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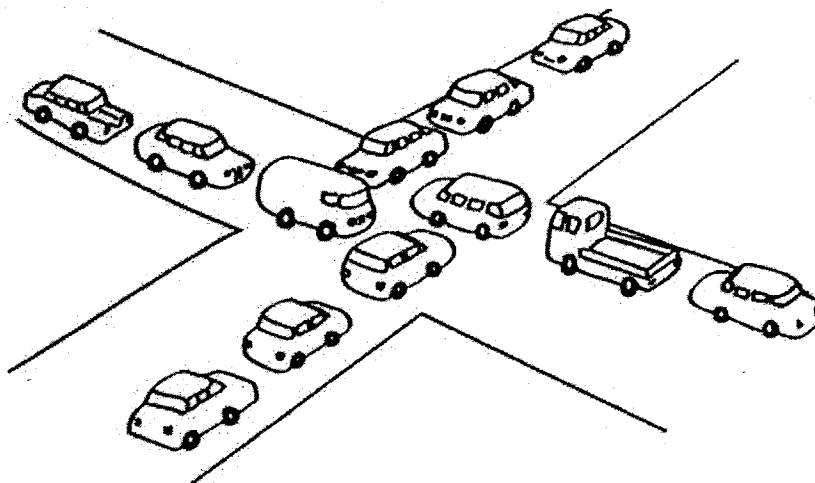
Instructions to Candidates:

- ◆ This paper is preceded by a 10 minute reading period.
- ◆ This paper has 4 questions.
- ◆ Answer all questions in the booklet given.
- ◆ The total marks for the paper is 80.
- ◆ This paper contains 5 pages, including the cover page.
- ◆ Electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving text, including calculators and mobile phones are not allowed.

## Question 1

(20 marks)

- a) Compare and contrast the *system resource allocation graph* and *wait for graph*. (2 marks)
- b) Consider the following diagram showing a deadlock in a four way junction. (10 marks)



- List the four necessary conditions to have a deadlock.
  - Explain whether above deadlock shown in the four-way junction satisfy the four necessary conditions.
  - Can a traffic light system solve the above problem? If so explain the solution and if not propose an appropriate solution.
  - Draw the system resource allocation graph for the above real world deadlock situation. State your assumptions.
  - How do modern operating systems handle the deadlock problem?
- c) Consider the following resource allocation graph of a system and answer the questions. The system has 6 resources and four processes. (8 marks)

Process	Current Allocation	Maximum Need
A	2	6
B	2	4
C	1	2
D	1	5

- Is the current system in *safe state*? Justify your answer
- If the process D requests two resource instances, will the system accept the request or reject the request? Justify your answer.

**Question 2****(20 marks)**

- a) Briefly describe the following terms: (2 marks)
- Critical section
  - Semaphore
- b) Consider the following data structure, which is written for the reader and writer process to solve the first-readers-writers problem.

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// reader process
wait(mutex);
    readcount++;
    if (readcount == 1)
        wait(wrt);
signal(mutex);
...
    reading is performed
...
wait(mutex);
    readcount--;
    if (readcount == 0)
        signal(wrt);
signal(mutex);

semaphore mutex, wrt;
int readcount;

// writer
process
wait(wrt);
...
    writing is
    performed;
...
signal (wrt);

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- Briefly explain the use of *wait()* and *signal()* methods in the above codes.
  - What is the purpose of the *readcount* variable?
  - What should be the initial values for the variables *mutex*, *wrt*, and *readcount*? Justify your answer.
  - Briefly describe the uses of semaphores *wrt* and *mutex* in the solution (12 marks)
- c) Assume that there are two semaphores named A and B. Initial values are A=2 and B=1. Consider the two processes in which semaphore A and B are used as follows (6 marks)

Process 01	Process 02
Wait(A)	Wait(B)
Wait(B)	Wait(A)
Critical section	Critical section
Signal(A)	Signal(B)
Signal(B)	Signal(A)

- Are the two processes in deadlock? Justify your answer.
- Which process has to access the critical section first?
- If the initial values are A=1 and B=1, does it create a deadlock. Justify the answer.

**Question 3****(20 marks)**

- a) Briefly describe the uses of the protection bit and the valid/invalid bit in the paging system. (2 marks)
- b) Compare and contrast the physical memory and virtual memory. (2 marks)
- c) A simple paging system consist of  $2^{20}$  bytes of physical memory, 4096 pages of logical address space, and a page size of 64 KB.
- What is the number of bits in the logical address?
  - How many bits in a physical address are used to specify the frame?
  - How long is the page table? (How many entries are in the page table?)
  - Assuming that each page table entry contains a valid/invalid bit in addition to the page frame number, how wide is the page table? (How many bits are needed to store an entry in the page table)
- (8 marks)
- d) Consider a paging system in which the page table is stored in memory.
- When the CPU generates a logical address, explain how the operating system finds the physical location of the logical address.
  - If a memory reference takes one microsecond, how long does a paged memory reference take?
  - Assume that a system consists of associative registers, and 60 percent of all page-table references are found in the associative registers. What is the effective memory reference time? (Assume that finding a page-table entry in associative registers takes 100 nanoseconds, if the entry is there.)
- (8 marks)

**Question 4****(20 Marks)**

- a) Briefly explain the following terms in a file system: (2 marks)
- i. File Control Block (FCB)
  - ii. Open File Table
- b) A file has 400 data blocks and the linked allocation strategy is used. FCB is stored in the physical memory. (8 marks)
- i. List two disadvantages using the linked allocation strategy in file system.
  - ii. To remove the third data block, how many disk I/O operations are needed?
  - iii. To add new block after the 3<sup>rd</sup> data block, how many disk I/O operations are needed?
- c) A set of Disk requests are received in the disk driver ( 0 to 999 cylinders) for cylinders 100, 600, 10, 40, 300, and 700, in that order. A seek takes 10 msec per cylinder moved. Assuming the arm is initially at cylinder 600, and moving toward larger cylinder number for a disk with 1000 cylinders, how much seek time is needed for: (6 marks)
- i. C-SCAN algorithm.
  - ii. SSTF algorithm
- d) Compare and contrast the Trap door and the stack overflow issue in security. (4 marks)