicate weak tests
C. It only tests performance
D. It replaces all other testing metrics

Answer: B

Q1378. What is the significance of distributed tracing in debugging latency issues across services?

A. It is unnecessary for performance issues
B. It correlates request flows across services with timing data, revealing which service or operation is the bottleneck
C. It only measures network speed
D. It replaces all logging

Answer: B

Q1379. How does symbolic execution differ from concrete execution in bug finding?

A. They are identical
B. Symbolic execution uses symbolic inputs to explore all possible execution paths simultaneously, finding bugs that specific concrete inputs might miss
C. It is always slower and less useful
D. It only works for toy programs

Answer: B

Q1380. What role does canary deployment play in debugging production issues?

A. It involves actual birds
B. It gradually rolls out changes to a small subset of users first, allowing detection of issues before they affect the entire user base
C. It is identical to blue-green deployment
D. It prevents all production bugs

Answer: B

Q1381. How does amortized analysis using the potential method work?

A. It averages over all algorithms
B. It assigns a potential function to the data structure state, distributing the cost of expensive operations across many cheap ones
C. It only works for arrays
D. It ignores worst-case performance

Answer: B

Q1382. What is the significance of the Strassen algorithm for matrix multiplication?

A. It is slower than standard multiplication
B. It was the first to show matrix multiplication can be done in less than O(n^3) time, opening research into faster algorithms
C. It only works for 2x2 matrices
D. It has no practical importance

Answer: B

Q1383. Why is the complexity class PSPACE significant in computational theory?

A. It is the same as P
B. It contains all problems solvable with polynomial space, and PSPACE-complete problems are believed to be harder than NP-complete ones
C. It only contains easy problems
D. It has been proven equal to NP

Answer: B

Q1384. How does the gap between theoretical complexity and practical performance arise?

A. Theory and practice always agree
B. Constant factors, cache behavior, branch prediction, and input distribution can make theoretically slower algorithms faster in practice
C. Theory is always wrong
D. Practice cannot be measured

Answer: B

Q1385. What is the complexity-theoretic significance of the Cook-Levin theorem?

A. It proves P equals NP
B. It proves SAT is NP-complete, establishing the first NP-complete problem and enabling reduction-based proofs for others
C. It only applies to SAT solvers
D. It has been disproven

Answer: B

Q1386. How do sublinear algorithms achieve better than O(n) performance?

A. They are impossible
B. They sample or process only a portion of the input, providing approximate or probabilistic answers without reading all data
C. They read all data faster
D. They compress the input first

Answer: B

Q1387. What is the practical significance of the smoothed analysis framework?

A. It replaces worst-case analysis entirely
B. It analyzes algorithms under slight random perturbation of worst-case inputs, often explaining why algorithms like simplex work well in practice despite poor worst-case bounds
C. It is identical to average-case analysis
D. It only applies to the simplex method

Answer: B

Q1388. How does the concept of fine-grained complexity refine classical complexity theory?

A. It makes complexity simpler
B. It establishes conditional lower bounds within P, showing that improving certain polynomial-time algorithms would require breakthroughs in long-standing open problems
C. It only classifies NP problems
D. It eliminates Big-O notation

Answer: B

Q1389. What is the relationship between circuit complexity and algorithm design?

A. They are unrelated
B. Circuit complexity lower bounds prove minimum resources needed for computation, and strong enough bounds would resolve P vs NP
C. Circuits are only for hardware
D. All circuits are polynomial

Answer: B

Q1390. How does quantum computing potentially change the complexity landscape?

A. It solves all NP problems
B. It offers exponential speedup for specific problems like factoring (Shor's) and quadratic speedup for search (Grover's), but not for all problems
C. Quantum computers are infinitely fast
D. It makes all problems O(1)

Answer: B

Q1391. How does the technique of coordinate compression simplify problems with large value ranges?

A. It converts all values to zero
B. It maps sparse values to a compact range preserving relative order, enabling use of arrays instead of hash maps
C. It only works for coordinates
D. It increases space usage

Answer: B

Q1392. What is the advantage of using persistent data structures in functional programming?

A. They save data to disk
B. They preserve previous versions when modified, enabling safe sharing across threads and efficient undo operations
C. They are always slower
D. They are identical to mutable structures

Answer: B

Q1393. How does the technique of small-to-large merging achieve efficient set union operations?

A. It merges sets randomly
B. It always merges the smaller set into the larger one, ensuring each element is moved O(log n) times total
C. It merges the larger into the smaller
D. It has no efficiency benefit

Answer: B

Q1394. What problem does the flyweight pattern solve in memory-intensive applications?

A. It makes objects heavier
B. It shares common state among many objects to reduce memory usage when many similar objects exist
C. It eliminates all objects
D. It only works for graphics

Answer: B

Q1395. How does the technique of bit manipulation solve subset enumeration problems efficiently?

A. Bits cannot represent subsets
B. Each bitmask of n bits represents a subset where bit i indicates inclusion of element i, allowing O(2^n) enumeration with O(1) per subset operation
C. It only works for sets of 8 elements
D. Bit manipulation is always slower

Answer: B

Q1396. Why is understanding memory layout important for performance-critical programming?

A. Memory layout has no effect on performance
B. Cache-friendly data layout exploiting spatial and temporal locality can yield orders-of-magnitude speedup over cache-unfriendly access patterns
C. It only matters for assembly language
D. Modern compilers handle all optimization

Answer: B

Q1397. How does the technique of loop unrolling improve performance at the cost of code size?

A. It makes loops shorter
B. It processes multiple loop iterations in one pass, reducing branch overhead and enabling instruction-level parallelism
C. It has no performance benefit
D. It always causes bugs

Answer: B

Q1398. What is the advantage of event-driven architecture for handling high concurrency?

A. It requires more threads
B. A single thread handles many connections by reacting to events via callbacks or async IO, avoiding the overhead of thread-per-connection
C. It is always slower
D. It only works for web servers

Answer: B

Q1399. How does the concept of zero-copy optimize data transfer in systems programming?

A. It copies data zero times per second
B. It eliminates unnecessary data copying between kernel and user space, reducing CPU and memory bandwidth usage
C. It always reduces reliability
D. It only works on Linux

Answer: B

Q1400. Why is understanding instruction-level parallelism important for optimizing tight loops?

A. Modern CPUs execute one instruction at a time
B. Modern CPUs can execute multiple independent instructions simultaneously, and code that exposes this parallelism runs faster
C. It only applies to GPUs
D. Compilers always optimize this perfectly

Answer: B

Q1401. How does the bootstrap method enable statistical inference without distributional assumptions?

A. It requires normal distribution
B. It resamples the observed data with replacement many times, using the distribution of the statistic across resamples to estimate confidence intervals
C. It only works for large samples
D. It replaces all statistical tests

Answer: B

Q1402. What challenges does concept drift pose for deployed machine learning models?

A. It has no effect
B. The statistical properties of the target variable change over time, degrading model performance and requiring continuous monitoring and retraining
C. It only affects unsupervised models
D. It makes models more accurate

Answer: B

Q1403. How does causal inference differ from predictive modeling in data science?

A. They are the same approach
B. Causal inference aims to determine if X causes Y using techniques like instrumental variables; predictive modeling only needs correlations for accurate predictions
C. Predictive modeling always finds causes
D. Causal inference is less rigorous

Answer: B

Q1404. Why might accuracy be a misleading metric for imbalanced classification problems?

A. Accuracy is always the best metric
B. A classifier that always predicts the majority class achieves high accuracy while completely failing on the minority class
C. Imbalanced datasets do not exist
D. Accuracy accounts for class imbalance

Answer: B

Q1405. How does differential privacy protect individual information while enabling useful data analysis?

A. It encrypts all data
B. It adds carefully calibrated noise to query results so that individual records cannot be distinguished, with mathematically proven privacy guarantees
C. It deletes sensitive data
D. It only works for small datasets

Answer: B

Q1406. What is the significance of the bias-variance decomposition for understanding model error?

A. It is purely theoretical
B. It decomposes prediction error into bias (systematic error from model simplicity), variance (sensitivity to training data), and irreducible noise
C. It only applies to linear models
D. It eliminates all model error

Answer: B

Q1407. How does SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) improve interpretability of complex models?

A. It simplifies the model itself
B. It uses game theory's Shapley values to assign each feature a contribution to each prediction, providing consistent and locally accurate explanations
C. It only works for linear models
D. It replaces the model

Answer: B

Q1408. Why is the multiple comparisons problem important when testing many hypotheses simultaneously?

A. Testing many hypotheses is fine without correction
B. Testing many hypotheses increases the chance of false positives, requiring corrections like Bonferroni or FDR control
C. It only affects small datasets
D. It makes all results significant

Answer: B

Q1409. How does survival analysis handle censored data that traditional methods cannot?

A. It ignores incomplete data
B. It models time-to-event data where some subjects have not yet experienced the event, using techniques like Kaplan-Meier and Cox regression
C. It only applies to medical data
D. Censored data should always be removed

Answer: B

Q1410. What is the significance of the reproducibility crisis for data-driven problem solving?

A. It is not a real issue
B. Many published findings fail to replicate, highlighting the importance of rigorous methodology, pre-registration, and transparent analysis for trustworthy results
C. It only affects academic research
D. It means all data analysis is wrong

Answer: B

Q1411. How does the theory of inventive problem solving (TRIZ) differ from unstructured creative techniques?

A. It is identical to brainstorming
B. TRIZ uses a systematic methodology based on patterns of invention derived from patent analysis, providing structured inventive principles
C. It eliminates creativity
D. It only works in engineering

Answer: B

Q1412. Why might diverse teams outperform homogeneous expert teams in creative problem solving?

A. Diversity always causes conflict
B. Diverse perspectives prevent groupthink and bring varied mental models that combine in novel ways, offsetting the efficiency of expert consensus
C. Homogeneous teams are always better
D. Diversity has no effect on creativity

Answer: B

Q1413. How does the concept of 'exaptation' explain how existing capabilities lead to novel innovations?

A. It is a misspelling of adaptation
B. A feature evolved for one purpose is co-opted for a different use, driving innovation through repurposing rather than invention
C. It only applies to biology
D. It prevents innovation

Answer: B

Q1414. How does the paradox of expertise affect creative thinking in specialist fields?

A. Expertise always enhances creativity
B. Deep expertise can create mental ruts and functional fixedness that prevent seeing novel solutions available to less specialized thinkers
C. Expertise has no downsides
D. Only non-experts are creative

Answer: B

Q1415. How does design fiction as a creative technique help explore future possibilities?

A. It writes science fiction novels
B. It creates tangible artifacts from an imagined future to provoke discussion about the implications and desirability of emerging technologies
C. It predicts the future precisely
D. It has no practical value

Answer: B

Q1416. What is the role of abductive reasoning in creative hypothesis generation?

A. It replaces all other reasoning
B. It infers the most likely explanation from incomplete observations, generating creative hypotheses that can then be tested deductively
C. It is unreliable and useless
D. It only works in medicine

Answer: B

Q1417. How does the concept of boundary objects facilitate creative collaboration across disciplines?

A. They are physical walls
B. They are shared artifacts flexible enough to be meaningful to different communities while maintaining enough structure for productive collaboration
C. They prevent collaboration
D. They only exist in museums

Answer: B

Q1418. Why is the incubation effect important for solving problems that resist conscious analytical effort?

A. It is a myth
B. Stepping away from a problem allows unconscious processing to continue, often producing insights that conscious effort could not achieve
C. It only works for artistic problems
D. Continuous work is always more productive

Answer: B

Q1419. How does the concept of bricolage describe innovation under resource constraints?

A. It is a type of brick construction
B. It involves creating solutions by combining whatever resources are available in novel ways rather than seeking purpose-built tools
C. It requires unlimited resources
D. It always produces inferior solutions

Answer: B

Q1420. What is the significance of psychological safety for fostering creative innovation in teams?

A. It makes teams complacent
B. It enables team members to take creative risks, share unconventional ideas, and learn from failures without fear of punishment
C. It prevents all conflict
D. It only matters for new teams

Answer: B

Q1421. How does the concept of antifragility go beyond resilience in system design?

A. It is the same as resilience
B. Antifragile systems actually improve and strengthen from stressors and disorder, unlike resilient systems that merely withstand them
C. It makes systems fragile
D. It only applies to financial systems

Answer: B

Q1422. How does the CAP theorem constrain distributed system design decisions in practice?

A. It allows all three guarantees simultaneously
B. Under network partitions, a system must choose between consistency and availability, with different choices suited to different use cases
C. It is only theoretical
D. It has been disproven

Answer: B

Q1423. What is the significance of the 'two pizza rule' for team structure in complex problem solving?

A. It is about ordering pizza
B. Small teams (fed by two pizzas) communicate more effectively and make faster decisions than large teams
C. Larger teams are always better
D. It only applies to Amazon

Answer: B

Q1424. How does the concept of reversible versus irreversible decisions affect real-world decision-making speed?

A. All decisions are equally important
B. Reversible decisions should be made quickly since they can be undone; irreversible decisions warrant more analysis and caution
C. Irreversible decisions should be made faster
D. Decision speed does not matter

Answer: B

Q1425. Why is the concept of eventual consistency important for globally distributed systems?

A. All systems must be immediately consistent
B. Eventual consistency allows better availability and performance across regions, accepting temporary inconsistency that resolves over time
C. It means data is never consistent
D. It only applies to social media

Answer: B

Q1426. How does Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) balance reliability with feature velocity?

A. It prioritizes reliability over all else
B. It uses error budgets where excess reliability budget allows more risky feature releases, and exhausted budgets prioritize stability
C. It ignores reliability
D. It only measures uptime

Answer: B

Q1427. What are the practical challenges of implementing zero-trust security architecture?

A. It has no challenges
B. It requires verifying every request regardless of network location, demanding identity management, micro-segmentation, and continuous validation infrastructure
C. It is identical to perimeter security
D. It eliminates all security threats

Answer: B

Q1428. How does the concept of blast radius minimization improve system reliability?

A. It is about controlling explosions
B. It limits the scope of potential failures through isolation, ensuring that a single component failure cannot cascade and take down the entire system
C. It prevents all failures
D. It only applies to physical systems

Answer: B

Q1429. Why is the build-versus-buy decision critical for real-world engineering organizations?

A. Always build everything custom
B. Building provides customization but costs more time and maintenance; buying saves time but creates dependencies, requiring analysis of strategic value
C. Always buy off-the-shelf solutions
D. The decision has no impact

Answer: B

Q1430. How does the concept of toil reduction from SRE improve engineering productivity?

A. Toil is unavoidable and should be accepted
B. Identifying and automating repetitive manual operational work frees engineers to focus on improvements that compound in value
C. Automation is always too expensive
D. Toil reduction only applies to large companies

Answer: B

Q1431. How does the concept of documentation as executable specifications bridge the gap between docs and tests?

A. Documentation cannot be executable
B. Tools like Cucumber or doctest embed testable examples in documentation, ensuring docs stay accurate because they are verified by automated testing
C. It replaces all manual documentation
D. It only works for simple functions

Answer: B

Q1432. How does the Divio documentation framework classify documentation into four types?

A. It uses only two types
B. It separates docs into tutorials (learning), how-to guides (goals), explanation (understanding), and reference (information), each serving a distinct need
C. All documentation is the same type
D. It only applies to APIs

Answer: B

Q1433. What is the significance of the bus factor for knowledge documentation in teams?

A. It relates to public transportation
B. A low bus factor means few people hold critical knowledge; documentation mitigates this risk by distributing knowledge across the team
C. High bus factor is dangerous
D. It only applies to open-source projects

Answer: B

Q1434. How does the concept of documentation debt parallel technical debt?

A. Documentation debt does not exist
B. Like technical debt, documentation debt accumulates when documentation is neglected, increasing the cost of onboarding, maintenance, and knowledge transfer over time
C. Documentation is never a priority
D. It resolves itself automatically

Answer: B

Q1435. Why is the distinction between prescriptive and descriptive documentation important?

A. There is no meaningful distinction
B. Prescriptive documentation tells how things should be done (standards, guidelines); descriptive documents how things currently work (architecture, behavior)
C. They serve the same purpose
D. Only prescriptive docs are needed

Answer: B

Q1436. How does the practice of writing RFCs (Request for Comments) improve technical decision-making?

A. RFCs are outdated internet documents only
B. RFCs provide structured proposals that invite feedback from stakeholders before implementation, improving decisions through diverse input and creating permanent records
C. They slow down all decisions
D. Only protocol designers use RFCs

Answer: B

Q1437. What role does information architecture play in making large documentation sets navigable?

A. It is the same as document formatting
B. It organizes content through meaningful categorization, hierarchies, and navigation paths so users can efficiently find what they need
C. It only applies to websites
D. It makes documentation harder to find

Answer: B

Q1438. How does Conway's Law influence the relationship between team communication and system architecture?

A. It has no influence
B. Organizations design systems that mirror their communication structures, so documentation and communication patterns directly shape system architecture
C. It only affects hardware
D. It has been disproven

Answer: B

Q1439. What is the value of decision logs versus meeting minutes for preserving institutional knowledge?

A. They are identical
B. Decision logs capture decisions with context and rationale in a searchable format; meeting minutes capture discussions but often bury decisions in narrative
C. Meeting minutes are always sufficient
D. Neither has value

Answer: B

Q1440. How does the concept of progressive disclosure improve documentation usability?

A. It hides all information
B. It presents essential information first and reveals additional detail on demand, reducing cognitive overload while keeping comprehensive information accessible
C. It removes detailed content
D. It only works for UI design

Answer: B