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INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS:

- This is a closed-book assessment.
- Number your answers clearly and correctly as per the question paper.
- Write neatly and legibly on both sides of the paper in the answer book, starting on the first page.

Section A [25*0.5]

True / False

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

In Windows 8/7, the Power Options applet of the control panel can help you reconfigure DIMMs a. True b. False
The GUID Partition Table (GPT) method for partitioning a drive allows up to 128 partition a. True b. False
3. A 32-bit driver can be used in a 64-bit operating system. a. True b. False
4. The Windows desktop is itself a folder. a. True b. False
5. Windows Disk Cleanup is the utility to use whenever you want to defragment your hard drive.a. Trueb. False
DDR memory is faster than GDDR memory since it is used by the CPU. a. True b. False
7. Using Windows 7 Backup and Restore, you can back up the volume on which Windows i installed.a. Trueb. False
8. In Windows, there are two types of user accounts: an administrator account and a standard account. a. True b. False
9. The chkdsk command will not fix anything on the drive unless the drive is unlocked. a. True b. False

10. To move a hard drive to another computer for the purposes of accessing the data, you always need to first physically install it in a drive bay. a. True b. False 11. The official name for FireWire standards is IEEE 1394. a. True b. False 12. The faster the spindle rotates on a traditional magnetic drive, the better performance it will have. a. True b. False 13. A hard drive can only have one single root directory. a. True b. False 14. If you need to recover data from a system that does not boot, you should install the drive in a working system. a. True b. False 15. Windows needs free space on the hard drive for normal operation, for defragmenting the drive, for burning CDs and DVDs, and for a variety of other tasks. Therefore, it is important to delete unneeded files occasionally. a. True b. False 16. A KVM switch allows you to use one monitor, mouse, and keyboard for multiple computers. a. True b. False 17. Defragmenting is highly recommended for solid-state hard drives. a. True b. False 18. A docking station provides ports to allow a laptop to easily connect to a full-sized monitor, keyboard, AC adapter and other peripheral devices a. True b. False 19. The read/write head on a magnetic hard drive is at both the top and bottom of each disk. a. True b. False

20. A drive making a loud clicking noise most likely is not accessible and must be replaced. a. True b. False 21. The exFAT file system is used by large-capacity removable storage devices such as large-capacity USB flash drives. a. True b. False 22. SDSC is one of the three standards used by SD cards a. True b. False 23. SMART is a feature within the UEFI/BIOS that monitors the health of a hard drive. a. True b. False 24. The OEM version of Windows 7 can only be installed on a new PC. a. True b. False 25. The SATA drive technology utilizes a serial data path. a. True b. False **Section B** [50*0.5] **Multiple Choice** Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. 1. What command should you use to check if a drive has bad sectors? a. Defrag b. Chkdsk c. Analyze d. Optimize 2. What term is used to describe the unused space at the end of the last cluster? a. zero b. slack c. void d. null

3. What Intel socket recommends the use of a liquid cooling system? a. LGA1150 b. LGA1151 c. LGA1750 d. LGA2011 4. How many layers of data can exist on a single side of a Blu-ray disc? a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4 5. Which of the following holds together many of the crucial components of a computer, including the central processing unit (CPU), memory and connectors for input and output devices? a. CPU b. Power Supply c. RAM d. Motherboard 6. Which of the following is used by the UEFI/BIOS and the OS to address groups of sectors on a hard drive? a. logical sector addressing b. low level formatting c. logical block addressing d. high level formatting 7. Which of the following is used to store flash memory in a SSD drive? a. S.S.D. b. S.M.A.R.T. c. N.A.N.D. d. E.E.P.R.O.M. 8. What command can be used to remove partitions and convert a drive to GPT? a. fdisk b. bootrec c. diskpart d. gptconv 9. Which of the following is a circuit board that provides more ports than those provided by the motherboard? a. heat sink b. expansion card c. RAM d. CPU

10. In order to enable the Windows 7 Aero user interface, how much video memory must be available to the video controller?

- a. 64MB
- b. 128MB
- c. 256MB
- d. 1GB
- 11. During the Windows 8.1 installation, what option must be selected in order to perform a clean install?
 - a. Custom: Install Windows only (advanced)
 - b. Upgrade to Windows 8.1
 - c. Clean Install (advanced)
 - d. Fresh Install (automated)
- 12. Which of the following are the two standards used by hard drives to connect to the motherboard?
 - a. Omnibus and multibus standards
 - b. Micro and macro standards
 - c. SATA and PATA standards
 - d. ATX and Micro ATX
- 13. Which of the following tools could be used to test a port?
 - a. insulated tweezers
 - b. ESD trap
 - c. loophole
 - d. loopback plug
- 14. Which of the following is a basic principle that applies to both internal and external devices?
 - a. when connecting a faster device to a slower port, the port adapts to the speed of the device
 - b. if you have multiple devices to install, it's best to install them at the same time
 - c. for most installations, install the device first, then the device driver
 - d. some devices don't require a software component for them to work properly
- 15. If you are adding a hard drive to a system that already has a drive with Windows installed on it, what should you do?
 - a. you should boot from the Windows setup DVD to prepare the new drive
 - b. boot Windows and use Disk Management to prepare the new drive
 - c. use the BIOS setup screen to partition and format the new drive
 - d. check that the new hard drive must use the same standard as the Windows drive

- 16. What is the maximum amount of memory supported by a 32-bit Windows operating system?
 - a. 1GB
 - b. 4GB
 - c. 16GB
 - d. 64GB
- 17. In Windows 7/Vista, what happens when a flash memory card is installed in a slot and it is recognized by Windows?
 - a. a window appears prompting you to initialize the device
 - b. a drive letter is assigned to the device and you can see it in Windows Explorer
 - c. Windows automatically partitions and formats the device
 - d. the files are copied from the device to your Documents folder
- 18. Which Windows utility program lists errors and issues that need attention?
 - a. Action Center
 - b. Control Panel
 - c. System Information Windows
 - d. Network and Sharing Center
- 19. For some brand-name computers, the hard drive contains a partition that can be used to reinstall Windows. What is the name for this partition?
 - a. reinstall partition
 - b. recovery partition
 - c. restore partition
 - d. rebuild partition
- 20. If a laptop user complains she cannot sign in to Windows even when she is certain she is entering the correct password, what would you advise her to do?
 - a. perform a reboot
 - b. bring the laptop to an authorized repair shop
 - c. check the NumLock indicator on the laptop
 - d. Replace the laptop keyboard
- 21. What component of a motherboard is not considered to be a field replaceable unit?
 - a. processor
 - b. RAM
 - c. CMOS battery
 - d. chipset
- 22. What is the other name for several small utility programs that are found in the Control Panel?
 - a. downloads
 - b. system processes
 - c. categories
 - d. applets

- 23. What is it called when software is used to simulate the hardware of a physical computer?
 - a. dual boot
 - b. Windows XP mode
 - c. virtual machine
 - d. compatibility mode
- 24. Which Windows 7 utility is used to create a backup schedule that can include any folder on the hard drive and the system image?
 - a. Automated System Backup
 - b. Complete PC Recovery
 - c. Automated System Recovery
 - d. Backup and Restore
- 25. In Windows 7/Vista, sometimes error messages disappear before they can be read as the system reboots. What should you do to disable these automatic restarts?
 - a. press F8 as Windows starts up
 - b. press Pause so you can see the screen output
 - c. press Ctrl+Print Screen to print the screen output
 - d. press Esc as soon as you see the blue screen
- 26. What is Pagefile.sys used for in Windows?
 - a. system file storage
 - b. to store E-books
 - c. video RAM
 - d. virtual memory
- 27. If you suspect your system is overheating, how can you determine the CPU temperature?
 - a. in Windows, go to System Information
 - b. the CPU has a temperature display screen
 - c. press a room thermometer on the top of the CPU
 - d. Check the temperature monitor in the UEFI/BIOS settings
- 28. Which type of RAID volume is used for fault tolerance and only requires two drives?
 - a. RAID0
 - b. RAID1
 - c. RAID5
 - d. RAID10
- 29. What GUI element is usually on the right side of the taskbar and displays open services?
 - a. status tray
 - b. display area
 - c. system tray
 - d. identification area

- 30. What is the name of the interface that uses graphics as compared to a command-driven interface?
 - a. Text-based interface
 - b. menu-based interface
 - c. common user interface
 - d. graphical user interface
- 31. What is a snapshot of the system settings and configuration called?
 - a. rollback point
 - b. restore unit
 - c. rollback unit
 - d. restore point
- 32. Which of the following is a requirement for supporting the Aero user interface?
 - a. at least 128 KB video memory
 - b. Video card that supports DirectX 9 or higher
 - c. an HDMI video port
 - d. Windows XP with SP3
- 33. What is an indication that an inadequate power supply is the source of an intermittent problem?
 - a. the power supply whines when you first turn on the system
 - b. you don't see any indicator lights or fans spinning
 - c. BIOS loses its date and time settings
 - d. the system tries to boot from the wrong device
- 34. What should you install in a server room that will save space by allowing you to control multiple servers with a single mouse, keyboard, and monitor?
 - a. a MIDI connector
 - b. a digitizer
 - c. biometric device
 - d. a KVM switch
- 35. If you see an error message that reads "Processor thermal trip error", what is the likely problem?
 - a. the power supply is inadequate
 - b. the processor has overheated
 - c. the processor has failed
 - d. a memory module might be bad

36. What command can be used to launch the System Information window? a. msinfo32.exe b. sysinfo.exe c. info32.exe d. msconfig.exe 37. A DAT72 tape is also known by what term? a. DDS-2 b. DDS-3 c. DDS-4 d. DDS-5 38. What process writes sector markings to a hard drive? a. partitioning b. low-level formatting c. high-level formatting d. sector provisioning 39. When a static image stays on a monitor for many hours leaving a permanent impression of that image on the monitor, what term is used to describe this condition? a. image cling b. burn-in c. screen blanking d. screen freezing 40. If you wish to install a new OS without disturbing the old one so that you can boot to either OS, what type of boot setup should you create? a. dual b. cross c. controlled d. selective 41. Which of the following describes the standards that determine the size, shape, screw hole positions, and major features of computer cases? a. PSD factors b. LGA factors c. Form factors d. POST factors 42. Volumes within an extended partition are known by what term?

- a. extended volumes
- b. extra volumes
- c. logical drives
- d. logical expansions

- 43. How often does Windows 7/Vista automatically defragment a magnetic hard drive?
 - a. once a week
 - b. once a day
 - c. once a month
 - d. once an hour
- 44. What important information is needed if you are installing an OEM version of Windows 7?
 - a. installation code
 - b. Receipt of purchase
 - c. OEM license
 - d. product key
- 45. Which of the following devices uses a mix of components sized for a desktop and a laptop?
 - a. all-in-one computer
 - b. phablet
 - c. tablet
 - d. PDF reader
- 46 Why might you want to use a RAID 0 disk configuration?
 - a. to improve overall disk performance
 - b. RAID 0 drives are less expensive than other RAID drives
 - c. to prevent data loss in case of a drive failure
 - d. because RAID 0 provides an automatic disk backup
- 47. The ability to snap a page to the left or right side of the screen so a second page can share the screen is a function of what feature?
 - a. Aero
 - b. App multitasking
 - c. side-by-side apps
 - d. app tiling
- 48. You can use what utility to convert two or more basic disks to dynamic disks?
 - a. Disk Management
 - b. Windows Management
 - c. System Management
 - d. Disk Config
- 49. On a magnetic drive, what is the most common sector size?
 - a. 512 bytes
 - b. 512 KB
 - c. 16 KB
 - d. 4 KB

50. What is the name for the 3D user interface provided by Windows 7 and Vista?

- a. Glass
- b. Aero
- c. Air
- d. Shield

Section C

[25*1]

Matching

Match each item with a statement below.

- a. virtual memory
- b. file system
- c. Dynamic volumes
- d. restore points
- e. Backup
- f. Basic Disk
- g. Defragmenting
- h. Mounted drive
- i. Pagefile.sys
- j. Chkdsk utility
 - 1. can span more than one hard drive
 - 2. used to enhance the amount of RAM in a system
 - 3. rearranges files on the drive into as few segments as possible
 - 4. an extra copy of a data or software file that you can use if the original file becomes damaged or destroyed
 - 5. a volume that can be accessed by way of a folder on another volume so that the folder has more available space
 - 6. searches for bad sectors on a volume and recovers the data from them if possible
 - 7. a hidden file stored in the root directory of drive C
 - 8. can be partitioned and formatted as a stand-alone hard drive
 - 9. snapshots of the system and include Windows system files that have changed
 - 10. the overall structure an OS uses to name, store, and organize files on a drive

Match each item with a statement below.

- a. lithium ion
- b. BSOD
- c. Memory Diagnostics
- d. Windows pinwheel
- e. heat sink
- f. sheet battery
- g. dual rail
- h. driver store
- i. CAG
- i. UPS
 - 11. indicates that the system is waiting for a response from a program or device
 - 12. Windows errors that are caused by problems with devices, device drivers, or a corrupted Windows installation
 - 13. a component made of metal that is designed to draw heat away from a processor into the fins
 - 14. a round air duct that helps direct air to the processor
 - 15. a power supply with a second +12v rail
 - 16. a location where Windows keeps a copy of driver software
 - 17. a device that provides battery power when the main power source goes out
 - 18. a component that fits on the bottom of a laptop that can improve charge times and increase time between charges
 - 19. the technology most commonly used by battery packs
 - 20. a tool in Windows 8/7/Vista that tests memory

Match each item with a statement below.

- a. System window
- b. Device drivers
- c. gadget
- d. Navigation pane
- e. OneDrive
- f. Desktop
- g. Action Center
- h. Network and Sharing center
- i. Compressed folder

j. Child directories

- 21. a mini-app that provides information such as the time, date, news headlines, or weather.
- 22. Can give you a quick look at what hardware and software is installed
- 23. The initial screen that is displayed when an OS has a GUI interface loaded
- 24. A tool that lists errors and issues that need attention
- 25. Creates a folder with a .zip extension

Section D [37.5] **Subjective Short Answer** 1. What are three things you can do to solve an overheating problem? [3*3] 2. Why should a power supply be rated about 30 percent higher than expected needs? [5] 3. List three steps that can be taken to troubleshoot a Windows startup issue. [3*3] 4. Describe the two different kinds of tapes accepted by tape drives. [2*3] 5. Discuss some cautions about software RAID. [4.5] 6. What is a user profile, and what are the two general items it consists of? [3] 7. How does Light-Emitting Diode (LED) backlighting work, and how do you identify a monitor that uses LED? [4]