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FACULTY OF ENGINEERING  
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**Midterm Examination:** Semester 1

**Academic Year:** 2009-2010

**Date:** 29th July, 2009

**Time:** 9:00 – 11:00 (2 hours)

**Subject Number:** 241-437

**Room:** A400

**Subject Title:** Compiler Structures

**Lecturer:** Aj. Andrew Davison

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**Exam Duration:** 2 hours

**This paper has 2 pages.**

**Authorized Materials:**

- Writing instruments (e.g. pens, pencils).
- Books (e.g. dictionaries) and calculators are **not** permitted.

**Instructions to Students:**

- *Answer questions in English.* Perfect English is **not** required.
- Attempt all questions.
- Write your answers in an answer book.
- Start your answer to each question on a new page
- Clearly number your answers.
- Any unreadable parts will be considered wrong.
- When writing programs, use good layout, and short comments; marks will not be deducted for minor syntax errors.
- The marks for each part of a question are given in brackets (...).

**Question 1**

(15 minutes; 15 marks)

- a) Write a regular expression using `grep` (or `egrep`) which lists all the words in `/usr/share/dict/words` that use some or all of the letters `q, w, e, r, t, y` (e.g. `tree, wetter`). (5)
- b) Write a regular expression using `grep` (or `egrep`) which lists all the words in `/usr/share/dict/words` that contain at least two `e`'s and no other vowels (e.g. `wheeze`). The vowels are `a, e, i, o, u`. (10)

Note: your answers may use multiple calls to `grep/egrep` piped together.

**Question 2**

(20 minutes; 20 marks)

Write a `lex` program which finds all the floats in an input file, and prints their sum when the end of file is reached. *Note*: a float is a number with a decimal point (e.g. `12.456, 5.0, 0.001`). *Note*: use `atof()` to convert a char array into a float.

**Question 3**

(45 minutes; 45 marks)

- a) Explain the four parts of a grammar. Do **not** include any program code. (10)
- b) Write a context-free grammar that generates a sequence of `a`'s followed by a sequence of `b`'s, where there is *one more* `b` than `a` (e.g. `abb, aabbb`).

Draw a parse tree for the string `aabbb` using your grammar. (10)

- c) Write a context-free grammar for expressions involving integers, `*`, and `/` (e.g. `14*5/22, 3*12*114`).

Draw a parse tree for the string `3*12*114` using your grammar. (15).

- d) Explain grammar *ambiguity*, and include an example. (10)

**Question 4**

(40 minutes; 40 marks)

- a) What are FIRST sets? Define `FIRST()` using `FIRST_SEQ()`. (10)
- b) What are FOLLOW sets? Define `FOLLOW()` using `FIRST_SEQ()`. (10)
- c) Calculate the FIRST **and** FOLLOW sets for the grammar:

$$S \rightarrow ( A ) \mid \varepsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow B C$$

$$B \rightarrow ( A ) \mid a \mid b \mid c$$

$$C \rightarrow @ B C \mid \varepsilon$$

The lowercase letters, `(`, `)`, and `@` are terminals. The uppercase letters are non-terminals, and `S` is the start symbol. Show **all** your working. (20)

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