Consider the following algorithm.

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1: function Mystery(A,s,f)
       # A is a list and s,f are indices such that 0 \le s \le f + 1 \le length(A)
2:
       if s > f then
3:
           return 0
4:
       end if
5:
       m=\lfloor \tfrac{f-s+1}{4} \rfloor
6:
7:
       res = Mystery(A, s, s + m - 1)
8:
       # loop precondition goes here...
       for i = s + m, \cdots, f - m do
9:
           res = res + A[i]
10:
       end for
11:
       # loop postcondition goes here...
12:
       res = res + Mystery(A, f - m + 1, f)
13:
       return res
14:
15: end function
```

- 1. State clear and precise preconditions for this algorithm.
- 2. State clear and precise postconditions for this algorithm.
- **3.** Prove the correctness of this algorithm.

Note: You may assume that the loop is correct without proof, as long as you state clear preconditions and postconditions specifically for the loop where indicated by comments.