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COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE

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Instructions to Candidates: Answer any *three* questions

Question One

(33 Marks)

- (i) Convert the decimal number 57 to its binary **and** octal equivalent.

(8 Marks)

- (ii) Show the logic symbol **and** the truth table for:

(8 Marks)

- (i) NOR gate (ii) AND gate

- (iii) Complete the truth table for the expression below:

(9 Marks)

$$Z = (\bar{A} + B) + \overline{CD}$$

- (iv) Draw the circuit for the expression below:

(8 Marks)

$$Z = \bar{A}\bar{B}D + (C \oplus D)$$

Question Two

(33 Marks)

- (i) Write an expression for the circuit given below:

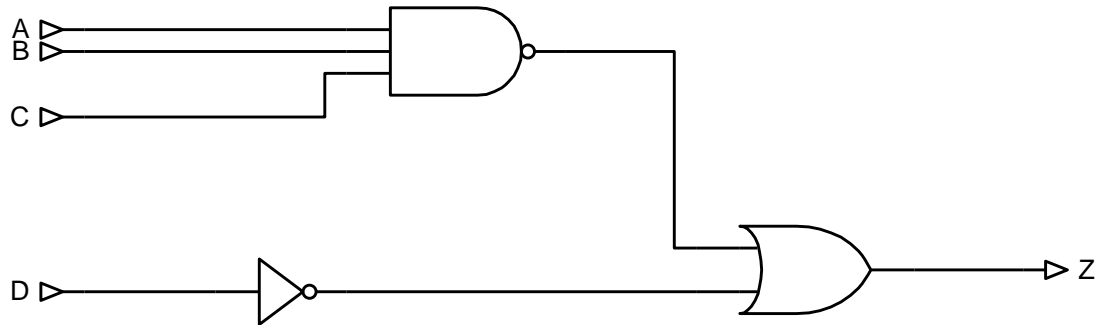


Figure 1

(9 Marks)

- (ii) Design a circuit that gives a TRUE output when input one is opposite to input three.

(12 Marks)

- (iii) Write an expression for Z below. Simplify the expression if possible and draw the circuit.

(12 Marks)

A	B	C	Z
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

Question Three**(33 Marks)**

- (i) Show the truth table for the Half-Adder. Hence or otherwise, write the equation for the Half-Adder and show the logic circuits required to implement it.
(12 Marks)
- (ii) Explain how a Full-Adder can be derived from two Half-Adders and some logic circuitry. Use diagrams to support your answer.
(10 Marks)
- (iii) Write a short note on Random Access Memory (RAM), discussing Static-RAM and Dynamic-RAM and highlighting the differences between them. How does ROM differ from RAM?
(11 Marks)

Question Four**(33 Marks)**

- (i) Draw a block diagram of a generic CPU, and write a short paragraph describing the function of each component.
(12 Marks)
- (ii) Write a note on the *Instruction Cycle* of the CPU.
(10 Marks)
- (iii) Show how four flip-flops can be connected to form a parallel-in parallel-out register. Show how 1101 would be loaded and read from such a register.
(11 Marks)

Rules of Boolean Algebra

1	$A + 0 = A$
2	$A + 1 = 1$
3	$A \cdot 0 = 0$
4	$A \cdot 1 = A$
5	$A + A = A$
6	$A + \overline{A} = 1$
7	$A \cdot A = A$
8	$A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$
9	$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$
10	$A + AB = A$
11	$A + \overline{A}B = A + B$
12	$(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$

Laws of Boolean Algebra

Commutative	$A + B = B + A$ $AB = BA$
Associative	$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$ $A(BC) = (AB)C$
Distributive	$A(B + C) = AB + AC$