



**Question 1.** [6 MARKS]

**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Briefly explain what the PATH environment variable contains, and what it is used for.

*It stores a list of directories. This list is used to locate executable files, rather than specifying the absolute path.*

**Part (b)** [4 MARKS]

The current working directory contains an executable shell program called `doit` which is shown below. Write the output produced by the following `echo` commands and the contents of the file `outfile` after each command has executed. Assume that `var` is set as shown below and `outfile` is empty before each command is executed. ( ' is a single quote, ' is a backquote.)

```
#!/bin/sh
# doit
echo "$1"
```

	<b>prints</b>	<b>contents of outfile</b>
<code>var="then"</code>		
<code>doit "\$var" &gt; outfile</code>	<u>nothing</u>	then
<code>doit '\$var' &gt; outfile</code>	<u>nothing</u>	\$var
<code>echo `doit \$var &gt; outfile`</code>	<u>blank line</u>	then
<code>echo doit "now &gt; outfile"</code>	<code>doit now &gt; outfile</code>	<u>nothing</u>

## Question 2. [7 MARKS]

Write a Bourne shell program that counts the number of files (not directories) in each of the **subdirectories** of the current working directory. You do not need to worry about hidden directories or files. Do not use `ls` or `cat`. (You should not need the whole page to write the program.)

```
for f in *
do
  if [ -d $f ]
  then
    count=0
    for file in $f/*
    do
      if [ -f $file ]
      then
        count='expr $count + 1'
      fi
    done
    echo $f $count
  fi
done
```

**Question 3.** [5 MARKS]

Consider the following program. In your answers below, assume that all processes terminate normally.

```
int main() {
    int p1, p2;

    p1 = fork();
    if(p1 == 0) {
        printf("A\n");

        p2 = fork();
        if(p2 == 0) {
            sleep(2);
            printf("B\n");
            exit(0);
        }
        wait(0);
    }

    printf("C\n");
    return(0);
}
```

**Part (a)** [1 MARK]

How many processes are created (including the original process)? 3

**Part (b)** [1 MARK]

How many times is "C" printed? 2

**Part (c)** [1 MARK]

How many times is "A" printed? 1

**Part (d)** [1 MARK]

Is it possible for a "C" to be printed before an "A"? Yes

**Part (e)** [1 MARK]

Is it possible for "B" to be printed last? No

**Question 4.** [9 MARKS]

Parts a) and b) refer to the following C statements:

```
char *p1, *p2;
char *a = malloc(10 * sizeof(char));
strncpy(a, "bcdefghij", 10);
p1 = a; p2 = a;
```

**Part (a)** [1 MARK]

Write a C program fragment using pointer arithmetic that sets p1 to point to the character 'd' in the character array a. Do not use array subscripts.

```
while(*p1 != 'd')
    p1++;
```

or simply

```
p1 += 2;
```

**Part (b)** [1 MARK]

Write a C program fragment using array subscripts that sets p2 to point to the character 'g' in the character array a. Do not use pointer arithmetic.

```
for(i = 0; i < strlen(a); i++)
    if(p2[i] == 'g') {
        p2 = &p2[i];
        break;
    }
```

or

```
p2 = a[5];
```

**Part (c)** [3 MARKS]

Complete the C function below.

```
/* Returns a pointer to the first occurrence of the character c in the
 * string s. Returns NULL if the character is not found.*/
```

```
char *my_strchr(char *s, char c) {
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < strlen(str); i++) {
        if(str[i] == c) {
            return &str[i];
        }
    }
    return NULL;
}
```

**Part (d)** [4 MARKS]

There are three errors in the code below that tests the function in part c). The code compiles cleanly, without warnings. Identify and describe **two** of the errors and explain how to fix them.

```
int main()
{
    char *strings[3] = {"Fun", "with", "pointers"};
    char *p = malloc(strlen("pointers")+1);
    int i;

    for(i = 0; i < sizeof(strings); i++) {
        p = my_strchr(strings[i], 'n');
        printf("p now points to %c\n", *p);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

- memory leak in malloc for p – don't need it
- Using sizeof is incorrect. It will give us 12, not 3. Use 3 instead.
- If my\_strchr returns NULL then we will get a seg fault. Check that p is not NULL before printing.

### Question 5. [6 MARKS]

Write a C program that takes zero or more command line arguments. Your program will check each argument and print a message indicating whether the argument is a file, a directory, or neither a valid file nor a directory.

For example suppose the current working directory contains a file called `file1` and a directory called `dir1` and the program is called `checkargs`. There is also a directory `/tmp`, and `/dev/null` exists, but is neither a file nor a directory. `notafile` does not exist.

Then `checkargs file1 dir1 notafile /dev/null /tmp` will print

```
file1 is a file
dir1 is a directory
notafile is not a file or a directory
/dev/null is not a file or a directory
/tmp is a directory
```

```
int
main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int i;
    struct stat sbuf;
    for(i = 1; i < argc; i++) {

        if(stat(argv[i], &sbuf) != -1 ) {
            if(S_ISREG(sbuf.st_mode)) {
                printf("%s is a file\n", argv[i]);
            } else if (S_ISDIR(sbuf.st_mode)) {
                printf("%s is a directory\n", argv[i]);
            } else {
                printf("%s is not a valid file or directory\n", argv[i]);
            }
        } else {
            printf("%s is not a valid file or directory\n", argv[i]);
        }
    }
    return 0;
}
```