

**COMPUTER SKILLS A.Y. 2015/16**  
**Winter 2016 final exam - 1/19/2016**  
**Part 1**

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**Question 1**

Explain the difference between the following two MATLAB commands. What will be the value of variables X and Y after their execution? Explain your answer.

```
>>X=0:5:10
```

```
>>Y=linspace(0,10,5)
```

**Question 2**

Describe the main components of a computer system and explain how they interact.

**Question 3**

Using the flow diagram notation, write an algorithm to find the position of the maximum value in a vector provided as input. The algorithm returns as output such position.

*Example:* when the vector in input is [7 8 4 2 3 4], the output will be 2, being 8 the maximum value and 2 its position in the vector.

**Question 4**

Which of the following statements is true? Explain your answer.

- You can modify variables in the Base Workspace only executing assignment statements/commands in the MATLAB console.
- You can modify variables in the Base Workspace only executing a MATLAB script.
- You can modify variables in the Base Workspace executing both assignment statements/commands in the MATLAB console and a MATLAB script.

**Question 5**

Explain the role of the selection statement in a programming language and describe the selection statements you can use in MATLAB, outlining how they differ from each other. For each selection statement, provide one example of usage.

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**Exercise 1**

Write a function that takes in input a vector  $V$  of integer elements, checks if the vector is non-void and returns as output a vector  $R$  that contains in each position  $i$  the sum of the first  $i$  elements of  $V$ .

*Example:* if the input is  $V = [5\ 2\ 0\ 3\ 6]$ , the function returns as output the vector  $R = [5\ 7\ 7\ 10\ 16]$ .

Do not use the MATLAB built-in function `sum` or `cumsum`.