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CORE: DISTRIBUTED OPERATING SYSTEM-163A

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Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) _____ is said to occur when the system spends a large amount of time spent doing the useful work of executing application processes.
 - a) **Thrashing**
 - b) Congestion
 - c) granularity
 - d) consistency

- 2) _____ consistency model cannot be implemented in real life.
 - a) **strict.**
 - b) weak.
 - c) release.
 - d) acquire & release.

- 3) _____, _____ and _____ are the three primitives of building agent interface.
 - a) **register, deregister, lookup**
 - b) register, deregister, likelihood
 - c) register, deregister, distance
 - d) none of the above

- 4) _____ algorithm are not suitable for a DSM system.
 - a) usage based algorithm
 - b) non-usage based algorithm
 - c) fixed space algorithm
 - d) **variable-space algorithm**

- 5) _____ are independent of transport protocols.
 - a) **RPC protocol**
 - b) IPC protocol
 - c) TCP protocol
 - d) IP protocol

- 6) _____ defines the end of a phase of execution of a group of concurrently executing processes.
 - a) acquire.
 - b) release.
 - c) **barrier.**
 - d) block.

- 7) _____ ensures that every message sent to a group of receivers will be delivered to either all of them or none of them.
- a) Ordered delivery
 - b) Atomicity**
 - c) Survivability
 - d) Reliability
- 8) _____ ensures that if a transaction's work is interrupted by a failure, any partially completed results
- a) atomocity
 - b) failure atomocity**
 - c) consurrecny
 - d) consistency
- 9) _____ involves communication between domains on the same machine.
- a) Cross-machine
 - b) Cross-domain**
 - c) Single-machine
 - d) Single-domain
- 10) _____ is a connection establishment between a client and a server.
- a) message passing
 - b) binding**
 - c) message passing
 - d) buffering
- 11) _____ is a group of users or machine.
- a) cell.**
 - b) cluster.
 - c) cloud.
 - d) DCE.
- 12) _____ is an unstructured sequence of data.
- a) file.**
 - b) record.
 - c) table.
 - d) tuple.
- 13) _____ is the ability of a system to continue functioning in the event of partial system failure.
- a) fault avoidance
 - b) fault tolerance**
 - c) fault detection
 - d) fault recovery

- 14) _____ is the relocation of a process from its current location to another node.
- a) process allocation
 - b) process migration**
 - c) threads
 - d) process association
- 15) _____ is the state of permanent blocking of a set of processes each of which is waiting for an event that only another process in the set can cause.
- a) Running
 - b) Wait
 - c) Blocked
 - d) Deadlock**
- 16) _____ is useful for identifying lost messages and duplicate messages in case of system failures
- a) sequence number**
 - b) acknowledgement
 - c) destination address
 - d) data size
- 17) _____ operation is not possible in an immutable file.
- a) insertion.
 - b) deletion.
 - c) updation.**
 - d) selection.
- 18) _____ process involves encoding and decoding of message data between two computers.
- a) marshaling**
 - b) encrypting
 - c) decrypting
 - d) unmarshaling
- 19) _____ refers to the block size of a DSM system.
- a) cohesion
 - b) thrashing
 - c) heterogeneity
 - d) granularity**
- 20) _____ refers to the capability of a system to adapt to increased service load.
- a) performance.
 - b) scalability.**
 - c) flexibility.
 - d) reliability.

- 21) _____ servers are useful for improving the overall performance and reliability of the system.
- a) **persistent servers**
 - b) instance per session servers
 - c) instance per call servers
 - d) instance servers
- 22) _____ servers exist for the entire session.
- a) **instance per session servers**
 - b) persistent servers
 - c) instance per call servers
 - d) instance servers
- 23) _____ time is defined as the time period for which the execution of the process is stopped for transferring its information to the destination node.
- a) turn around
 - b) latency
 - c) **freezing**
 - d) execution
- 24) _____ transparency deals with masking from the user's partial failures in the system.
- a) location
 - b) access
 - c) replication
 - d) **failure**
- 25) _____ transparency means that the semantics of a RPC are identical to those of a local procedure call.
- a) Syntactic
 - b) **Semantic**
 - c) Location
 - d) Name
- 26) _____ refers to the block size of a DSM system.
- a) **Granularity**
 - b) Thrashing
 - c) Replacement Strategy
 - d) Memory Coherence
- 27) _____ refers to the power to survive crashes of the devices.
- a) availability.
 - b) granurality.
 - c) throughput.
 - d) **robustness.**

- 28) _____ is a problem that occurs when data block moves from one node to another.
- a) replacement.
 - b) replication.
 - c) granularity.
 - d) thrashing.**
- 29) _____ is a special type of message that entities it's holder to enter critical section
- a) entity.
 - b) packet.
 - c) token.**
 - d) frame.
- 30) _____ is the process of converting the program object of a message to stream for suitable for transmission.
- a) decoding.
 - b) conversion.
 - c) encoding.**
 - d) enriching.
- 31) _____ ensures that once transaction completes successfully, the results of the operations become permanent.
- a) serializability.
 - b) synchronizability.
 - c) atomicity.
 - d) durability.**
- 32) _____ refers to the fact that the name of a resource should not reveal any hint as to the physical location of the resource.
- a) name transparency**
 - b) replication transparency
 - c) failure transparency
 - d) migration transparency
- 33) _____ refers to the unit of sharing and data transfer.
- a) throughput.
 - b) bytes.
 - c) block.
 - d) granularity.**
- 34) . _____ procedure calls are more vulnerable to failure than local procedure calls.
- a) remote**
 - b) called
 - c) calling
 - d) none of the above

- 35) A barrier defines the _____ of execution of a group of concurrently executing processes.
- a) beginning of a phase
 - b) middle of a phase
 - c) end of a phase**
 - d) full execution phase
- 36) A binary semaphore _____.
- a) has the values one or zero.**
 - b) is essential to binary computers.
 - c) is used only for synchronisation.
 - d) is used only for mutual exclusion
- 37) A binding agent is basically a _____ server used to bind a client to a server by providing the client with the location information of the desired server.
- a) name**
 - b) file
 - c) database
 - d) print
- 38) A major disadvantage of the nonreplication strategies is _____.
- a) lack of distribution
 - b) lack of parallelism**
 - c) lack of memory
 - d) lack of information
- 39) A process that is based on IPC mechanism which executes on different systems and can communicate with other processes using message based communication, is called _____.
- a) local Procedure Call.
 - b) inter Process Communication.
 - c) remote Procedure Call.**
 - d) remote Machine Invocation.
- 40) A server program that implements procedures in an interface is said to _____ the interface.
- a) extract
 - b) export**
 - c) import
 - d) None of the above.
- 41) A set of resources allocations such that the system can allocate resources to each process in some order, and still avoid a deadlock is called _____.
- a) unsafe state.
 - b) safe state.**
 - c) starvation.
 - d) greedy allocation.

- 42) A system is said to be in _____ if it is not in a deadlock state.
- a) safe state.
 - b) unsafe state.**
 - c) stateful.
 - d) stateless.
- 43) A _____ and _____ are the two parts of an interface name.
- a) class and object
 - b) member variable and member function
 - c) method and instance
 - d) type and instance**
- 44) A _____ is a mechanical or algorithmic defect that may generate an error.
- a) bug
 - b) error
 - c) system overflow
 - d) fault**
- 45) A _____ is a special type of message that entitles its holder to enter a critical section.
- a) block
 - b) bit
 - c) token**
 - d) byte
- 46) A _____ is a subsystem of an operating system that performs file management activities.
- a) file system**
 - b) process management system
 - c) memory management system
 - d) interprocess communication system
- 47) A _____ is a mechanical or algorithmic defect that may generate an error.
- a) fault**
 - b) bug
 - c) failure
 - d) error
- 48) All accesses to acquire and release synchronization variables obey _____ semantics.
- a) strict consistency
 - b) processor consistency**
 - c) release consistency
 - d) PRAM consistency

- 49) All or none operation execution is also called as _____.
- a) **atomic transaction.**
 - b) fault tolerant system.
 - c) successful transaction.
 - d) reliable transaction.
- 50) Amoeba is a _____ based distributed operating system.
- a) micro computer.
 - b) **monolithic.**
 - c) micro kernel.
 - d) workstation.
- 51) Amoeba is an _____ system in which the entire software is structured as objects.
- a) **object-based**
 - b) operational-based
 - c) relational-based
 - d) object-oriented relational based
- 52) Amoeba system follows approach.
- a) distributed.
 - b) **object oriented.**
 - c) centralized.
 - d) parallel.
- 53) An RPC that uses the R protocol is called _____.
- a) synchronous RPC
 - b) **asynchronous RPC**
 - c) reliable RPC
 - d) unreliable RPC
- 54) An _____ call is one whose parent has expired due to a node crash.
- a) **orphan**
 - b) local procedure
 - c) remote procedure
 - d) possibly call
- 55) applications
- a) granularity
 - b) **consistency**
 - c) ISO reference
 - d) Process

- 56) Bullet server in amoeba system is used for_____.
- a) database management.
 - b) process management.**
 - c) file management.
 - d) directory management
- 57) chain.
- a) Mutual exclusion
 - b) Hold-and-wait
 - c) No-preemption
 - d) Circular-wait**
- 58) CPU Scheduling is the basis of _____ operating system
- a) batch.
 - b) real time
 - c) multiprogramming**
 - d) monoprogramming
- 59) Deadlock can be modeled using_____.
- a) directed graph**
 - b) undirected graph
 - c) undirected acyclic graph
 - d) directed acyclic graph
- 60) DSM system used a special variable called a _____ variable.
- a) system
 - b) environment
 - c) synchronization**
 - d) private
- 61) Failure during inter-process communication may be due to_____.
- a) loss of request message
 - b) loss of response message
 - c) unsuccessful execution of the request
 - d) All of the above**
- 62) First in first out is _____ based algorithm.
- a) fixed space.
 - b) variable space.
 - c) usage based.
 - d) non usage based.**

- 63) Idempotency basically means_____.
- a) reliability
 - b) repeatability**
 - c) survivability
 - d) flexibility
- 64) Implementation of_____consistency model requires the existence of an absolute global time so that memory read/write operations can be correctly ordered.
- a) strict**
 - b) sequential
 - c) casual
 - d) weak
- 65) In _____ case of failure, the system continues to function but produces wrong results.
- a) fail-stop
 - b) byzantine**
 - c) system
 - d) none of the above
- 66) In _____condition, processes are allowed to request for new resources without releasing the resources that they are currently holding.
- a) Mutual-exclusion
 - b) Hold-and-wait**
 - c) No-preemption
 - d) Circular-wait
- 67) In _____communication, message transfers simply fail whenever there is no more buffer space.
- a) successful
 - b) unsuccessful**
 - c) flow-controlled
 - d) flow uncontrolled
- 68) In a distributed transaction service,_____is responsible for deciding whether the transaction should be aborted or committed.
- a) client
 - b) node
 - c) host
 - d) coordinator**

- 69) In a RPC, the caller is a_____.
- a) server process.
 - b) client process.**
 - c) stub.
 - d) runtime routine.
- 70) In an object-based system that uses the RPC mechanism for object invocation, the call-by-reference semantics is known as call-by-_____.
- a) visit
 - b) object-reference**
 - c) value
 - d) move
- 71) In broadcasting method, each node maintains _____ table that contains an entry for each block for which the node is the current owner.
- a) Lookup table
 - b) Truth table
 - c) Routing table
 - d) Owned blocks table**
- 72) In inter-process communication, _____ is strongly related to synchronization strategy.
- a) message buffering**
 - b) process addressing
 - c) failure handling
 - d) none of the above.
- 73) In one of the deadlock prevention methods, impose a total ordering of all resource types, and require that each process requests resources in an increasing order of enumeration. This violates the condition of deadlock
- a) mutual exclusion.
 - b) hold and Wait.
 - c) circular Wait.**
 - d) no Preemption.
- 74) In the running state _____.
- a) only the process which has control of the processor is found.**
 - b) all the processes waiting for I/O to be completed are found.
 - c) all the processes waiting for the processor are found.
 - d) none of the above.

- 75) In the _____ method, all parameters are copied into a message that is transmitted from the client to the server through the intervening network.
- a) **call-by-value**
 - b) call-by-reference
 - c) call-by-visit
 - d) call-by-move
- 76) In which method, a client is bound to server at the time when it calls the server for the first time during execution.
- a) binding at compile time
 - b) binding at link time
 - c) **binding at call time**
 - d) none of the above
- 77) In which scheme, all copies of a piece of data except one are invalidated before a write can be performed on it.
- a) write-update
 - b) write-validate
 - c) **write-invalidate**
 - d) read-update
- 78) In which type of protocol, only one message per call is transmitted from client to server?
- a) **The Request Protocol**
 - b) The Request/Reply Protocol
 - c) The Request/Reply/Acknowledgement Protocol
 - d) The Request/Reply/Acknowledgement-Reply Protocol
- 79) In _____ kernel model, the operating system services such as process management, memory management are provided by the kernel.
- a) **monolithic**
 - b) micro
 - c) macro
 - d) complex
- 80) In _____ representation, the type of each program object along with its value is encoded in the message.
- a) **tagged**
 - b) untagged
 - c) sparse
 - d) sequential

- 81) In _____ scheme, a write operation is carried out by updating all copies of the data on which the write is performed.
- a) **write-update**
 - b) write-validate
 - c) write-invalidate
 - d) write-nonupdate
- 82) Isolation property is also known as _____.
- a) performance.
 - b) **serializability.**
 - c) durability.
 - d) atomicity.
- 83) Last-one semantics can be easily achieved when only _____ processors are involved in RPC
- a) one
 - b) **two**
 - c) three
 - d) four
- 84) Least recently used is a _____ based algorithm.
- a) fixed space.
 - b) variable space.
 - c) **usage based.**
 - d) non usage based.
- 85) LRPC achieves a _____ performance improvement over traditional approaches.
- a) factor-of-one
 - b) factor-of-two
 - c) **factor-of-three**
 - d) factor-of-four
- 86) Maintaining separate life times for client and server processes is called as _____.
- a) **independence**
 - b) dependence
 - c) parallelism
 - d) sequential
- 87) Messages smaller than the MTU of the network can be sent in a single packet and are known as _____.
- a) maximum transfer unit
 - b) **single-datagram messages**
 - c) multidatagram messages
 - d) message passing

88) MUNIN system follows _____ consistency model.

- a) **release.**
- b) weak.
- c) PRAM.
- d) strict.

89) Overwriting operation is not possible in a _____.

- a) mutable file.
- b) **immutable file.**
- c) sequential file.
- d) index sequential file.

90) peripherals.

- a) parallel processing
- b) **distributed computing**
- c) super computer
- d) multiprocessing

91) Processor pool model is followed by _____.

- a) **Amoeba.**
- b) V system.
- c) mach.
- d) chorus.

92) program operation is to be correct.

- a) **mutual-exclusion**
- b) no-starvation
- c) no-deadlock
- d) event-ordering

93) Prolonged waiting for resources lead to _____.

- a) **starvation.**
- b) exclusion.
- c) waiting.
- d) critical section.

94) Random replacement is _____ based algorithm.

- a) fixed space.
- b) variable space.
- c) usage based.
- d) **non usage based.**

- 95) released by the process holding it.
- a) Mutual exclusion
 - b) Hold-and-wait
 - c) No-preemption**
 - d) Circular-wait
- 96) Saving the state of the old process and loading the saved state of the new process is called _____.
- a) context Switch.**
 - b) state.
 - c) multi programming.
 - d) none of the above.
- 97) Sending information to all the nodes connected in the network is called _____.
- a) broadcasting.**
 - b) multicasting.
 - c) polling.
 - d) piggybacking.
- 98) Super computers typically employ _____.
- a) real time operating system.
 - b) multiprocessors OS.**
 - c) desktop OS.
 - d) none of the above.
- 99) The _____ handles transmission of messages across the network between client and server machines.
- a) client
 - b) client stub
 - c) RPCRuntime**
 - d) server stub
- 100) The aim of transparency is to allow the system to expand in scale without disrupting the activities of the users.
- a) performance
 - b) scaling**
 - c) concurrency
 - d) migration
- 101) The aim of transparency is to ensure that the movement of the object is handled automatically by the system in a user-transparent manner.
- a) location
 - b) name
 - c) migration**
 - d) scaling

- 102) The collection of processes on the disk that is waiting to be brought into memory for execution forms the
- a) ready queue.
 - b) device queue.
 - c) input queue.**
 - d) priority queue.
- 103) The Hardware mechanism that enables a device to notify the CPU is called_____.
- a) polling.
 - b) interrupt.**
 - c) system Call.
 - d) none of the above.
- 104) The high paging activity is called_____.
- a) inter process communication.
 - b) thrashing**
 - c) context Switch.
 - d) none of the above.
- 105) The implementation of_____ semantics with RR protocol requires the server to maintain a record of the replies in its reply cache.
- a) last-of-many call
 - b) at-least-once call
 - c) exactly-once call**
 - d) last-one call
- 106) The kernel keeps track of the state of each task by using a data structure called _____.
- a) process control block.**
 - b) user control block.
 - c) memory control block.
 - d) none of the above.
- 107) The kernel of the operating system remains in the primary memory because _____.
- a) it is mostly called (used).**
 - b) it manages all interrupt calls.
 - c) it controls all operations in process.
 - d) it is low level.
- 108) The main goal of the_____ model is to keep the kernel as small as possible.
- a) macrokernel
 - b) microkernel**
 - c) monolithic kernel
 - d) none of the above.

- 109) The mechanism used in Amoeba for locating a server is based on _____.
- a) **broadcast queries**
 - b) unicast queries
 - c) multicast queries
 - d) range queries
- 110) The operating system manages _____.
- a) memory.
 - b) processor.
 - c) disk and I/O devices.
 - d) **all of the above.**
- 111) The operating system of a computer serves as a software interface between the user and the _____.
- a) **hardware.**
 - b) peripheral.
 - c) memory.
 - d) screen.
- 112) The probe-based distributed deadlock detection algorithm was proposed by _____.
- a) **Chandy et al.**
 - b) Silberschatz and Galvin
 - c) Gray et al.
 - d) Rosenkratz et al.
- 113) The process by which a client becomes associated with a server so that calls can take place is known as _____.
- a) abstraction
 - b) **binding**
 - c) linking
 - d) loading
- 114) The process related to process control, file management, device management, information about system and communication that is requested by any higher level language can be performed by _____.
- a) editors.
 - b) compilers.
 - c) **system Call.**
 - d) caching.

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- 116) The processor consistency model was proposed by _____.
- a) **Goodman**
 - b) Sandberg
 - c) Dubois
 - d) Lamport
- 117) The Purpose of Co-operating Process is _____.
- a) information Sharing.
 - b) convenience.
 - c) computation Speed-Up.
 - d) **all of the above.**
- 118) The section of the program that need exclusive access to shared resources are referred to as _____.
- a) program section.
 - b) execution section.
 - c) locked section.
 - d) **critical section.**
- 119) The shared-memory space of Munin is structured as a collection of _____.
- a) private variables
 - b) protected variables
 - c) **shared variables**
 - d) environment variables
- 120) The simplest approach for concurrency control would be to allow the transactions to be run _____.
- a) **one at a time**
 - b) two at a time
 - c) three at a time
 - d) many at a time

- 121) The technique, for sharing the time of a computer among several jobs, which switches jobs so rapidly such that each job appears to have the computer to itself, is called _____.
- a) **time Sharing.**
 - b) time out.
 - c) time domain.
 - d) multitasking.
- 122) The value of the parameter is passed in _____ method.
- a) call by visit.
 - b) call by move.
 - c) **call by value.**
 - d) call by reference.
- 123) The _____ is a user process that initiates a remote procedure call.
- a) **client**
 - b) server
 - c) network
 - d) operating system
- 124) To achieve the goal of semantic transparency, RPC implementation uses the concept of _____.
- a) **stubs**
 - b) tables
 - c) queries
 - d) data stream
- 125) Tuple means _____.
- a) **record.**
 - b) table.
 - c) database.
 - d) values.
- 126) value written by the most recent write operation to that address.
- a) Sequential
 - b) **Strict**
 - c) Casual
 - d) Processor
- 127) Virtual memory is _____ .
- a) an extremely large main memory.
 - b) an extremely large secondary memory.
 - c) **an illusion of extremely large main memory.**
 - d) a type of memory used in super computers.

- 128) Which approach is very expensive?
- a) **write-update.**
 - b) write-invalidate.
 - c) write-validate.
 - d) write-write.
- 129) Which is not the factor influencing block size?
- a) paging overhead
 - b) false sharing
 - c) thrashing
 - d) **deadlock**
- 130) Which is not the layer of the Operating system?
- a) Kernel.
 - b) Shell.
 - c) Application program.
 - d) **Critical Section.**
- 131) Which is not the state of the process? A. Blocked.
- a) Running.
 - b) Ready.
 - c) Privileged.
- 132) Which method is also called as indirect call method?
- a) binding at compile time
 - b) binding at link time
 - c) **binding at call time**
 - d) none of the above
- 133) Which of the following approach depend on the history of the serviced request?
- a) stateless server
 - b) **stateful server**
 - c) pool of server
 - d) None of the above
- 134) Which of the following block will be first replaced?.
- a) read only.
 - b) read owned.
 - c) **nil block.**
 - d) writable.

- 135) Which of the following block will be first replaced?.
- a) read owned.
 - b) writable.
 - c) unused.**
 - d) read only.
- 136) Which of the following buffering strategies are used in interprocess communication?
- a) null buffer
 - b) single message buffer
 - c) multiple message buffer
 - d) all of the above**
- 137) Which of the following call reduce thrashing?.
- a) locking data.**
 - b) interleaving data access.
 - c) making all the data read only.
 - d) moving data blocks.
- 138) Which of the following condition is not necessary for a deadlock situation to occur in a system?
- a) Mutual-exclusion
 - b) Semaphore
 - c) Hold-and-wait**
 - d) No-preemption
- 139) Which of the following consistency model provides a mechanism to clearly tell the system whether a process is entering a critical section or exiting from the critical section.
- a) Strict Consistency Model
 - b) Sequential Consistency Model
 - c) Release Consistency Model**
 - d) Processor Consistency Model
- 140) Which of the following events interrupt the communication between two processes, resulting in the loss of message?
- a) node crash
 - b) communication link failure
 - c) stack overflow
 - d) Both A and B**
- 141) Which of the following is a solution to the address memory access latency?
- a) Data Caching**
 - b) Data Binding
 - c) Dynamic Binding
 - d) Data Sharing

- 142) Which of the following is crucial time while accessing data on the disk?
- a) **Seek time.**
 - b) Rotational time.
 - c) Transmission time.
 - d) Waiting time.
- 143) Which of the following is the central issue in the communication structure?
- a) mutual exclusion
 - b) semaphore
 - c) **synchronization**
 - d) failure handline
- 144) Which of the following is the weakest call semantic used in RPC?
- a) **may-be call semantics**
 - b) last-one call semantics
 - c) lost-of-many call semantics
 - d) at-least-once call semantics
- 145) Which of the following property is also known as durability property?
- a) atomicity
 - b) serializability
 - c) **performance**
 - d) none of the above
- 146) Which of the following protocol is not a communication protocol?
- a) R Protocol
 - b) RR Protocol
 - c) RRA Protocol
 - d) **TCP/IP Protocol**
- 147) Which of the following server is not a type of server of Amoeba system?
- a) Bullet server
 - b) Directory server
 - c) Replication server
 - d) **File server**
- 148) Which of the following strategy for implementing a sequentially consistent DSM system?
- a) **Nonreplicated, nonmigrating blocks**
 - b) Nonreplicated, migrating blocks
 - c) Replicated, migrating blocks
 - d) Replicated, nonmigrating blocks

149) Which technique was introduced because a single job could not keep both the CPU and the I/O devices busy?

- a) Time-sharing.
- b) SPOOLing.
- c) Preemptive scheduling.
- d) Multiprogramming**

150) Who is called a supervisor of computer activity?

- a) CPU.
- b) operating system.**
- c) control unit.
- d) application Program.

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