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**Mid Year Exam  
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**Subject: Compilers  
Time: 90 Minutes  
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The highest obtainable mark is 17, the minimum passing mark is 8.5

**Q1: (4 points)**

For the the following regular expression:

$$a(bc)^*a \mid ac(c)^*$$

1. Construct a Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA) for the above regular expression. **(3 points)**
2. Show each step of the lexer on the string *aaaccabca*. Be sure to show the values of the important internal variables of the recognizer. There will be repeated calls to the lexer to get all tokens from the string. **(1 point)**

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**Q2: (4 points)**

Consider the following context-free grammar  $G_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow E, E \\ E &\rightarrow E = E \\ E &\rightarrow E[E] \\ E &\rightarrow (E) \\ E &\rightarrow x \end{aligned}$$

1. The grammar  $G_0$  is ambiguous. Explain what this concept means, and give an example which shows that  $G_0$  is ambiguous. **(2 point)**
2. Assume that  $(E[E])$  has the highest priority,  $(=)$  has the second-highest priority, and  $(,)$  has the lowest priority. Rewrite  $G_0$  to an equivalent  $G_1$  which expresses these properties. **(1 points)**
3. Assume that  $(=)$  is right-associative and  $(,)$  is left-associative. Rewrite  $G_1$  to an equivalent grammar  $G_2$  which expresses these properties. **(1 points)**

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**Q3: (6 points)**

Consider the following augmented grammar, where  $S'$  is the start symbol and  $\$$  is the special end-of-input symbol.

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 & \quad S' \rightarrow S\$ \\ P_1 & \quad S \rightarrow A B \\ P_2 & \quad S \rightarrow a c \\ P_3 & \quad S \rightarrow x A c \\ P_4 & \quad A \rightarrow a \\ P_5 & \quad B \rightarrow b \\ P_6 & \quad B \rightarrow - \end{aligned}$$

1. Show that this grammar is not *SLR* (or, show that the *SLR* construction will fail). **(1 point)**
2. Rewrite the grammar to an equivalent grammar that is *SLR*. (Hint: clone or eliminate the non-terminal *A*.) Construct an *SLR* parsing table for the new grammar, including the intermediate *LR(0)* automation with states and transitions, and the *FIRST* and *FOLLOW* sets for the non-terminals. **(4 points)**
3. Show how an *LR* parser step by step (including changes in the stack and remaining tokens) parses the string *xac* using your *SLR* table. **(1 point)**

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#### Q 4: (3 points)

Knowing that C-like languages use static scoping:

1. You are writing a C-compiler for a device that has a *2.4 GHz i7* CPU and only *256 MB* of RAM. Describe an *efficient* way of processing nested scopes for your compiler. Motivate your answer. **(2 points)**
2. Identify the *scopes* and the *variable* declarations for each scope of the following C program. **(1 point)**

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int x;
int foo(int y)
{
    int z;
    if (y != 0) {
        double x = 3.14;
        z = bar(x);
    } else
        z = x;
    return z;
}

int bar(void)
{
    int x = 2;
    return x;
}

```

Good Luck