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1. When executing the following piece of code, which line will generate an error?

```
a = [2 3 4]; % Line 1
b = 0.5*a;   % Line 2
c = d + b./a; % Line 3
d = 0.5*c;   % Line 4
```

- (a) Line 1
 - (b) Line 2
 - (c) Line 3
 - (d) Line 4
 - (e) MATLAB will not return an error
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Consider this function for the next two questions:

```
function [output] = myStructArray(input)
n = length(input)/2;
    for i = 1:n
        output(i).name = input{i};
        output(i).instrument = input{i+n};
    end
end
```

Then the following is typed into the command window:

```
>>input = {'Paul','John','George','Ringo','Bass','Guitar','Guitar','Drums'};
>>output = myStructArray(input);
```

2. What does `output(4).instrument` return?
- (a) Drums
 - (b) Bass
 - (c) Guitar
 - (d) Ringo
 - (e) MATLAB will return an error.
3. What does `class(output(3).name)` return?
- (a) `string`
 - (b) `double`
 - (c) `cell`
 - (d) `char`
 - (e) None of the above.

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4. You are writing a function that takes two numbers and gives a result. To help handle a case that causes an error, you add a branching statement into the function that displays an error message when that condition occurs, like this:

```
function [result] = myFunction(A,B)
    if isa(A,'char')
        fprintf('Cannot run function! \n');
    else
        result = 2*A*B;
    end
end
```

You now run your function in Matlab by defining variable A as 'test' and B as 10, so that A should be caught by your branching condition:

```
u = myFunction('test',10)
```

But, you still get an error. Why is an error generated in this case?

- (a) The branching statement did not check the input B
 - (b) The branching statement should be using an `elseif` instead of an `else`
 - (c) The branching statement has one too many `end` statements
 - (d) The function is not returning a value if the error condition is met
 - (e) The function is actually correct now and should run without an error
5. Consider the function:

```
function [result] = myFunction(x,y,z)
    zz = z / y;
    result = x / y - z;
    result = zz;
end
```

What will be the value of variable `zz` after typing the following into the command window?

```
xx = 4;
yy = 2;
zz = 10;
result = myFunction(xx, yy, zz);
```

- (a) The variable `zz` will be undefined
- (b) The code will produce an error
- (c) -8
- (d) 5
- (e) 10

6. Which of the following keywords can be used more than one time in relation to a single `if` statement:

- (a) `if`
- (b) `elseif`
- (c) `else`
- (d) `otherwise`
- (e) None of them can be used more than once.

7. What will be the value of variable `T` after executing the following code:

```
T = 10;
if T > 0
    T = 2 * T;
elseif T > 5
    T = 3 * T;
else
    T = 0;
end
```

- (a) 10
 - (b) 20
 - (c) 30
 - (d) 0
 - (e) Variable `T` will be undefined
8. Given two matrices, $A = [2, 7, 6; 9, 5, 1; 4, 3, 8]$ and $B = [5, 4, 3; 10, 6, 4; 5, 5, 0]$, which of the following expressions will evaluate to `true`?

- (a) `sum(A(1,:)) == sum(B(:,2))`
- (b) `(A(2,2)*B(1,3))/sum(A(:,2)) == 1`
- (c) `isa(A,'double')`
- (d) A and B only
- (e) A, B, and C

9. Choose the most precise answer. Quicksort is efficient because it

- (a) uses a recursive algorithm.
- (b) uses an iterative algorithm.
- (c) is an exponential algorithm.
- (d) uses a divide and conquer algorithm.
- (e) saves storage space.

10. Arrays **A**, **B**, and **C** are defined below. Which array will be sorted (into ascending order) in the fewest number of steps using a bubblesort algorithm?

```
A = [6 1 2 3 4 5];
B = [2 3 4 5 6 1];
C = [6 5 4 3 2 1];
```

- (a) A
 - (b) B
 - (c) C
 - (d) They all will require the same number of steps
 - (e) It is impossible to tell
11. Suppose you have the following code in your script file:

```
for j = 10:-2:4
    A(j) = (2 + j)^2;
end
```

Upon completion of this code, what is the value of *j*?

- (a) *j* = 144
 - (b) *j* = 4
 - (c) *j* = 36
 - (d) *j* = 10
 - (e) An error will result.
12. To rotate a matrix counter-clockwise, you create the following function:

```
function [new_mat] = rotate_ccw (mat)
[rows columns] = size(mat);
new_mat = zeros(columns,rows);
for r = 1:rows
    for c = 1:columns
        new_mat(c,r) = <EXPRESSION>;
    end
end
```

Fill in for <EXPRESSION>. For example, if $a = [1\ 2\ 3; 4\ 5\ 6]$ then $b = \text{rotate_ccw}(a)$ should yield $b = [3\ 6; 2\ 5; 1\ 4]$. Hint: try out the expressions below for the matrices given here.

- (a) `mat(rows, columns)`
- (b) `mat(r, c)`
- (c) `mat(rows - r + 1, c)`
- (d) `mat(r, columns - c + 1)`
- (e) `mat(rows - r + 1, columns - c + 1)`

13. What will be the value of `j` after the execution of the following piece of code ?

```
n=10;
j=0;
while j<n
    j=j+1;
end
```

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 9
- (d) 10
- (e) 11

14. Which of the following conditions MUST be true AFTER the while loop finishes?

```
while (A < A_max) || (B < B_max)
    A = A + 5;
    B = B + 10;
end
```

- (a) `(A >= A_max) || (B >= B_max)`
- (b) `(A <= A_max) && (B >= B_max)`
- (c) `(A <= A_max) || (B >= B_max)`
- (d) `(A >= A_max) && (B >= B_max)`
- (e) None of the above.

15. You are given the function:

```
function [ ] = weirdMultiplier(num)
    fprintf('num = %f \n', num);
    if num <= 100
        weirdMultiplier(2*num);
    end
end
```

A user enters the command `weirdMultiplier(25)` in MATLAB's command window. How many *recursive* calls are made? (That is, how many calls are made to the function `weirdMultiplier` from within itself?)

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 25
- (e) none of the above

16. You are given the function:

```
function [output] = myAlgorithm(P,n,x)
    output=P(n+1);
    for i=n:-1:1
        output=output*x+P(i);
    end
end
```

where P is an array containing $n+1$ elements.

The time complexity of this function is:

- (a) $O(1)$
 - (b) $O(\log n)$
 - (c) $O(n)$
 - (d) $O(n^2)$
 - (e) $O(n \log n)$
17. Which of the following is NOT true about floating point variables (in IEEE format):
- (a) Floating point variables can represent a much larger range of numbers in the same amount of space (memory) as integers.
 - (b) MATLAB uses 64 bit double-precision floating point numbers as a default for storing decimal values.
 - (c) Floating point variables can exactly represent all decimal numbers within their range.
 - (d) Operations on floating point variables often generate small amounts of error.
 - (e) Floating point variables have variable spacing between representable numbers.
18. You are given this function:

```
function [y] = Division(n)
    y=0;
    while n>1
        n = n/3;
        y=y+1;
    end
end
```

The time complexity of this function is:

- (a) $O(n^2)$
- (b) $O(n)$
- (c) $O(C^n)$
- (d) $O(\log n)$
- (e) $O(n^3)$

19. What will `y` equal after running the following code?

```
string = '1001';  
if string(3)=='0'  
    j=5;  
else  
    j=10;  
end  
y=j*length(string);
```

- (a) 20
- (b) 40
- (c) 70
- (d) 5
- (e) 10

20. What will be the value of the variable `z` after the following function is called with the command `z = NestedBranching(5, 3)`?

```
function [out] = NestedBranching(x,y)  
    if x>2  
        if y<2  
            out=x+y;  
        else  
            out=x-y;  
        end  
    else  
        if y>2  
            out=x*y;  
        else  
            out=1  
        end  
    end  
end
```

- (a) 8
- (b) 2
- (c) 15
- (d) 1
- (e) null

21. What is the 8-bit binary representation of the integer 49?

- (a) 01000011
- (b) 00110001
- (c) 00111000
- (d) 01100001
- (e) 00110010

22. Which line will produce an error if the function below is called with the command `out = sweetFunc([1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8])`?

```
function [out] = sweetFunc(a) %a is a 1D array
    for n = 1:length(a)           %Line 1
        z(n) = 0.5*(a(n)+a(n+1)); %Line 2
    end                           %Line 3
out = z;                          %Line 4
end
```

- (a) Line 1
- (b) Line 2
- (c) Line 3
- (d) Line 4
- (e) None of these

23. The variables A, B, and C are defined below:

```
A = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8];
B = [1 1 1 1; 2 2 2 2];
C = B';
```

Which of the following commands will generate an error?

- (a) `A + B`
- (b) `3*A - 2*B`
- (c) `3*A*B`
- (d) `6*A*C`
- (e) `4 + C`

For the next two questions, consider the function called `partition` below.

```
function [out] = partition(M, evenorodd)
out = [];
if strcmp(evenorodd,'even')
    for i = 2:2:length(M)
        out = [out, M(i)];
    end
else
    for i = 1:2:length(M)
        out = [out, M(i)];
    end
end
end
```

24. What will be the output, `out`, if the following is typed in the command window:

```
>> out = partition([5:3:20], 'odd')
```

- (a) `out = [5, 8, 11]`
- (b) `out = [8, 14, 20]`
- (c) `out = [5, 11, 17]`
- (d) `out = [5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20]`
- (e) An error will be thrown and `out` will not be assigned a value.

25. What will be the output, `out`, if the following is typed in the command window:

```
>> out = partition('What A Wonderful World!', 'even')
```

- (a) `out = 'A World!'`
 - (b) `out = 'htAWneffWrd'`
 - (c) `out = 'Wa odru ol!'`
 - (d) `out = 'htWneflod'`
 - (e) `out = 'What Wonderful'`
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