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Total Time: 30 Mins
Total Marks: 10

Q1. Given a processor that executes instruction in 5 stages and time taken by each stage is: IF=ID=EX=MA=30nsec and WB is divided into two half cycle, each half is of 10ns (first half cycle for write and second half cycle for read). If this processor is pipelined, what should be the clock cycle time and clock frequency of the pipeline processor? What is the speed up of pipelined processor over its non-pipelined counterpart? (3 Marks).

Q2. Consider the following RISC-V assembly code:

1. lw \$10, (\$1)
2. lw \$11, (\$2)
3. add \$12, \$10, \$11
4. and \$08, \$12, \$05
5. add \$09, \$11, \$12
6. sub \$15, \$09, \$14

Assume a five-stage pipeline, answer the following questions:

- a) Write name and type of all hazards with line numbers and underlying causes. (3 Marks).
- b) Draw a timing diagram (not the logical circuit) of pipelined execution of instructions on line number 2, 3, and 4. Assume every stage takes one clock cycle. (2 Marks).

Solution 1:

Clock Cycle Time = Max (Ti) = 30ns

Frequency = $1/\text{clock cycle time} = 1/30\text{ns} = 33.3 \text{ MHz}$

Speed up = $(30+30+30+30+20)/30 = 4.67$.

Solution 2:

(a) Line 2-3 Load Delay

(b) Line 3-4 RAW

(c) Line 3-5 RAW

(d) Line 2-3 Structural Hazard

(e) Line 5-6 RAW

Inst. 2	IF	D	EX	MA	WB	
Inst. 3		IF	D	EX	WB	
Inst. 4			IF	D	EX	WB