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CIS 351 Practice Test 2

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Test 2 is Tuesday, 6 November. Problems 18, 19, and 20 are due for credit Friday, 2 November.

- 1. Show how to build a register file using only AND, OR, NOT, NOR, NAND, and XOR gates.
- 2. What is a computer's "word size"?
- 3. List and explain the direct and indirect effects of a computer's word size (16-bit, 32-bit, 64-bit, etc.).
- 4. How does a computer's word size affect its design?
- 5. How do "fixed-width" and "variable width" CPUs differ? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
- 6. Explain the difference between CISC and RISC computers. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
- 7. Explain how MIPS applies each of the four design principles discussed in Chapter 6.
- 8. What are implicit parameters? Name some instructions that have implicit parameters.
- 9. Why does the MIPS instruction set not contain a subtract immediate instruction?
- 10. Look at each MIPS pseudo-instruction and explain why it is a pseudo-instruction instead of a "real" instruction.
- 11. A colleague notices that the jump instruction j label can be replaced by a pseudo-instruction beq R0, R0, label. He then proposes eliminating the MIPS jump instruction j (the complier would then replace any j instructions with the corresponding beq instruction.)
 - (a) Which design principles suggest that you should keep the j instruction? Why?
 - (b) Which design principles suggest that you should eliminate the j instructions? Why?
- 12. Give examples of how the MIPS instruction set exhibits each of the four design principles.
- 13. Why is there not a **sla** instruction?
- 14. What is the difference between slti and sltiu?
- 15. Explain how add and addu behave differently.
- 16. Convert the following line of Java code to assembly: t0 = t1 + t2 + t3 t4 + t5

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- 17. Convert the following line of Java code to assembly: $t0 = (t1 \ t2) \& (t3 \ | \ !t4)$
- 18. Convert the following Java code to assembly. Your answer *must* use **slt**. Do not use any pseudoin-structions.

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if (t1 - 6 < t2) {
   t0 = t1;
} else {
    t0 = t2 + 4;
}
t1 = t1 + 7</pre>
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19. Describe in common English what the following function does. Hint: It takes three parameters, all integers.

mysteryFunction1:
slt \$t0, \$a0, \$a1
slt \$t1, \$a1, \$a2
and \$v0, \$t0, \$t1
jr \$ra

20. Describe in common English what the following function does. Hint: It takes two integer parameters. **sra** stands for "shift right arithmetic". It moves all the bits in the register to the right the specified amount.

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mysteryFunction2:
add $v0, $a0, $a1
sra $v0, $v0, 1
jr $ra
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21. Convert the following Java code to assembly:

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t1 = 0;
for (int t0 = a0; t0 >= 0; t0-= a1) {
   t1 += t0;
}
return t1;
```

- 22. Review the assembly programs from each of the assembly labs.
- 23. Review the Single Cycle homework.