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Conquer the Logic Layer: Advanced 10th Grade Algorithmic Mastery Challenge

Bridge the gap between abstract logic and efficient code by analyzing divide-and-conquer strategies and heuristic-driven problem solving for classroom formative assessment.

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1. When designing a 'Greedy Algorithm' to find the shortest path in a network, what is the primary structural risk compared to using a dynamic programming approach?

    A. The algorithm will always fail to find a path in a cyclic graph.
    B. The local optimum chosen at each step may not lead to the global optimum.
    C. Memory usage will increase exponentially with the number of nodes ($O(2^n)$).
    D. The algorithm requires the graph to be unweighted to function correctly.

2. In the context of algorithm analysis, an algorithm with a time complexity of $O(\log n)$ is generally considered more efficient for large datasets than one with $O(n)$.

    A. True
    B. False

3. A student is designing a social media recommendation engine. To ensure the algorithm handles 100 million users efficiently, they should focus on _____ to minimize the search space.

    A. Linear searching
    B. Heuristic filtering
    C. Brute-force iteration
    D. Recursive redundancy

4. Which algorithmic strategy involves solving a problem by identifying a base case and then solving smaller instances of the same problem?

    A. Iterative looping
    B. Linear sequencing
    C. Recursion
    D. Heuristic approximation

5. A 'Divide and Conquer' approach to problem-solving, such as that used in Quicksort, typically increases the total number of operations compared to a 'Brute Force' approach.

    A. True
    B. False

6. During the debugging phase of a complex navigation algorithm, if the program finds a path but it is not the shortest, the logic error likely resides in the _____ of the algorithm.

    A. Syntax
    B. Cost function
    C. Input parser

     D.   User interface

7. You are optimizing a database for a global library. To achieve O(1) time complexity for looking up a book by its unique ISBN, which data structure is most appropriate?

     A.   Linked List
     B.   Binary Search Tree
     C.   Hash Table
     D.   Sorted Array

8. Standard algorithmic problem decomposition requires that every subproblem must be solved using the exact same method as the original complex problem.

     A.   True
     B.   False

9. When an algorithm's performance degrades as the square of the input size (e.g., doubling input quadruples time), it is identified as having _____ complexity.

     A.   Linear
     B.   Exponential
     C.   Quadratic
     D.   Logarithmic

10. In computational thinking, what is the primary purpose of 'Abstraction' during the problem-solving process?

     A.   Translating code into machine-readable binary instructions.
     B.   Hidden complexity by focusing only on essential details.
     C.   Increasing the number of variables to improve data precision.
     D.   Manually tracing every possible execution path of a program.