

# CS 544 Exam 1 (19%) - Spring 2025

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**Q1. What value(s) could possibly be printed?**

```
x = 3
def task():
    global x
    x += 9
t = threading.Thread(target=task)
t.start()
t.join()
print(x)
```

- (A) only 3   (B) 3 or 12   (C) only 12   (D) only 9   (E) 3 or 9

**Q2. What does the "which" command print out?**

- (A) the PATH variable   (B) a path to a program   (C) the Linux distro version   (D) the shell being used

**Q3. You are running a VM on a cloud that is using a NAT. What should you bind to?**

```
python3 -m http.server --bind=???
```

The internal IP is 10.128.0.6, the external IP is 35.226.202.103, and the loopback IP is 127.0.0.1. You want Internet users to be able to visit your site.

- (A) 10.128.0.6   (B) 35.226.202.103   (C) 127.0.0.1

**Q4. The prefix of an address identifies the network. What kind of address is it?**

- (A) IP address   (B) MAC address   (C) port number   (D) host name

**Q5. The following code is about to run in a container on a VM. The VM has 4 GB of RAM currently available, the container was launched with `-m 2g`, and `big.file` is 3 GB.**

```
import mmap
with open("big.file", "rb") as f:
    mm = mmap.mmap(f.fileno(), 0, access=mmap.ACCESS_READ)
```

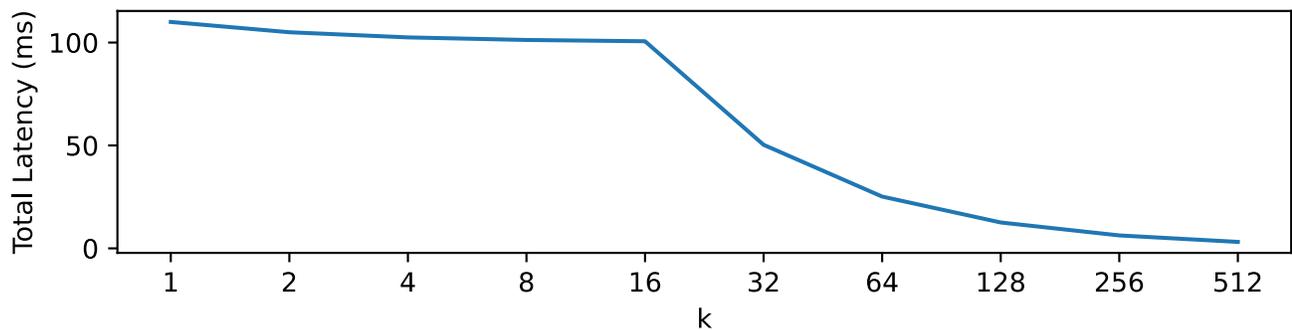
Will memory constraints PREVENT the code from running?

- (A) yes   (B) no

**Q6. What does the cacheline size appear to be?**

An array `arr` contains `int64` entries. The plot shows the total time to run this loop:

```
for (int i = 0; i < arr.Length; i += K) arr[i] *= 3;
```



- (A) 16 (B) 32 (C) 64 (D) 128 (E) 256

**Q7. You start a container `bright-spark` in detached mode, so you cannot immediately see what the process started by `CMD` is printing. How can you see that output?**

- (A) `docker ps bright-spark`  
 (B) `docker logs bright-spark`  
 (C) `docker exec -it bright-spark`  
 (D) `docker exec bright-spark stdout`

**Q8. Is deadlock possible when these two threads run concurrently?**

```
# thread 1
with lockA:
    with lockB:
        print(A+B)

# thread 2
with lockA:
    with lockB:
        print(A-B)
```

- (A) yes (B) no

**Q9. Which one is an example of a latency measurement?**

- (A) 6 MB (B) 2 seconds (C) 3 MB/s

**Q10. If you build an image from a Dockerfile, change the Dockerfile, then build again, what change will usually result in a FASTER rebuild?**

- (A) changing a line near the beginning (B) changing a line near the end

**Q11. How many cache hits are there for the following workload?**

A, A, A, C, F, B, A, A

Assume LRU eviction and cache size 4.

(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4 (E) 5

**Q12. What letters could possibly be printed, and in what order?**

Two threads are running concurrently on a single core, with the following lines of code, respectively:

```
# thread 1
with lock:
    print("X")
```

```
# thread 2
lock.acquire()
print("Y")
lock.release()
```

- (A) definitely X, then Y
- (B) definitely Y, then X
- (C) either X then Y, or Y then X
- (D) either X or Y, but not both

**Q13. Which I/O pattern is most challenging for SSDs?**

(A) random reads (B) random writes (C) sequential reads (D) sequential writes

**Q14. What will be printed?**

Two threads are running concurrently on a single core, with the following lines of code, respectively:

```
# thread 1
if y > 0:
    print("apple")
print("sauce")
```

```
# thread 2
x = 1
y = 2
z = 3
```

Context switches happen so that the interleaving starts like this:

```
thread 1:      thread 2:
                x = 1
if y > 0:
                y = 2
# the rest is hidden...
```

(A) apple (B) sauce (C) apple sauce

**Q15. How many cache hits are there for the following workload?**

A, A, C, B, B, B, C, C

Assume FIFO eviction and cache size 2.

(A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6 (E) 7

**Q16. What is something that is shared between all threads in a process?**

(A) stack (B) heap (C) instruction pointer

**Q17. You want to connect from a browser on your laptop to Jupyter running in a container on your VM. You take the following steps:**

1. Write a command in the Dockerfile to launch Jupyter on port 2743
2. Use `-L localhost:4161:localhost:3139` to establish the SSH tunnel
3. Use `-p ????:2743` in the `docker run ...` command
4. Enter `http://localhost:4161/` in the browser

What should `????` be in step 2?

(A) 2743 (B) 5000 (C) 4161 (D) 3139 (E) 8888

**Q18. Which is an example of a pseudo file system?**

(A) NFS (B) procfs (C) tmpfs (D) ext4

**Q19. Is the below data layout column oriented or row oriented?**

Table:

2,4,1  
3,6,5

Disk layout: 2,4,1,3,6,5

(A) column oriented (B) row oriented

**Q20. With gRPC, what generated class does a server override?**

(A) a servicer class (B) a stub class