

Computer Architecture (CS F342) Test-1

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The question paper contains a total of 16 questions. The duration of the test is 30 minutes.

The exam will start at 4:15 PM and end at 4:45 PM.

Each question carries different points and is mentioned beside each question. Each wrong answer will be awarded a negative of 25%. Please fill in the student information in the first section and then start answering the questions.

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Questions

5. Q1. Assume that a program takes 10 seconds to run on a system having 1.66 Ghz clock frequency. The program consumes 8% of execution time on floating-point operation and remaining 92% on integer operations. The integer operations can be parallelized. The maximum speed-up (S_{max}) which can be achieved for the system is 1 point

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 1.07
- ☐ 0.75
- ☐ 12.5
- ☐ 10

6. Q2. Assume that a system has a spec rating of 100. The spec rating is decided on 4 floating point operations. If the (approximate) individual spec-ratio for the programs is in the ratio 1:2:3:4, the SPEC-RATIO of the system with respect to the first program is (approx.) 2 points

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- ☐ 221
- ☐ 22
- ☐ 45
- ☐ 10

7. Q3. Assume that the SPEC rating of system A is 1.5 times the SPEC rating of system B. The SPEC rating of both the systems are decided based on the 4 floating-point operations. The SPEC ratings of the individual programs for system A is in the ratio of 1:2:3:4. Similarly, the spec-ratings of the individual programs for system B is in the ratio of 1:1:1:1. Assuming that the overall SPEC rating of any system is calculated using arithmetic-mean (instead of geometric-mean), the ratio of SPEC rating of two systems w.r.t to the first program is 2 points

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- ☐ 2/5
- ☐ 3/5
- ☐ 72/75
- ☐ 4/9

8. Q4. Assume that the following code is executed: `li $t0, 0xABCD1234`. It is well known that the instruction 'li' is a pseudo-instruction and is broken down to two separate native instructions. These native instructions are : 1 point

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ lw, lui
- ☐ lw, ori
- ☐ addi, ori
- ☐ lui, ori

9. Q5. Assume the following code shown below. Assume that the code starts from location 2000 (in decimal). The immediate values which will be substituted in the instructions 'beq \$t2, \$t0, Done' and instruction 'j LOOP' is: 4 points

```
Loop: slt $t2,$0,$t1
      beq $t2,$t0,Done
      subi $t1,$t1,1
      addi $s2,$s2,2
      j Loop
Done:
```

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 3, 500
- ☐ 3, 2000
- ☐ 4, 500
- ☐ 2020, 2000

10. Q6. Suppose the register \$s0 has the hexadecimal number 0xFFFF FFFF, and \$s1 has the hexadecimal number 0X0000 0000, then the values of the registers \$t0 and \$t1 after the following two instructions will be: 4 points

```
slt $t0, $s0, $s1
sltu $t1, $s0, $s1
```

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- ☐ 0, 0
- ☐ 0, 1
- ☐ 1, 0
- ☐ 1, 1

11. Q7: The value of X in the MIPS instructions for the following high-level code will be: $A[12] = c + A[8]$ MIPS code: `lw $t0, X($s1)` # s1 contains the base address and A is an integer array. 1 point

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- ☐ 8
- ☐ 12
- ☐ 0
- ☐ 32

12. Q8. The range of address for conditional branches in MIPS architecture is: 1 point

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Address between 0 and 64K-1
- ☐ Address between 0 and 256K-1
- ☐ Address upto about 32K before branch and 32K after branch
- ☐ Address upto about 128K before branch and 128K after branch

13. Q9. Assume that the following code is executed to store the frame pointer, 2 points
and the return address of the caller function. Which instruction can be used
to restore the caller's frame pointer?

Proc A:

```
sub $sp, $sp, 12  
sw $s0, ($sp)  
sw $ra, 8($sp)  
sw $fp, 4($sp)  
addi $fp, $sp, 8
```

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ lw \$ra, (\$fp)
☐ lw \$s0, (\$fp)
☐ lw \$fp, -4(\$fp)
☐ lw \$fp, -8(\$sp)

14. Q10. The instruction which allocates 12 bytes of stack space in a stack frame 2 points
is:

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- ☐ addi \$sp, \$sp, -12
☐ addi \$sp, \$sp, 12
☐ addi \$sp, \$sp, -3
☐ addi \$sp, \$sp, 3

15. Q11. Suppose that we are considering an enhancement to the processor of a server used for web-serving. The new CPU is 10 times faster on computation in the web serving application than the original processor. Assuming that the original CPU is busy with computation 40% of the time and is waiting for i/o 60% of the time, what is the overall speedup gained by incorporating the enhancement ? 2 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 1.22
- ☐ 1.56
- ☐ 1.66
- ☐ 1.90

16. Q12. Two processors A and B have clock frequencies of 700 Mhz and 900 Mhz, respectively. Suppose A can execute an instruction with an average of 3-steps and B can execute with an average of 5-steps. For the execution of the same instruction which processor is faster? 2 points

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- ☐ Processor-A
- ☐ Processor-B
- ☐ Both take the same time
- ☐ Will depend on the number of the instructions in the program

17. Q13. Which of the following operations may lead to overflow for A-B (subtraction) operation? 2 points

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- ☐ A=0 and B>0
- ☐ A=0 and B<0
- ☐ A>0 and B=0
- ☐ A<0 and B=0

18. Q14. The number of shift operations that will be required for multiplying two numbers of m and n bits, respectively, using the method of shift-and-add operations is: 1 point

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- ☐ n
- ☐ m
- ☐ $n-1$
- ☐ Will depend on the number of 1's in the multiplier n

19. Q15. The number of add and subtract operations required when multiplying the numbers 14×-19 is: 2 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 2, 2
- ☐ 2, 3
- ☐ 3, 2
- ☐ 3, 3

20. Q16. Which of the following instructions do not cause exceptions on overflow? 1 point

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- ☐ add, addu
- ☐ addi, addu
- ☐ addu, addiu
- ☐ sub, subu

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