

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL**

**Mock Exam 2022/2023**

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**

**First Year Examination for the Degrees of  
Bachelor of Engineering  
Master of Engineering  
Bachelor of Science**

**COMS-10017  
Object-Oriented Programming and Algorithms I**

**TIME ALLOWED:  
2 Hours**

This paper contains *three* questions.  
*All* answers will be used for assessment.  
The maximum for this paper is *30 marks*.

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ON EACH PAGE OF THE ANSWER BOOKLET. YOUR STUDENT NUMBER CAN BE  
FOUND ON YOUR UCARD.**

**Other Instructions:**

- 1. Calculators must have the Faculty of Engineering Seal of Approval.**
- 2. Blank paper for your rough workings is available at the end of this question paper.**

**TURN OVER ONLY WHEN TOLD TO START WRITING**

**Important Information:** Throughout this exam paper  $\log()$  denotes the binary logarithm, i.e.,  $\log(n) = \log_2(n)$ . We also write  $\log \log n$  as an abbreviation for  $\log(\log(n))$ , and  $\log^c n$  as an abbreviation for  $(\log n)^c$ .

As in the lectures, arrays start at index 0. For example, an array  $A$  of length  $n$  consists of the elements  $A[0], A[1], \dots, A[n - 1]$ .

**Q1.** This question is about Big- $O$  notation and loop invariants.

(a) For each of the following statements, mark in the answer sheets whether the statement is true or false.

1.  $1 \in O(n)$
2.  $\log n \notin O(n^2)$
3.  $2^n \in O(\log n)$

[3 marks]

(b) What is the smallest integer  $n_0$  such that, for every  $n \geq n_0$ , the inequality

$$\frac{1}{2}n^2 \geq 16n$$

holds? Give your answer in the answer sheets.

[4 marks]

(c) Order the following sets so that each is a subset of the one that comes after it:

- (1)  $O(\log n)$    (2)  $O(\log \log n)$    (3)  $O(2^n)$    (4)  $O(\sqrt{n})$

Give your answer in the answer sheets in form of a permutation of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 (write exactly one digit in each box). For example, the permutation 2, 3, 1, 4 corresponds to the ordering

$$O(\log \log n) \subseteq O(2^n) \subseteq O(\log n) \subseteq O(\sqrt{n}).$$

[3 marks]

**Q2.** This question is about sorting.

(a) For each of the following statements, mark in the answer sheets whether the statement is true or false.

1. Insertionsort is a dynamic programming algorithm.
2. The recursion tree of a run of Mergesort on an instance of size  $n$  has a depth of  $O(\log n)$ .

[2 marks]

(b) For the following input to Insertionsort, state the runtime of the algorithm using  $\Theta(\cdot)$ -notation in the answer sheets (as usual, the objective is to sort in increasing order):

Integer array  $A$  of length  $n$  with  $A[i] = n - i$  for every  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

[2 marks]

**Q3.** This question concerns algorithmic design principles and recurrences.

- (a) Determine the runtime of Algorithm 1 using Big “Theta” notation. Give your answer in the answer sheets.

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**Algorithm 1**

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**Require:** Int  $n \geq 1$

$x \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $i = 1 \dots n$  **do**

$x \leftarrow x + i$

**end for**

**return**  $x$

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[9 marks]

- (b) Consider the following recurrence:

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + 1, \text{ for every } n \geq 2$$

$$T(1) = 1.$$

For each of the following statements, mark in the answer sheets whether the statement is true or false.

1.  $T(n) = \Theta(2^n)$
2.  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
3.  $T(n) = \Theta(\log n)$
4.  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$

[7 marks]

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**Rough Workings (page 1)**

This page and the following ones are left blank for your rough workings. These pages will NOT be marked - only your answer sheets will be marked.

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