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(THEORY)

PAPER CODE

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3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This paper consists of **two** sections **A** and **B**.
2. Section **A** is compulsory and carries **20** Marks.
3. Section **B** consists of **six** questions, answer only **four** questions to carry **80** Marks.
4. All answers to each question should begin on a fresh page.
5. All questions carry equal marks.
6. **Do not** write on this question paper.
7. **All answers and rough work should be done in the official answer booklet provided.**
8. Read other instructions on the answer booklet.

SECTION A – (20 MARKS)

Answer all questions in this section

Question One

- (a) What is a NULL pointer? (2marks)
- (b) Who designed C programming language? (2marks)
- (c) What is the full form of ANSI? (2marks)
- (d) What is an infinite loop? (2marks)
- (e) What is a string length? (2marks)
- (f) What is a constant? (2marks)
- (g) Define a structure? (2marks)
- (h) What is a pointer on pointer? (2marks)
- (i) What is a dangling pointer? (2marks)
- (j) What is a nested structure? (2marks)

SECTION B – (80 MARKS)

Answer only four questions in this section

Question Two

- (a) What are the key features in the C programming language and give a brief explanation? (10marks)
- (b) Give and explain any five basic data types associated with C? (10marks)

Question Three

Explain the following words:-

- (a) for loop(4marks)
- (b) while loop(4marks)
- (c) do...while loop(4marks)
- (d) return(4marks)
- (e) break statement (4marks)

Question Four

- (a) Describe the header file and its usage in C programming? (2marks)
- (b) What is a nested loop? (2marks)
- (c) What are the modifiers available in C programming language? Give five. (5marks)
- (d) What is a dangling pointer?
- (e) Give six types of pointers.(6marks)
- (f) What is a nested structure?(2marks)
- (g) Explain the following functions in teams of file handling. (3marks)

Question Five

- (a) Write a C program to print your name, date of birth and mobile number.(8marks)
- (b) Write a C program to compute the perimeter and area of a with a height of 7 inches and width of 5 inches rectangle.(8marks)
- (c) Write a C program that accepts two integers from the user and calculate the sum of the two integers. (8marks)
- (d) Write a C program to check whether a given number is even or odd. (8marks)
- (e) Write a C program to find the sum of N number.(8marks)

Question Six

- (a) What is a pointer on pointer? (2marks)
- (b) What is a NULL pointer? (2marks)
- (c) Who designed C programming language? (2marks)
- (d) What is the full form of ANSI? (1mark)
- (e) What is an infinite loop? (2marks)
- (f) What is the default value of local and global variables? (2marks)
- (h) What is a string length? (2marks)
- (i) What is the built-in function to append one string to another? (1mark)
- (j) Define a structure. (2marks)
- (k) What is a constant? (2marks)
- (l) Explain the use of comma operator (,). (2marks)

Question Seven

- (a) What are functions in C programming? (2marks)
- (b) What is a function prototype? (2marks)
- (c) Explain what function declarations are? Give four(4marks)
- (d) Explain the three types of variable below?
 - i) Local Variables
 - ii) Formal Parameters
 - iii) Global Variables
- (d) What do we understand by the following terms?
 - i) Call by value(2marks)
 - ii) Call by reference(2marks)
 - iii) External(1mark)
 - iv) Static(1mark)

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