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Course Title: Computer Peripheral and Interfacing Course Code: ICT-3205  
Time: 3 hours Full Marks: 70

[Answer Any Five Questions]

1. (a) Differentiate computer peripherals and Interfacing with proper examples. 4  
(b) Describe the categories of computer peripherals based on their relationship with computers 4  
(c) Write four individual examples for impact and non-impact printers. 2  
(d) Evaluate the future of peripherals in a world moving towards virtual and cloud-based computing. Will physical peripherals become obsolete? Justify your answer in short. 4
  
2. (a) Define a parallel interface. Describe the key differences between impact and non-impact printers. Provide examples of each type. 5  
(b) How does a barcode scanner read information from the barcode symbol? 5  
Describe with the appropriate figure.  
(c) The EAN-13 is a standard of the barcode. Let the encoded data for this standard be [2, 3, 0, 1, 4, 5, 2, 6, 7, 1, 0, 8, x], where x represents the check digit of EAN-13. Calculate this value. 4
  
3. (a) What is Hall-Effect switching? Write down the working principle of the Hall effect keyboard switch. 6  
(b) What is RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks)? What is the role of RS-232 and RS-485 standards in serial communication? 4  
(c) Consider a disk pack with the following specifications - 16 surfaces, 256 tracks per surface, 512 sectors per track, and 1024 bytes per sector. Calculate -
  - i. Capacity of disk pack.
  - ii. If the format overhead is 16 bytes per sector. What is the formatted disk space?
  - iii. If the disk is rotating at 3600 RPM, what is the data transfer rate?
  
4. (a) What is a unified modeling language? How do advancements in machine learning and AI impact the future development of OMR, OCR, and barcode systems? 4  
(b) What algorithms are used to detect marked responses in OMR systems? 4  
Discuss error-handling techniques.  
(c) Write down the addressing technique of READ and WRITE operations of the 8255A programmable peripheral interface (PPI). 3  
(d) Describe the function of the important registers available in 8259A. 3

5. (a) What is a microcontroller? Write at least four names of the microcontroller. 3
- (b) Describe the pins of intel-8255A with an appropriate pin diagram. 5
- (c) For programmable peripheral interface there are some specifications-  
Port A as mode 0 output  
Port B as mode 1 input  
Port C (lower) as input  
Port C (upper) as output  
Construct the mode set control word format for the data bus. 3
- (d) Why is programmable peripheral interfacing necessary? 3
6. (a) How does Intel-8259 handle interrupt requests, explain step by step according to the connection between Intel-8086 and the following interfacing device. 5
- (b) What is the priority of interrupting? How does the 8259A handle interrupt priorities? 5
- (c) What are the advantages and limitations of using open-source HDL tools in professional design workflows? 4
7. (a) What is memory interface? Differentiate between memory-mapped I/O and port-mapped I/O. 5
- (b) How does the I/O interface facilitate communication between the CPU and external devices? 5
- (c) Briefly explain the role of page tables in virtual memory management. 4
8. (a) Define Embedded system. Explain the embedded design life cycle. 5
- (b) Draw a DFG for the following scenario.  
**Sensors:** A temperature sensor continuously measures the room temperature. Data Node: Raw temperature data (e.g., 25°C).  
**Processing 1:** The microcontroller reads the sensor data and compares it with the desired temperature set by the user. Operation Node: Compare the current temperature with the setpoint.  
**Processing 2:** If the temperature is higher than desired, the microcontroller activates a fan or air conditioner. Data Node: Fan/AC control signal (e.g., ON/OFF).  
**Processing 3:** The system provides feedback to the user via an LCD or smartphone app. Data Node: Displayed data (e.g., "Current Temp: 25°C, Fan: ON").  
**Output:** The fan/AC adjusts the room temperature accordingly. 5
- (c) What are the emerging trends in the integration of AI, HDLs, and ASICs for future embedded systems? 4