

**15-214 - Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concurrency**  
**Class Participation Sheet**  
**Correctness and Hoare Logic**

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**Question 1.** Consider the following Hoare triples:

(A)  $\{ z == y + 1 \} x = z * 2; \{ x == 4 \}$

(B)  $\{ y == 7 \} x = y + 3; \{ x > 5 \}$

(C)  $\{ false \} x = 2 / y; \{ true \}$

(D)  $\{ y < 16 \} x = 2 / y; \{ x < 8 \}$

Which triples are invalid? What model (valuation of variables) witnesses the invalidity?

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**Question 2.** Compute the weakest precondition in each case.

(A)  $\{ \quad \} x = y * 2; \{ x == y * 2 \}$

(B)  $\{ \quad \} x = x + 3; \{ x == z \}$

(C)  $\{ \quad \} x = x + 1; y = y * x; \{ y == 2 * z \}$

(D)  $\{ \quad \} x = 0; \{ x == 1 \}$

(E)  $\{ \quad \} x = 0; \{ true \}$

(F)  $\{ \quad \} \text{if } (x > 0) \text{ then } \{ y = x; \} \text{ else } \{ y = 0; \} \{ y > 0 \}$