

**Algorithms and Programs for Engineers**  
**Midterm exam – 90 minutes**

1. (2 marks) Consider the QuickSort algorithm with the following partitioning procedure:

Partition (A,l,r)

```
x := A[l]
i := l-1
j := r+1
while TRUE
    repeat j := j-1 until A[j] < x
    repeat i := i+1 until A[i] > x
    if i < j then switch A[i] ↔ A[j]
    else return j
```

- a) Specify a QuickSort algorithm that uses the given partitioning function.
- b) Consider the array [ 7 14 10 9 15 4 11 8 ]. Show the array after each call of the Partition function of the QuickSort algorithm.

2. (3 marks) For each of the following, write C++ statements that perform the specified task. Assume that unsigned integers are stored in two bytes and that the starting address of the array is at location 1002500 in memory.

- a. Declare an array of type `unsigned int` called `values` with five elements, and initialize the elements to the even integers from 2 to 10. Assume that the symbolic constant `SIZE` has been defined as 5.
- b. Declare a pointer `vPtr` that points to an object of type `unsigned int`.
- c. Use a `for` statement to print the elements of array `values` using array subscript notation.
- d. Write two separate statements that assign the starting address of array `values` to pointer variable `vPtr`.
- e. Use a `for` statement to print the elements of array `values` using pointer/offset notation.
- f. Use a `for` statement to print the elements of array `values` using pointer/offset notation with the array name as the pointer.
- g. Use a `for` statement to print the elements of array `values` by subscripting the pointer to the array.
- h. Refer to the fifth element of `values` using array subscript notation, pointer/offset notation with the array name as the pointer, pointer subscript notation and pointer/offset notation.
- i. What address is referenced by `vPtr + 3`? What value is stored at that location?
- j. Assuming that `vPtr` points to `values[ 4 ]`, what address is referenced by `vPtr -= 4`? What value is stored at that location?

3. ( 1 mark) Perform the task specified by each of the following statements:

- a) Write the function header for a function called `exchange` that takes two pointers to double-precision, floating-point numbers `x` and `y` as parameters and does not return a value.

b) Write two statements that each initialize character array `vowel` with the string of vowels, "AEIOU".

4. (1 mark) Assume `ip` is a pointer to an `int`. Then, write a statement that will dynamically allocate an array of 500 integers and stores its address in `ip`. Write a statement that will free the memory allocated in the statement you just wrote.

5. (2 marks) Write a function that dynamically allocates an array of integers. The function should accept an integer argument indicating the number of elements to allocate. The function should return a pointer to the array.

6. (1 mark) Are each of the following definitions valid or invalid? If any are invalid, why?

a) `int *iptr = &ivar;`  
`int ivar;`

c) `float fvar;`  
`int *iptr = &fvar;`

b) `int ivar, *iptr = &ivar;`

d) `int nums[50], *iptr = nums;`