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Solutions

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This is a **closed book and notes** ten-minute quiz. Write all of your answers directly on this paper.

Good Luck!!

- 1. (8 points total) True/False. Circle the correct answer for each of the following questions.
 - a. If a set of cooperating threads can correctly share a single core uniprocessor, then they will correctly execute if run on separate processors of a shared-memory multiprocessor.

TRUE FALSE

False. Threads can use disabling of interrupts to cooperate on a uniprocessor, but that may not work correctly on multiprocessors.

b. Dual-mode operation is required to protect the operating system in a multiprogrammed system.

TRUE FALSE

False. Software fault isolation techniques can be used to protect the OS from malicious programs.

- 2. (6 points) Where is the optimal place on the disk for the directory blocks?
 - 1. Near the outer edge of the disk
 - 2. In the middle of the disk
 - 3. Near the inner edge of the disk

#2. On average, the disk arm will be near the middle of the disk, making directory accesses less expensive.

3. (6 points) Match the terms in column A with the most appropriate definition from column B.

Column A	Column B
1. Synchronization	a. Piece of code that only one thread can
	execute at once
2. Mutual exclusion	b. Ensuring that only one thread does a
	particular thing at a time
3. Critical section	c. Isolating program faults to an address space
	d. Using atomic operations to ensure
	cooperation between threads

- 1. **d**
- 2. **b**
- 3. **a**