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Instructions 1

You may use any course materials, websites, Netlogo models, calculators, etc. for this test. Just don't ask another person for the an share your answers with other people.

Question 2

According to the definition given in the lecture, self-organization refers to which of the following?

- · A. Organized patterns across an entire system that result from interactions within the system itself.
- B. Organized patterns across and entire system that result from the selfish choices made by individuals in the system.
- C. The ability of biological organisms to organize their environments.
- D. The emergence of self-consciousness in complex systems.

Question 3

In the description of the NetLogo flocking model, three rules were given for flocking: align, cohere, separate. Which one is applied f

- A. Cohere
- B. Separate
- o C. Align

Question 4

Consider the following statements about the Netlogo Fireflies model described in the lectures:

- I. The model assumes there is no leader
- II. All fireflies have the same cycle length
- III. When the simulation begins, all fireflies synchronize their clocks to zero.
- IV. At each timestep, fireflies are able to perceive the flashes of neighboring fireflies (within a radius of one patch).

Which of these statements are true statements about the model?

- A. All of them (statements I IV).
- $\circ~$ B. All but statement I.
- C. All but statement II.
- D. All but statement III.
- E. All but statement IV.

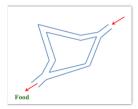
Question 5

The lectures demonstrated the NetLogo Fireflies model. Which of the following is a true statement about this model?

- A. A firefly will never flash at a given time step if it has flashed within the last 5 time steps (ticks).
- · B. Under the phase delay strategy, a firefly will never flash if all the other fireflies in its neighborhood are flashing.
- · C Under the phase advance strategy, a firefly will reset its clock to zero if it sees enough of its neighbors flashing.

Question 6

Consider the experiment discussed in Video 7.4 in which ants can choose two possible paths through a structure like this one:



It was observed that the vast majority of ants end up taking the shorter path to the food source. This is because:

- A. Ants can see far enough to determine which path is shorter.
- B. Pheromone concentration along the shorter path ends up being stronger.
- C. The smell of food is stronger along the shorter path.
- $\circ~$ D. Ants dislike having to turn right and left multiple times.

Question 7

Consider the following possible explanations for how an ants chooses a task to perform (for example, foraging or nest maintenance)

- I. An ant performs the task it was assigned at birth
- II. An ant typically chooses a task that it has done successfully in the past
- III. An ant chooses a task that depends on how many other ants it currently perceives to be performing that task
- IV. An ant chooses a task based on current environmental conditions

V. An ant chooses a task based on the Queen ant's directions

Which of these are actual explanations, as described in Video 7.4? (Note that more than one of these can be true.)

- A. I and II
- B. II and III
- C. III and IV
- D. IV and V
- E. I, II, III, and IV
- 。 F. V

Question 8

In Video 7.5 it was stated that self-organizing biological systems are different from traditional computers in the way they process info Which of the following is an example of a difference that was discussed in that video?

- · A. Biological systems are made of cells, which have very different properties from computer chips made of silicon.
- B. Traditional computer programs use deterministic rules whereas biological systems use rules that have some random elements.
- C. Traditional computers can be programmed by humans whereas biological systems cannot.