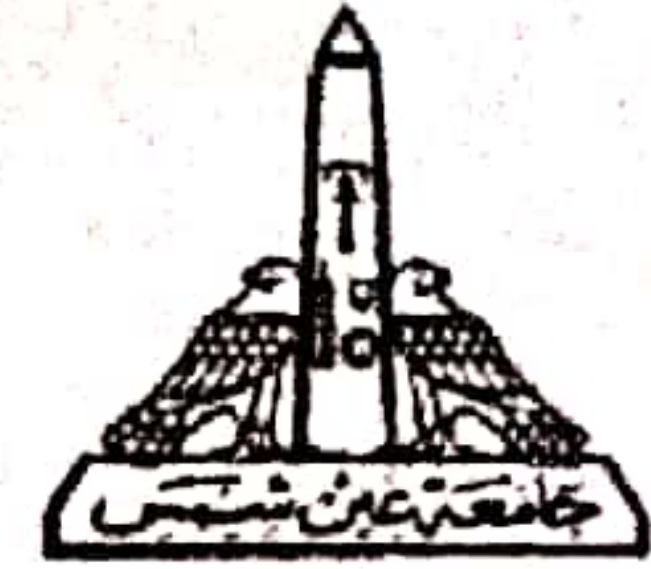


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Question 1

- A) What is the most difficult challenge in Embedded System Design?
 B) What is the difference between a Binary Semaphore and a Mutex object?
 C) What is the difference between foreground and background task?
 D) What is the technique called tail-chaining in Interrupts? What does it provide?

A) The most difficult challenge is to operate multiple task on one CPU

B) semaphore: must be given before being take if not it will be block
 mutex: it can be taken normally if it not given

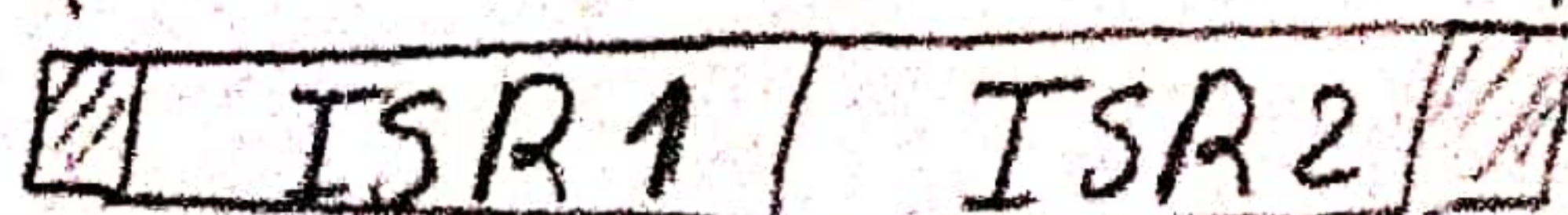
C) foreground: where scheduler lies and it used to control & organize the entry of tasks to CPU

Background: where the task & its definition lies

D) Tail chaining: happen when theres no need to save mult
 as getting in reg = getting out register

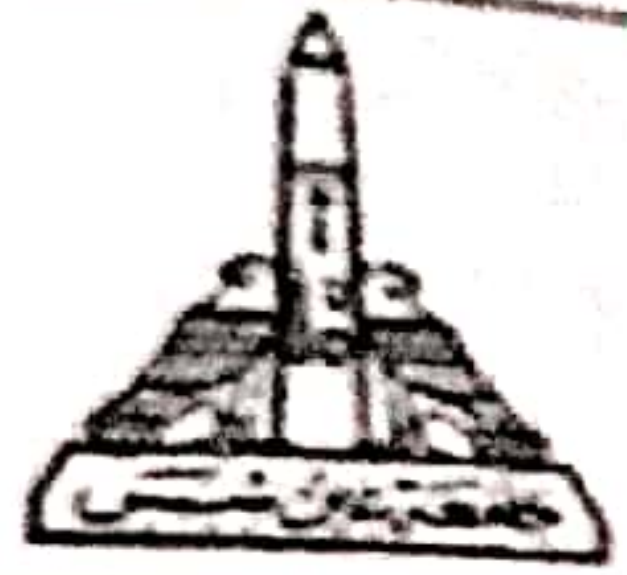
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saving register



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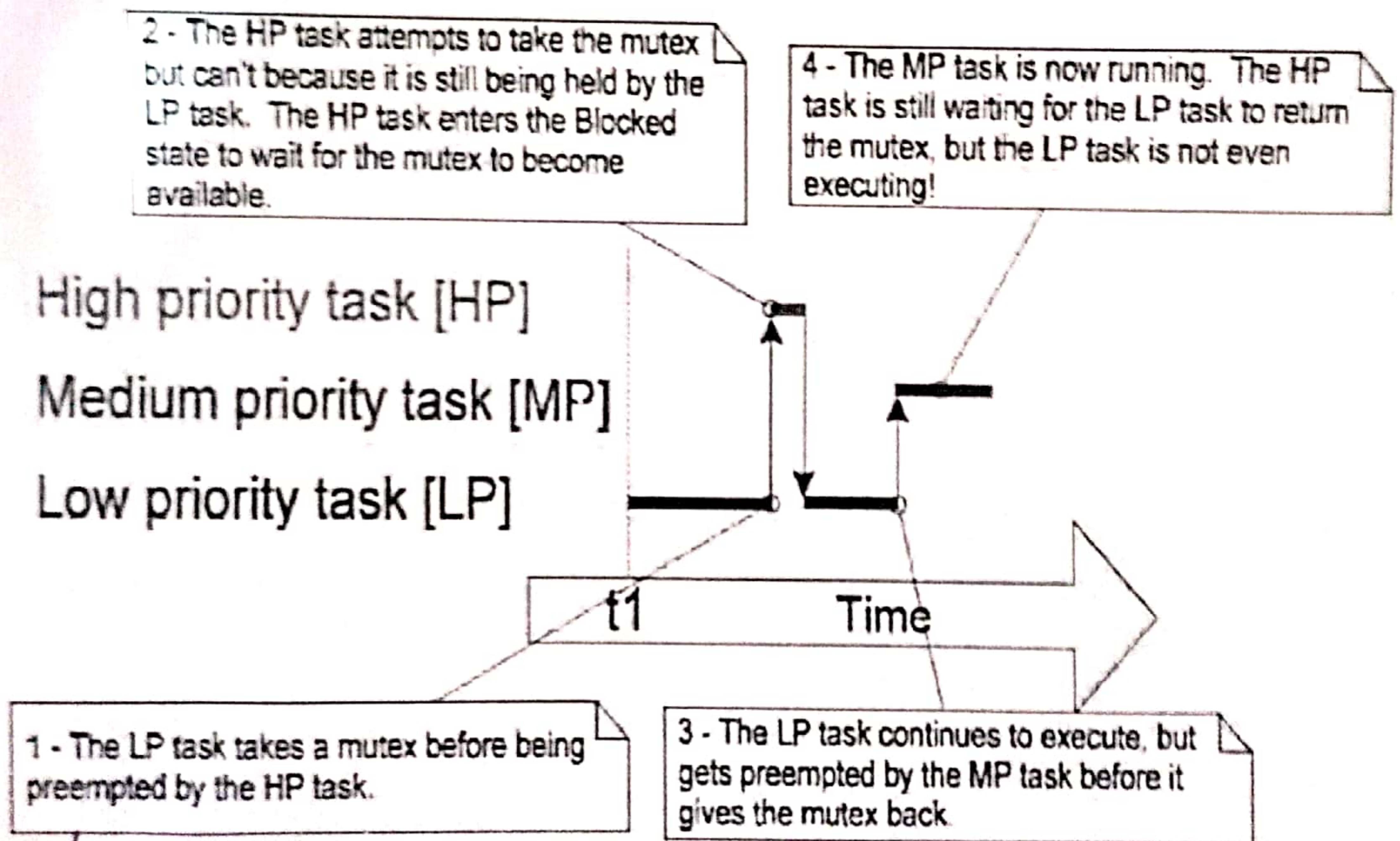
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Question 2

Write a FreeRTOS based application that could achieve this descriptive timing diagram:



int main () {

xmutex = xSemaphoreCreateMutex();

vTaskCreate (LP_task, "LP", NULL, 1, NULL);

vTaskStartScheduler();

}

void LP_task () {

for(;;) {

xSemaphoreTake (xmutex);

vTaskCreate (HP_task, "HP", NULL, 3, NULL);

for (i=0; i<1000000; i++);

vTaskCreate (MP_task, "MP", NULL, 2, NULL);

xSemaphoreGive (xmutex);

}

void HP_task () {

for(;;) {

}

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void HP_task () {

for(;;) {

xSemaphoreTake (xmutex, portMAX_DELAY);

}

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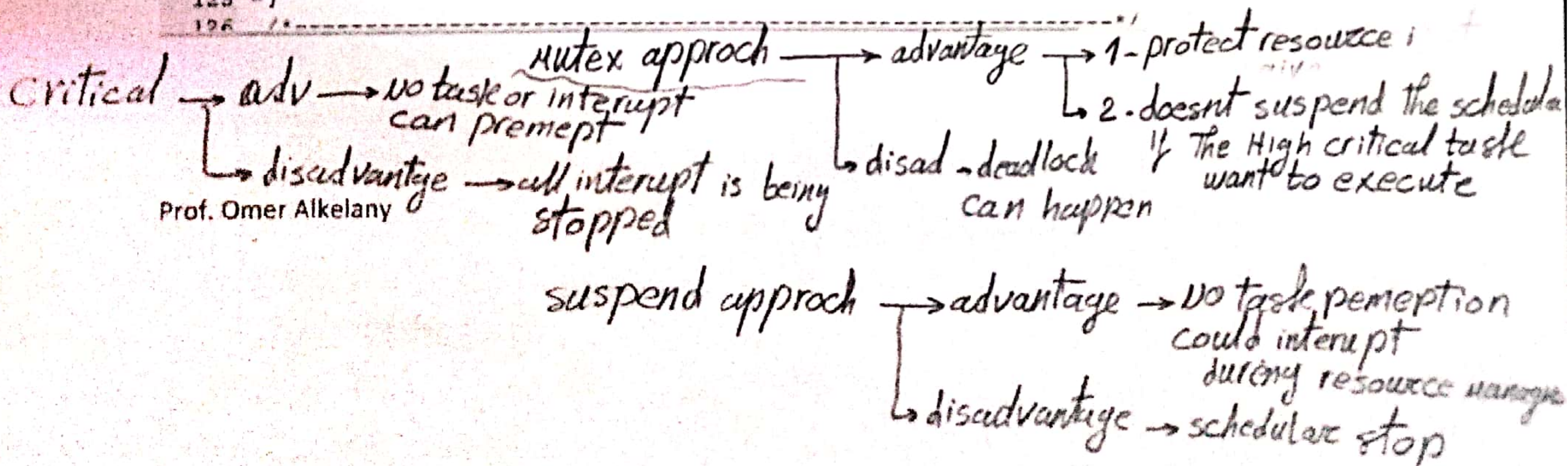
Question 3 (10 Marks)

The figure below is a snap shot showing different approaches of implementing the critical section. Compare the three approaches, in terms of their advantages and disadvantages.

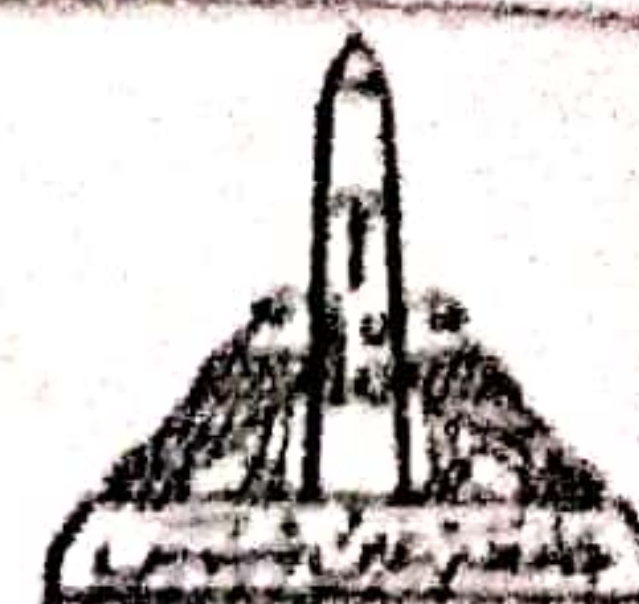
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93 static void prvNewPrintString( const portCHAR *pcString )
94 {
95     static char cBuffer[ mainMAX_MSG_LEN ];
96     int i,j;
97
98     /* The semaphore is created before the scheduler is started so already
99        exists by the time this task executes.
100
101     Attempt to take the semaphore, blocking indefinitely if the mutex is not
102     available immediately. The call to xSemaphoreTake() will only return when
103     the semaphore has been successfully obtained so there is no need to check the
104     return value. If any other delay period was used then the code must check
105     that xSemaphoreTake() returns pdTRUE before accessing the resource (in this
106     case standard out. */
107
108     //taskENTER_CRITICAL(); //first approach
109     // vTaskSuspendAll(); //second approach
110     xSemaphoreTake( xMutex, portMAX_DELAY ); //third and better approach
111     {
112         /* The following line will only execute once the semaphore has been
113            successfully obtained - so standard out can be accessed freely. */
114         sprintf( cBuffer, "%s", pcString );
115         vTaskDelay( ( rand() & 0xFF ) );
116         // for (i=1;i<1000000;i++)
117         // {
118         //     j++;
119         // }
120         printf( cBuffer );
121     }
122     xSemaphoreGive( xMutex ); //third and better approach
123     // xTaskResumeAll(); //second approach
124     //taskEXIT_CRITICAL(); //first approach
125 }
126

```



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Question 4

Explain what can possibly go wrong when this **pseudo code** is executed. How can it be changed to avoid such problem?

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01: data_type buffer[N];
02: int count = 0;
03: void TaskA() {
04:   int i; int i = 0;
05:   while( 1 ) {
06:     produce(&data);
07:     while( count == N );/*loop*/
08:     buffer[i] = data;
09:     i = (i + 1) % N;
10:     count = count + 1;
11:   }
12: }
13: void TaskB() {
14:   int i; int i = 0
15:   while( 1 ) {
16:     while( count == 0 );/*loop*/
17:     data = buffer[i];
18:     i = (i + 1) % N;
19:     count = count - 1;
20:     consume(&data);
21:   }
22: }
23: void main() {
24:   Task_create (TaskA);
25:   Task_creat(TaskB);
26: }

```