

**M.TECH**  
**(SEM II) THEORY EXAMINATION 2022-23**  
**MULTICORE ARCHITECTURE AND PROGRAMMING**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Total Marks: 70**

**Note:** Attempt all Sections. If require any missing data; then choose suitably.

**SECTION A**

**1. Attempt all questions in brief. 2 x 7 = 14**

- (a) Define Convoying.
- (b) What do you mean by Error diffusion?
- (c) Explain barrier and Nowait in OpenMP.
- (d) Discuss the motivation for concurrency in software.
- (e) Define Semaphores.
- (f) Explain the term Live-Locks.
- (g) How threads overhead can be minimized.

**SECTION B**

**2. Attempt any three of the following: 7 x 3 = 21**

- (a) Explain Amdahl's Law. Also discuss its performance criteria and its limitations in parallel computing.
- (b) What do you mean by decomposition? What are the implications of different types of decompositions?
- (c) Explain the term parallel programming. Also discuss about why we need parallel programming in our architecture.
- (d) Explain ABA problem in multicore programming with suitable example. Also give solution to ABA problem.
- (e) What is data race condition? Also explain how you can manage the shared and private data.

**SECTION C**

**3. Attempt any one part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7**

- (a) Describe the concept of Multithreading on Single Core and on Multi-core platforms.
- (b) Explain Flynn's Taxonomy for Parallel Computing.

**4. Attempt any one part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7**

- (a) Demonstrate Error Diffusion algorithm? Illustrate how it can be parallelized in multi-threaded environment.
- (b) Illustrate different types of parallel programming patterns.

**5. Attempt any one part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7**

- (a) Explain the threading API's for Microsoft .NET Framework.
- (b) Compare and contrast Mutual Exclusion(mutex) and locks.

**6. Attempt any one part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7**

- (a) What are the challenges in threading a loop? Explain each with an example
- (b) What is OpenMP. Explain OpenMP library functions and environment variable.

**7. Attempt any *one* part of the following:**

**7 x 1 = 7**

- (a) Explain Current IA-32 Architecture in detail.
- (b) Describe types of common parallel programming problems.

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