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Question - 1:

In SMS datasets, what is the function of the DD AVGREC keyword?

Ans:

- (1) Specifies average length of records in a file
 - (2) Specifies the multiplier to be used for primary & secondary space allocation
 - (3) Directs the system to allocate space based on average record length
 - (4) Specifies word blocking factor
- Answer is 2

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Question - 2:

If a (+1) generation dataset is created in the first step of a job, how can it be referenced in later steps of the same job for input?

Ans:

- (1) As the (0) generation
 - (2) As the (+1) generation
 - (3) As the (-1) generation
 - (4) Without the generation number
- Answer is 2

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Question - 3:

What is the function of //CNTL statement?

Ans:

- (1) Marks the beginning of one or more program control statements
 - (2) Identifies the control card library
 - (3) Delimits the PROC control statements
 - (4) None of the above
- Answer is 1

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Question - 4:

How can the attributes of one SMS dataset be copied to another dataset?

Ans:

- (1) Using DD like parameter
 - (2) Using DD Copy parameter
 - (3) Using DD Refer parameter
 - (4) Attributes cannot be copied within SMS datasets
- Answer is 1

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Question - 5:

How can a jobs execution priority be modified?

Ans:

- (1) PRIQTY parameter
 - (2) PRTY parameter
 - (3) JOBCLASS parameter
 - (4) RUNTIME parameter
- Answer is 2

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Question - 6:

What parameter directs the output of the job log dataset?

Ans:

- (1) JOBLLOG
 - (2) MSGCLASS
 - (3) MSGLEVEL
 - (4) SYSLOG
- Answer is 2

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Question - 7:

What statement can be used to send data to another MVS JES3 node?

Ans:

- (1) LINK
 - (2) CONNECT
 - (3) XMIT
 - (4) SEND
- Answer is 3

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Question - 8:

What parameters can be used to limit the number of records written to a SYSOUT dataset?

Ans:

- (1) LIMIT
 - (2) OUTLIM
 - (3) SIZE
 - (4) MAX
- Answer is 2

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Question - 9:

How can the submitting users RACF authority be overridden in a job stream?

Ans:

- (1) Through the USER parameter
 - (2) Through the USER and PASSWORD parameter
 - (3) By notifying the console operation to override the authority
 - (4) Through the RACF parameter
- Answer is 2

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Question - 10:

In SMS datasets, what is the function of the DD MGMTCLAS keyword?

Ans:

- (1) Specify a management class for a new dataset
 - (2) Lookup a storage profile from the class library
 - (3) Begin a storage class definition block
 - (4) Alters the default storage profile for the dataset
- Answer is 1

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Question - 11:

In order to continue a job after a return code of 12 in step1, what the step2 EXEC statement include?

Ans:

- (1) CONTINUE
 - (2) COND = (12,NE)
 - (3) COND = (12,GE)
 - (4) COND = (12,EQ)
- Answer is 2

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Question - 12:

How can a stopped job be started again?

Ans:

- (1) Through the RETURN parameter
- (2) Through the STARTUP parameter
- (3) Through the RESTART parameter
- (4) Through the CHECKPNT keyword



Answer is 3

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Question - 13:

What statement marks the beginning of an in-stream or cataloged procedure in JCL and assigns default values to parameters defined in the procedure?

Ans:

- (1) STREAM
- (2) SET
- (3) PROC
- (4) PEND

Answer is 3

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Question - 14:

What parameter of the job statement is used to limit the CPU time consumed by the job?

Ans:

- (1) RUNTIME
- (2) TIME
- (3) LIMIT
- (4) EXECMAX

Answer is 2

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Question - 15:

What is the function of //JCLLIB statement?

Ans:

- (1) Identifies the source of the JCL commands
- (2) Points to the system software library
- (3) Marks the beginning of the in-stream JCL
- (4) Identifies the libraries that the system will search for include groups or procedures named in EXEC statements

Answer is 4

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Question - 16:

Must tape dataset definitions include VOL=SER specifications?

Ans:

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Only for uncataloged datasets
- (4) Only for cataloged datasets

Answer is 3

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Question - 17:

How can values be passed from the job stream to an executable program?

Ans:

- (1) Through the PARM keyword
- (2) Through the VALUE parameter
- (3) Through the PGM parameter
- (4) All of the above

Answer is 1

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Question - 18:

What is concatenating?

Ans:

- (1) Overriding or adding procedures
- (2) Logically connecting input datasets
- (3) Overriding a called PROC dsname
- (4) All of the above

Answer is 2

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Question - 19:

How can return codes be tested before execution of a job step?

Ans:



- (1) Through the RC keyword
 - (2) Through the CODE keyword
 - (3) Through the COND keyword
 - (4) Through the RETURNCD keyword
- Answer is 3

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Question - 20:

What is the function of the STEPLIB DD statement?

Ans:

- (1) Identify a library to be searched for programs named in the EXEC statement
 - (2) Identify a library containing executable job steps
 - (3) Override the system step library within a job stream
 - (4) All of the above
- Answer is 4

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Question - 21:

What is the purpose of the DD KEYLEN parameter?

Ans:

- (1) Specify the length of a data set key in bytes
 - (2) Override the key length of an SMS defined VSAM dataset
 - (3) Override the key length specified in the dataset label
 - (4) All of the above
- Answer is 4

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Question - 22:

What DD statement is used to supply the name of a dataset?

Ans:

- (1) Name
 - (2) Dsname
 - (3) Label
 - (4) File
- Answer is 2

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Question - 23:

A DD statement consists of 4 fields. Name them?

Ans:

- (1) Name, DD, Space, Device
 - (2) Format, Name, DD, Space
 - (3) DD, parameter, device, format
 - (4) Name, DD, parameter, comments
- Answer is 4

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Question - 24:

What is the format of comment statement?

Ans:

- (1) //
 - (2) /**
 - (3) /*
 - (4) None of the above
- Answer is 2

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Question - 25:

When space is allocated for an output dataset, what units can be used?

Ans:

- (1) Disks
 - (2) Megabytes
 - (3) Cylinders, Tracks, Blocks
 - (4) Bytes
- Answer is 3

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Question - 26:



Many JCL statements contain specific values designed to direct and control the execution of the statement. What are these fields called?

Ans:

- (1) Linkage Variables
- (2) Parameters
- (3) Control Libraries
- (4) Includes

Answer is 2

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Question - 27:

What is the purpose of DD DUMMY statement?

Ans:

- (1) Marks a deleted DD statement
- (2) Begins an interpreted command stream
- (3) Specifies no space allocation & no disposition processing
- (4) Suppress command processing

Answer is 3

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Question - 28:

What is the maximum length of a single line of JCL?

Ans:

- (1) 71 bytes
- (2) 60 bytes
- (3) 55 bytes
- (4) 80 bytes

Answer is 1

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Question - 29:

What is the function of the DD DCB keyword?

Ans:

- (1) Begins the subparameters of the DCB
- (2) Begins the DASD control block
- (3) Marks the close of the DCB
- (4) Modifies the record type parameters

Answer is 1

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Question - 30:

How can an in-stream dataset be terminated?

Ans:

- (1) //
- (2) /**
- (3) /*
- (4) None of the above

Answer is 3

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Question - 31:

Which DD parameters are required?

Ans:

- (1) All parameters & Keywords are optional
- (2) Dsname, SPACE, RECFM
- (3) Dsname, SPACE, UNIT
- (4) Dsname, DISP, SPACE

Answer is 1

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Question - 32:

What is the function of DD name parameter with a 2 part structure; Audit.Report?

Ans:

- (1) Override the Audit DD statement in the report
- (2) Override the Report DD statement in the Audit procedure
- (3) Concatenate a dataset onto a DD statement in a called module
- (4) Delete the Audit DD statement in the Report

Answer is 2



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Question - 33:

What statement marks the end of an in-stream or Catalogued procedure?

Ans:

- (1) STREAM
- (2) SET
- (3) PROC
- (4) PEND

Answer is 4

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Question - 34:

How can the disposition of sysout datasets be set for an entire jobstream?

Ans:

- (1) SYSOUT parameter
- (2) OUTPUT parameter
- (3) DEFAULT parameter
- (4) DEST keyword

Answer is 1

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Question - 35:

Where can program checkpoints be stored for use in a restart?

Ans:

- (1) CHCKPOINT DD statement
- (2) SYSCHK DD statement
- (3) CHKOUT DD statement
- (4) CHECK or DD statement

Answer is 2

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Question - 36:

Can an individual step be restricted from using all the jobs allowed CPU time?

Ans:

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Only in Catalogued Procedure
- (4) Through the STEPTIME parameter

Answer is 1

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Question - 37:

How can unused space allocation be returned to the system when a dataset is closed?

Ans:

- (1) RETURN
- (2) RLSE
- (3) CONTIG
- (4) CLOSE

Answer is 2

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Question - 38:

What statement marks the beginning of a job step; assigns a name to the step; identifies the program or catalogued or in-stream procedure to be executed in the step?

Ans:

- (1) START
- (2) RUN
- (3) EXEC
- (4) GO

Answer is 3

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Question - 39:

When output dataset space is required, what quantity categories are used?

Ans:

- (1) Primary, Secondary, Directory



- (2) Address, Units, CONTIG or ALS
 - (3) Displacement and length
 - (4) Megabytes, Kilobytes and Bytes
- Answer is 1

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Question - 40:

What is the function of a DD statement?

Ans:

- (1) Identifies & describes a dataset
- (2) Delimits a DO loop
- (3) Marks the start of a declarative section
- (4) Delimits the start of an inline include section

Answer is 1

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Question - 41:

How can a job send a status message to a TSO user at the completion of a job?

Ans:

- (1) STATUS
- (2) NOTIFY
- (3) ENDMSG
- (4) USER

Answer is 2

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Question - 42:

What is the function of JOB statement in JCL?

Ans:

- (1) Marks the end of a job
- (2) Marks the beginning of an instream procedure
- (3) Marks the beginning of a job & assigns a name to the job
- (4) Assigns an execution priority to a job

Answer is 3

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Question - 43:

A DD statement has 2 types of parameters. Name them?

Ans:

- (1) Positional, Keyword
- (2) Keyword, Control
- (3) Dynamic, Static
- (4) Named, Dynamic

Answer is 1

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Question - 44:

What is the purpose of DD * statement in JCL?

Ans:

- (1) Begins an input data prompt at the system console
- (2) Begins an in-stream dataset
- (3) Marks the end of a command stream
- (4) Includes all datasets within a naming pattern

Answer is 2

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Question - 45:

How is the record format of an output dataset specified?

Ans:

- (1) RECOG parameter
- (2) STORCLAS parameter
- (3) RECFM parameter
- (4) None of the above

Answer is 3

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Question - 46:



What is the function of DD DISP parameter?

Ans:

- (1) Tells the system what to do with the dataset following normal termination of the step
- (2) Describes the status of the dataset
- (3) Tells the system what to do with the dataset following abnormal termination of the step
- (4) All of the above

Answer is 4

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