

National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences, Karachi Spring-2018 CS-Department Mid Term 2 Solution



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Instructions:

- Attempt all questions, containing equal marks. Return the question paper.
- Read each question completely before answering it. There are 4 questions on 2 pages.
- Make assumptions, if required, without contradicting any statement in the question paper.
- Answers must be provided according to the questions sequence given in the question paper. Examples/Comments are necessary where asked.
- **Provide only the hex-decimal values where asked.** Values are provided with their radixes, consider decimal otherwise. Consider 32bit architecture for all the instructions.
- This paper is subjective.

Time: 60 minutes. Max Points: 40

Question 1(A)

Show the values of required registers/flags after execution of the following independent instructions:

(5 Points)

1. MOV AL, 42H
SHR AL, 1
AL =
$$21H$$

CF = 0

2. MOV AL, 0D4H
$$SAR AL, 1$$

$$AL = EAH$$

$$CF = 0$$

Question 1(B)

The *date* field of a file directory entry uses bits 8 to 15 for the YEAR, bits 4 to 7 for the month, and bits 0 to 3 for the DAY. Write instructions to copy the year to a byte variable byear. (5 Points)

MOV AX, WORD PTR date MOV byear, AH

Question 2 (A)

Given that op1, op2, op3 and X are integer variables, write equivalent assembly code for the following code snippet, *insert comments to clarify your code*: (5 Points)

```
while (op1 < op2)
     op1++;
     if(op1 == op3)
          X = 2;
     else
          X = 3;
}
     MOV EAX, op1
L1:
     CMP EAX, op2
     JB L2
     JMP EXIT
L2:
     INC op1
     MOV EAX, op1
     CMP EAX, op3
     JE L3
     MOV X, 3
     JMP L1
L3: MOV X, 2
     JMP L1
```

EXIT: ret

Question 2(B)

Given that VAR1, VAR2, and VAR3 are signed double words, write a code to store the largest one of these signed double words in VAR4. (5 Points)

MOV EAX, VAR1	CMP EAX, EBX	C2: CMP EAX, ECX	C4: CMP EBX, ECX	C6: CMP ECX, EAX
MOV EBX, VAR2	JG C2	JLE C3	JLE C5	JLE C7
MOV ECX, VAR3		MOV VAR4, EAX	MOV VAR4,EBX	XثMOV VAR4,E
	C3: CMP EBX, EAX	RET	RET	C7: RET
	JG C4			
	C5: CMP ECX, EAX			
	JG C6			
	RET			

Question 3

Write a code snippet for each of the following set of operations:

(10 Points)

I. Copy the second last element of the stack into ECX, without changing the stack contents.

```
MOV ECX, [ESP+4]
```

II. Exchange the top two elements of the stack segment.

```
MOV EAX, [ESP]
MOV EBX, [ESP+4]
MOV [ESP], EBX
MOV [ESP+4], EAX
```

III. Replace the contents of Accumulator with its mathematical cube (x^3) .

MOVZX BX, AL
MUL AL
MUL BX

IV. Loop through a DWORD array and calculate sum of all its elements in EAX.

MOV esi,0 L1: ADD EAX,[array+esi]
MOV eax,0 ADD esi,4
MOV ECX, LENGTHOF array LOOP L1

V. Copy return address of a procedure into EBX.

main PROC
 CALL f1
 RET
main ENDP
f1 PROC

MOV EBX,[ESP]

RET

f1 ENDP

Question 4

Suppose an OCR machine report errors using an error byte at memory offset F600h, called status byte. The meaning of different bits of status byte is shown below:

Bit	Message	Meaning	
0	Short document	The document just read is shorter than anticipated	
1	Long document	The document just read is shorter than anticipated	
2	Close feed	Current document is too close to the preceding document	
3	Multiple feed	Two documents were detected at the same time	
4	Excessive skew	The document is skewed (crooked) in the transport	
5	Document misfeed	The document fails to feed into the transport	
6	Document jam	The document jammed in the transport	
7	Unspecified error	An unknown/unspecified error occurred	

Note that each bit represents a specific error condition indicated by the OCR machine. Now write a main procedure that wait in a loop to check a non-zero value of status byte. As soon as it gets a non-zero value, it checks all bits starting from bit 0 and use **WriteString** function to print the string shown in the Meaning column. Assume that the WriteString function takes address of string in register EDX. After printing the main procedure reset the status byte to zero and terminates. (10 Points)

```
monitor: MOV AL, status_byte

CMP AL, 0

JE monitor

MOV ECX, 8

MOV EBX, 0

MOV BL, 1h

again: TEST AL, BL

JZ NEXT

MOV EDX, STR1[EBX] ;str1 contains strings, element 0 empty.

CALL WriteStr

next: SHL BL, 1

LOOP again

JMP monitor
```