

Short Questions

- 1. What is the structure of a compiler?
- 2. Define lexical analysis.
- 3. What is the role of the lexical analyzer?
- 4. Explain input buffering in lexical analysis.
- 5. How are tokens recognized in lexical analysis?
- 6. What is Lex, the lexical-analyzer generator?
- 7. Describe finite automata in lexical analysis.
- 8. How are regular expressions related to automata?
- 9. Explain the design of a lexical-analyzer generator.
- 10. What are DFA-based pattern matchers?
- 11. Define programming language basics.
- 12. What is the science of building a compiler?
- 13. How does Lex help in generating lexical analyzers?
- 14. What are the advantages of using finite automata in lexical analysis?
- 15. How are regular expressions converted to automata?
- 16. Discuss the importance of optimization in DFA-based pattern matchers.
- 17. Explain the concept of tokenization in lexical analysis.
- 18. What is the purpose of the lexeme buffer?
- 19. How does Lex simplify the process of lexical analysis?
- 20. Describe the architecture of a compiler.
- 21. What are the components of a lexical analyzer?
- 22. How does the lexical analyzer handle white spaces and comments?
- 23. Discuss the significance of token recognition in lexical analysis.
- 24. How are lexical errors detected and handled?
- 25. Explain the concept of lexeme extraction.
- 26. What role does the lexeme table play in lexical analysis?



- 27. Describe the process of constructing a lexical analyzer using Lex.
- 28. What are the challenges in designing a lexical analyzer generator?
- 29. Discuss the role of deterministic finite automata in lexical analysis.
- 30. How does Lex prioritize patterns in lexical analysis?
- 31. Explain the concept of lexical token classification.
- 32. What are the characteristics of a well-designed lexical analyzer?
- 33. Describe the process of defining tokens in Lex.
- 34. How does Lex generate code for lexical analysis?
- 35. Discuss the benefits of using Lex over manual lexical analysis.
- 36. What are the limitations of regular expressions in lexical analysis?
- 37. Explain the difference between NFA and DFA in lexical analysis.
- 38. How does Lex handle ambiguous patterns?
- 39. Discuss the impact of lexical analysis on compiler performance.
- 40. What are the advantages of using Lex for lexical analysis?
- 41. Describe the role of input buffering in lexical analysis efficiency.
- 42. How does Lex optimize the generated lexical analyzer?
- 43. Discuss the trade-offs involved in lexical analysis optimization.
- 44. Explain the concept of lexical tokenization.
- 45. What is the purpose of pattern matching in lexical analysis?
- 46. How does Lex handle token patterns with overlapping definitions?
- 47. Discuss the significance of pattern prioritization in Lex.
- 48. What are the characteristics of a good lexical analyzer generator?
- 49. Describe the steps involved in designing a lexical analyzer using Lex.
- 50. How does Lex generate efficient lexical analyzers for different languages?
- 51. What is Syntax Analysis?
- 52. What is a Context-Free Grammar (CFG)?
- 53. How do you write a grammar for a language?
- 54. What is Top-Down Parsing?



- 55. What is Bottom-Up Parsing?
- 56. What is LR Parsing?
- 57. What makes Simple LR Parsing unique?
- 58. How do LR Parsers differ in power?
- 59. What are Ambiguous Grammars?
- 60. What are Parser Generators?
- 61. What is a Terminal in CFG?
- 62. What is a Non-Terminal in CFG?
- 63. What is a Production Rule in CFG?
- 64. What is a Derivation in CFG?
- 65. What is a Parse Tree?
- 66. What is Left Recursion in Grammars?
- 67. How is Left Recursion Eliminated?
- 68. What is a Lookahead in Parsing?
- 69. What is a Shift-Reduce Conflict?
- 70. What is a Reduce-Reduce Conflict?
- 71. What is a Parsing Table?
- 72. What is a Grammar Ambiguity?
- 73. How can Ambiguity be resolved?
- 74. What is Predictive Parsing?
- 75. What is a Recursive Descent Parser?
- 76. What is Backtracking in Parsing?
- 77. What is a Canonical LR Parser?
- 78. What is LALR Parsing?
- 79. What is a Handle in Parsing?
- 80. What is a LR(0) Item?
- 81. What is an SLR Parser?
- 82. How do you construct an SLR Parsing Table?



- 83. What is a Follow Set in CFG?
- 84. What is a First Set in CFG?
- 85. What is a Sentential Form in CFG?
- 86. What is a Derivation Tree?
- 87. What is a Recursive Grammar?
- 88. What is a LL Parser?
- 89. How is a Grammar's Ambiguity Detected?
- 90. What is a Context-Free Language?
- 91. What is a Symbol Table in Parsing?
- 92. What is Semantic Analysis?
- 93. What is a Compiler?
- 94. What is an Interpreter?
- 95. What is a Grammar Conflict?
- 96. How is a Conflict Resolved in LR Parsing?
- 97. What is the role of a Parser Generator in Compiler Construction?
- 98. What are the advantages of Bottom-Up Parsing over Top-Down Parsing?
- 99. What is the difference between Static and Dynamic Parsing?
- 100. Why is LR Parsing preferred for Compiler Construction?
- 101. What is Syntax-Directed Translation?
- 102. What are Syntax-Directed Definitions (SDDs)?
- 103. What is an Evaluation Order for SDDs?
- 104. What are the Applications of Syntax-Directed Translation?
- 105. What is a Syntax-Directed Translation Scheme?
- 106. How are L-attributed SDDs Implemented?
- 107. What are Attributes in SDDs?
- 108. What is the difference between Synthesized and Inherited Attributes?
- 109. What is a Dependency Graph in SDDs?
- 110. Why is an Evaluation Order important in SDDs?



- 111. How do SDDs relate to Parsing Techniques?
- 112. What is a Semantic Action?
- 113. How can SDDs be used in Code Generation?
- 114. 114. What is an L-Attributed Definition?
- 115. 115. What are the challenges in implementing SDDs?
- 116. 116. What role do SDDs play in Compiler Design?
- 117. 117. How do you choose between Top-Down and Bottom-Up Parsing for SDDs?
- 118. 118. What is a Translation Grammar?
- 119. 119. How are Inherited Attributes evaluated in Top-Down Parsing?
- 120. 120.Can SDDs handle semantic errors?
- 121. 121. What is a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) in the context of SDDs?
- 122. 122. How does SDT differ from Traditional Parsing?
- 123. 123. What is the significance of Evaluation Strategies in SDDs?
- 124. 124. What is Attribute Flow in SDDs?
- 125. How is Semantic Analysis integrated with Syntax-Directed Translation?