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**ICS 2105: DATA STRUCTURES & ALGORITHMS**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES: APRIL 2013**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

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**Question One (Compulsory)**

a) Define the following terms:

(i) Data structures

(ii) Encapsulation

(iii) Abstract Data Type (ADT)

**(3 marks)**

b) A good programmer must be able to conceptualize a problem. This he can put down as an algorithm. Algorithms can be expressed in terms of Pseudo code or flowcharts.

(i) Justify any **THREE** reasons why analysis of algorithms is important.

(ii) State the difference between a recursion and iteration in program development? Use a high level language example to demonstrate the difference. **(4 marks)**

(iii) What is the Big Oh Notation? **(2 marks)**

c) (i) Name one disadvantage of Binary Tree Data Structure? **(7 marks)**

(ii) List any **TWO** conditions that should be satisfied when an array type is appropriate for representing an abstract data type. **(2 marks)**

d) Searching algorithms are used to read a particular record from a collection of records.

(i) Explain the Bubble sort algorithm. **(2 marks)**

(ii) Write an algorithm to implement Bubble sorting. **(3 marks)**

- (iii) Write an algorithm to implement the selection sorting. (3 marks)
- e) Write an algorithm (Pseudocode or structured English) to represent the dequeue operation in a queue data structure. (4 marks)

### Question Two

- a) Define an array data structure. (2 marks)
- b) Justify any **TWO** reasons why one should implement a list over an array ADT. (2 marks)
- c) An array contains the following items {45,76, 57, 25, 89, 21, 15, 22} using a high level language, write a program that contains the following features:
- (i) Initialize an array called numbers with the values given above. (2 marks)
  - (ii) Uses a loop to print all the elements in the array. (6 marks)
  - (iii) Write a statement that prints only the first element in the array. (2 marks)
  - (iv) Write a statement that declares a multi-dimensional array structure called Ali of 3 by 5 elements of type int. (2 marks)
  - (v) Give a statement that refers to the 6<sup>th</sup> element in array Ali. (2 marks)
  - (vi) Give a statement that passes the value of the 5<sup>th</sup> element of Ali to a variable called K.

### Question Three

- a) Define the following terms where necessary draw a diagram to illustrate your answer.
- (i) Binary tree
  - (ii) Balanced binary tree
  - (iii) A binary search tree
  - (iv) Depth of a tree (8 marks)
- b) Given the following numbers:  
34, 52, 92, 84, 6, 38, 94, 65, 83
- (i) Create a binary search tree using the given numbers. (4 marks)
  - (ii) Give the result of traversing the tree you have created in (i) above using the post-order, in-order and pre-order traversal methods. (6 marks)
- c) List any **TWO** applications for the tree data structure? (2 marks)

### Question Four

- a) Give **TWO** properties that a liner list must adhere to. (2 marks)
- b) Write an algorithm that explains a linear list insertion (8 marks)
- c) With an example describe the following two list operations. (4 marks)
- (i) Concatenate
  - (ii) Append
- d) Explain your understanding of ADT list implementation using Dynamic arrays. (2 marks)
- e) With an illustration differentiate between a Doubling linked list and a circular list. (4 marks)

### Question Five

- a) Describe the ADT stack and give **THREE** examples of application of the ADT in both system and application programming. **(6 marks)**
- b) Write a pseudo code that explains the insertion in a stack data structure. **(6 marks)**
- c) Describe the following stack operations. **(2 marks)**
- (i) Pop
  - (ii) Push
- d) Write a pseudo code that explains the deletion in a stack ADT. **(6 marks)**