CMPS-2240 Quiz-4

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- 1. What is the advantage of a programming language that supports a runtime stack?
  - A. Programs will run faster than without it.
  - B. A runtime stack is a queue.
  - C. Nested procedure calls and recursion are possible.
  - D. Multiple programs can run at once.
- 2. What does this instruction do?

sw \$v0, 4(\$sp)

- A. Stores a value into a register.
- B. Stores a value into \$v0.
- C. Stores the value \$v0+4 onto the stack.
- D. Stores a value onto the stack.
- 3. What does this instruction do?

addi \$sp, \$sp, -32

- A. Adds 32 to the stack pointer.
- B. Changes the stack pointer by 8 bytes.
- C. Changes the stack pointer by 32 bytes.
- D. Stores the value -32 onto the stack.
- 4. What does this instruction do?

lw \$a0, 4(\$fp)

- A. Stores a value directly into register \$fp.
- B. Stores a value directly into register \$a0.
- C. Stores four values into \$a0 starting at \$fp.
- D. Stores a value onto the stack.

5. After the following statement executes, what do you know to be true?

lw \$v0, 4(\$sp)

- A. The stack pointer will be incremented by 4.
- B. \$v0 will contain the value in register \$sp.
- C. \$sp will be incremented by 1.
- D. \$sp did not change.

6. What does this instruction do?

jr \$ra

- A. Jumps to a label named \$ra.
- B. Calls a function or procedure.
- C. Jumps to the address stored in a register.
- D. Returns to the statement that it branched from.
- 7. Your program calls a function. When the function begins, it constructs a stack frame, because it might be calling a function itself. What register should the function always save on the stack?
- 8. You are writing a MIPS program that calls a function that begins at label display\_value:. The function expects one argument. Please write the MIPS program statements that will call the function while passing the value 125 as an argument. Just two lines are required.

- 9. What is the purpose of caller-saved registers?
  - A. to protect values that the callee might change.
  - B. to pass values from the caller to the callee.
  - C. to save values the callee will need.
  - D. to calculate space needed by the callee.
- 10. When a problem is solved by solving ever smaller instances of the same problem, it is called...
  - A. retention
  - B. recursion
  - C. iteration
  - D. fracturing
- 11. You wrote a MIPS subroutine that multiplies the values in \$a0 and \$a1. How will you return the product to the caller?