KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
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Level : B.E./B.Sc.
Year : III
Time : 2 hrs. 30mins.

Course : COMP 307
Semester : I
F. M. : 40

SECTION "B"
[6 Q. × 4 = 24 marks]

Attempt ANY SIX questions.

1. Describe the role of system calls in an operating system. How do they allow a user program to interact with the kernel? Describe briefly three kinds of services that Mainframe Operating System provides? [3+1]

2. State four advantages of cooperating processes. Explain how Peterson's Solution for the critical section problem ensures that mutual exclusion is preserved, the progress requirement is satisfied and the bounded waiting requirement is met with a pseudo code? [1+3]

3. Explain segmentation technique used for managing the main memory with suitable segmentation hardware block diagram? How segmentation supports the relocation? Consider a logical address space of 64 pages of 1,024 words each, mapped onto a physical memory of 32 frames. a. How many bits are there in the logical address? b. How many bits are there in the physical address? [2+1+1]

4. In demand paging, the page table plays an important role. How is the page table used to support demand paging? What information does it contain, and how does the operating system use the page table during a page fault? [1+3]

5. Describe two different methods for accessing a file in a disk with suitable diagram? Describe two different file allocation methods? [2+2]

6. Suppose that a disk drive has 50 cylinders, numbered 0 to 49. The drive is currently serving a request at cylinder 14. The queue of pending requests, in FIFO order, is 10, 22, 20, 2, 40, 6, and 38. A seek takes 6 ms per cylinder. How much seek time is needed for
   a. SSTF
   b. LOOK
   c. C- SCAN

7. Write Short notes on: [2+2]
   a. DMA Controller
   b. Memory mapped I/O

P.T.O.

Fetch	$R'T_0$:	$AR \leftarrow PC$
	$R'T_1$:	$IR \leftarrow M[AR]$, $PC \leftarrow PC + 1$
Decode	$R'T_2$:	$D_0, \ldots, D_7 \leftarrow$ Decode $IR(12\text{–}14)$, $AR \leftarrow IR(0\text{–}11)$, $I \leftarrow IR(15)$
Indirect	D_7IT_3:	$AR \leftarrow M[AR]$
Interrupt		
	$T_0'T_1'T_2'(IEN)(FGI + FGO)$:	$R \leftarrow 1$
	RT_0:	$AR \leftarrow 0$, $TR \leftarrow PC$
	RT_1:	$M[AR] \leftarrow TR$, $PC \leftarrow 0$
	RT_2:	$PC \leftarrow PC + 1$, $IEN \leftarrow 0$, $R \leftarrow 0$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
Memory-reference:		
AND	D_0T_4:	$DR \leftarrow M[AR]$
	D_0T_5:	$AC \leftarrow AC \wedge DR$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
ADD	D_1T_4:	$DR \leftarrow M[AR]$
	D_1T_5:	$AC \leftarrow AC + DR$, $E \leftarrow C_{out}$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
LDA	D_2T_4:	$DR \leftarrow M[AR]$
	D_2T_5:	$AC \leftarrow DR$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
STA	D_3T_4:	$M[AR] \leftarrow AC$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
BUN	D_4T_4:	$PC \leftarrow AR$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
BSA	D_5T_4:	$M[AR] \leftarrow PC$, $AR \leftarrow AR + 1$
	D_5T_5:	$PC \leftarrow AR$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
ISZ	D_6T_4:	$DR \leftarrow M[AR]$
	D_6T_5:	$DR \leftarrow DR + 1$
	D_6T_6:	$M[AR] \leftarrow DR$, if $(DR = 0)$ then $(PC \leftarrow PC + 1)$, $SC \leftarrow 0$
Register-reference:		
		$D_7I'T_3 = r$ (common to all register-reference instructions)
		$IR(i) = B_i$ $(i = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, 11)$
	r:	$SC \leftarrow 0$
CLA	rB_{11}:	$AC \leftarrow 0$
CLE	rB_{10}:	$E \leftarrow 0$
CMA	rB_9:	$AC \leftarrow \overline{AC}$
CME	rB_8:	$E \leftarrow \overline{E}$
CIR	rB_7:	$AC \leftarrow$ shr AC, $AC(15) \leftarrow E$, $E \leftarrow AC(0)$
CIL	rB_6:	$AC \leftarrow$ shl AC, $AC(0) \leftarrow E$, $E \leftarrow AC(15)$
INC	rB_5:	$AC \leftarrow AC + 1$
SPA	rB_4:	If $(AC(15) = 0)$ then $(PC \leftarrow PC + 1)$
SNA	rB_3:	If $(AC(15) = 1)$ then $(PC \leftarrow PC + 1)$
SZA	rB_2:	If $(AC = 0)$ then $PC \leftarrow PC + 1)$
SZE	rB_1:	If $(E = 0)$ then $(PC \leftarrow PC + 1)$
HLT	rB_0:	$S \leftarrow 0$
Input-output:		
		$D_7IT_3 = p$ (common to all input–output instructions)
		$IR(i) = B_i$ $(i = 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)$
	p:	$SC \leftarrow 0$
INP	pB_{11}:	$AC(0\text{–}7) \leftarrow INPR$, $FGI \leftarrow 0$
OUT	pB_{10}:	$OUTR \leftarrow AC(0\text{–}7)$, $FGO \leftarrow 0$
SKI	pB_9:	If $(FGI = 1)$ then $(PC \leftarrow PC + 1)$
SKO	pB_8:	If $(FGO = 1)$ then $(PC \leftarrow PC + 1)$
ION	pB_7:	$IEN \leftarrow 1$
IOF	pB_6:	$IEN \leftarrow 0$