

**GRIFFITH COLLEGE DUBLIN**  
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**EXAMINATION**

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE IN COMPUTING**  
**PARALLEL AND DISTRIBUTED PROGRAMMING**  
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTING**  
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIG DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYTICS**  
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**Module code: MSCBD-PDP**

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**THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF FIVE QUESTIONS**  
**FOUR QUESTIONS TO BE ATTEMPTED**  
**ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

## QUESTION 1

- (a) Implement a ForkJoinPool recursive class to count the negative numbers in a huge array, do not write the main class.  
(10 marks)
  - (b) Repeat part 1 using a Callable interface. do not write the main class.  
(10 marks)
  - (c) What is the difference between waiting() and timed\_waiting() in thread states?  
(5 marks)
- Total (25 marks)**

## QUESTION 2

A Fibonacci sequence generator is a recursive algorithm has the formula:

$$\begin{aligned}F(0) &= 0 \\F(1) &= 1 \\F(n) &= F(n-1) + F(n-2) \text{ for } n > 1\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Explain why this algorithm is difficult to parallelise.  
(5 marks)
  - (b) Write a thread class that shuffle the elements in an array. Optimizes the performance of the thread performance and ensure no deadlock.  
(15 marks)
  - (c) Can a constructor be synchronized? Explain why.  
(5 marks)
- Total (25 marks)**

## QUESTION 3

- (a) Implement a Last-In-First-Out stack, intended for use in a concurrent environment. Only methods **push** and **pop** are needed. write it using the **Lock** class so that the shared methods are safe for concurrent access.  
(10 marks)
  - (b) Explain in OpenMP what a schedule clause means and how it can be used?  
(10 marks)
  - (c) Can you implement the schedule at run time, show how?  
(5 marks)
- Total (25 marks)**

#### QUESTION 4

- (a) Write a parallel OpenMP C program to perform matrix-matrix addition of a  $n*m$  size. Assume the matrices are initialized.

**(10 marks)**

- (b) Write a parallel MPI C program to perform matrix-matrix addition of a  $n*m$  size. Assume the matrices are initialized. Use Scatter and Gather API's.

**(15 marks)**

**Total (25 marks)**

#### QUESTION 5

- (a) Describe data parallelism and functional parallelism.

**(5 marks)**

- (b) Implement a CountdownLatch using ReentrantLock.

**(10 marks)**

- (c) Discuss possible optimisations to improve the performance of your countdown latch implementation.

**(5 marks)**

- (d) Implement a barrier in Java using a Countdown latch. Make sure that your barrier is reusable.

**(5 marks)**

**Total (25 marks)**