

Statistics (N = 256)

Full mark = 45. Maximum = 41. Median = 16.75. Advance to Final = 20 marks or above.

Section A

Q	A	Explanation
1	F	Random-Access Memory(RAM) is a hardware which cannot be downloaded from the Internet.
2	F	Both USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 data signals are digital. One of the reason why USB 3.0 has higher data transfer rate is because it supports full duplex data transfer.
3	T	A char requires 1 byte (8 bits) to represent 0 ~ 255 (or -128 ~ 127 depend on compiler).
4	T	No matter when x is true or false, (x and (not x)) is always false.
5	F	Here is the proof.
6	D	Ransomware is a type of malicious software which encrypts the victim's files, making them inaccessible and demands a ransom payment to decrypt them.
7	A	The nature of nested function calling and returning is the same as that of a stack.
8	B	A = [0, 6] B = [0, 4] B – A = [0, 4] – [0, 6] = [-6, 4] = 11 possible outputs.
9	B	Assume B is the correct answer. Let the correct answer be T and the wrong answer be F. Since there is only one correct answer: A = F, B = T, C = F, D = F When A is F, (B != T and C != T) need to be false When B is T, (C != T and D != T) need to be true When C is F, (C = T) need to be false When D is F, (A != T and B != T) need to be false. The situation in above satisfy all the restrictions. So B is the answer, other cases will result in contradiction.
10	C	AlphaGo is a Ai computer program developed by Google that plays the board game Go. Deep blue is designed for playing chess. Pokémon Go is a mobile phone game. DuckDuckgo is a search engine.

11 D Program A is insertion sort as in each for loop, $a[0..i - 1]$ is already sorted and it moves $a[i]$ to the suitable position.
Program B and C can't sort the number correctly.
Program B is bubble sort as in each i for loop, it move the smallest number in $a[i..n - 1]$ into $a[i]$

12 B There is only two cases to pick two numbers which their product is not a multiple for four.

1. odd x odd
2. $\{2, 6\}$ x odd

So the number of ways is $4C2 + 2 * 4 = 14$.

13 A If we place a rook on (x, y) , we cannot place any rook on row x and column y any more. So, we can view place a rook on (x, y) as delete row x and column y . If the player cannot delete any row or column (all row or column is deleted), he loses.

So we only care about $\min(N, M)$ as after $\min(N, M)$ moves, row or column are all deleted and the game is ended. If $\min(N, M)$ is odd, then the first player win, else the first player lose.

Only $\min(3, 5)$ is odd, so only when $N = 3$ and $M = 5$, Alice will win.

14 B No matter $f(x)$ will overflow, $f(x)$ is always even number.
When $x * 2 \geq 2^{31}$, x will overflow and become negative number.
E.g $f(2^{30}) = 2^{31} = 2147483648 = -2147483648$. So (i) is true and (ii) is false.

15 B Notice that we only need to consider the last character since y can always be express in $16k + (s[n - 1] - 'A')$ where $16k$ is a even number. So we only care about $(s[n - 1] - 'A')$ is even or not. Only (ii) satisfy it. ($'E' - 'A' = 4 = \text{even number}$)

16 C (ii) is not possible because when Alice go, Bob will also go. So there don't exist situation that when Alice go, Bob doesn't go.

17 A Let's rephrase the question in to the following.

Which of the expression is same as $(x \geq y)$

b) $(-x \leq -y)$

c) $(y < x)$

d) $!(x - y \leq y - x)$

$b = (-x \leq -y) = (x \geq y)$

c) $(y < x) = (x > y)$

d) $!(x - y \leq y - x) = !(x \leq y) = x > y$

So only b is same as $(x \geq y)$

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- 18 D Since x and y is unsigned integer. $(x \ ||\ y)$ performs logical OR on x 's and y 's bit patterns. So no 1's bit will lost and the result is always $\geq x$ and $\geq y$.
 $(x \ \&\&\ y)$ performs logical AND on x 's and y 's bit patterns. So no 1's bit will gain and the result is always $\leq x$ and $\leq y$.

So both (i), (ii) and (iii) are true.

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- 19 B Trace the program carefully and will get the following result.

A = 20

B = 40

C = 30

D = 30

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- 20 A The program will output a * max(0, (8 - b)) number of *s.

So A will output 12 *s. B will output 10 *s. C will output 0 *s. D will output 11 *s.

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- 21 D Notice in the j for loop, it compare $a[i]$ and $a[i + 1]$ but not $a[j]$ and not $a[j + 1]$. So it is not bubble sort. Trace the program carefully and you will get the answer.

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- 22 C There is 3 if part in this program.

1) if (score \geq 90) cout << "A"; else if (score \geq 80) cout << "B";

2) if (score \geq 70) cout << "C";

3) if (score \geq 60) cout << "D"; else cout << "F";

70 satisfy (2) and the first if statement of (3).

So the output is CD.

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- 23 A Notice that $7! = 5040 > 2017$.

So a_i is < 7 for any i from 1 to n .

We can use greedy algorithm, which pick the number k from 6 to 0 whenever the current sum + $k! \leq 2017$, to find out the solution which n is minimized.

We can get $2 * 6! + 4 * 5! + 4 * 4! + 1! = 1440 + 480 + 96 + 1 = 2017$.

However, since $0! = 1! = 1$, we can replace $1!$ with $0!$. So the sum of $a_i = 2 * 6 + 4 * 5 + 4 * 4 + 0 = 48$

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- 24 C The 3rd line only restrict that data has to be an array and the first element of data is a number. So it CAN store an array of 10 numbers.

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- 25 D `a.slice(x, y)` extracts a section of array from $a[x]$ to $a[y]$. If y is omitted, the `a.slice(x)` extracts a section of array from $a[x]$ to end of array.

So `a.slice(0)` extract array a from $a[0]$ to its end, which means make a copy of array.

Section B

Answer and Explanation		
A1	22	62
A2	$a[j + 1] := t;$	$a[j + 1] = t;$
	j is the last index where $a[j] \leq t$, so we should insert t in $a[j + 1]$	
B	7	
C	7 5 3 x + 8 4 / - OR 7 5 3 x 8 4 / - +	
D	1, 7, 10 (allow permutation)	
E	3	
F	$st + ed - i$	
	$st + ed - i$ means the last i^{th} element	
G	true	true or 1
	A character is always a palindrome	
H	$s[st] = s[ed]$	$s[st] == s[ed]$
	A string of two character is palindrome if both characters are equal	
I	$(s[st]=s[ed])$ and $f(st + 1, ed - 1)$ (Accept reverse order)	$s[st] == s[ed]$ && $f(st + 1, ed - 1)$ (Accept reverse order)
	A palindrome is made by two equal character including another palindrome	
	$i * a + j - a$ (may replace a by 4)	
K	$(i + j - 2) \bmod a + 1$ (May replace a by 5)	$(i + j - 2) \% a + 1$ (May replace a by 5)
	$x \bmod 10 + x \text{ div } 10 \bmod 10$ (or $x \bmod 100 \text{ div } 10$) + $x \text{ div } 100 = 8$ $x \% 10 + x / 10 \% 10$ (or $x \% 100 / 10$) + $x / 100 == 8$ $x \% 10$ is the units digit. $x \text{ div } 10 \bmod 10$ is the tens digit. $x \text{ div } 100$ is the hundreds digit.	
M	16	
	Count the number of pairs such that $a[j] > a[i]$ and $j < i$	