COMP 2825 – Computer Architecture

1.	What is the name for a computer architecture in which the main memory holds
	not only the data to be used but also the program instructions to be executed?

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Assembly Language	(highest)
Operating System	
Application Program	
Digital Logic	
Instruction Set Architecture	
Problem Oriented Language	
Microarchitecture	(lowest)

- 3. What **term** is used to describe each of the following concepts:
 - a. The description of the **interface** between an architectural layer and the layer above it
 - b. The way that an architectural layer performs it's work
- 4. Name **two ways** that a program written at a given architectural layer can be **converted** for execution by a lower layer.

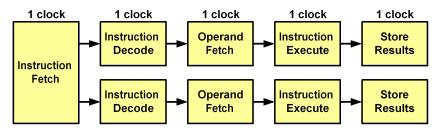
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5.	what is the name of the technique that can be used to enable a machine with simple hardware to execute complex instructions?
6.	What do the acronyms RISC and CISC stand for?
7.	What are the three real-world computer chips used by the textbook as sample architectures ?
8.	Identify whether each of the computer chips listed above use RISC or CISC architectures.
9.	Which of the following design principles are used with RISC systems: Provide lots of instructions that can perform complicated tasks Minimize instruction issue rate Make instructions easy to decode Provide lots of registers Make it easy for any instruction to reference memory
10.	What three major subsystems are part of every computer?

11. **How** does a CPU know which instruction to execute next?

12. **What steps** does a CPU perform in order to do the work specified by a program instruction?

13. A computer with a **2GHz clock speed** has the following pipeline:



- a. What is the **bandwidth** of the pipeline?
- b. What is the **latency** of the pipeline?
- 14. What **problem** can occur when you build a system with many CPUs connected to a shared memory?