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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)**