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Instructions to Candidates:

- ◆ This paper has 4 questions. Answer all questions.
- ◆ Total marks 100.
- ◆ This paper contains 5 pages including the cover page.
- ◆ Electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving text, including calculators and mobile phones are not allowed.

Question 1

(25 marks)

- a) Explain steps in machine cycle? You may use diagrams in your answer. (4 marks)
- b) What are the three types of interrupts generated in operating systems? Explain each with examples. (6 marks)
- c) “Multiprocessor systems growing in use and importance”
- I. What are the two types of multiprocessor systems? (2 marks)
 - II. Describe the advantages of multiprocessor systems. (4 marks)
- d) Write a system call sequence for copying a content of one file to another file.
(Hint: State any assumptions you make) (4 marks)
- e) Compare and contrast the layered approach and module approach in operating systems development. (5 marks)

Question 2

(25 marks)

- a) Briefly explain the following terms in relation to the memory management:
- i. Compile time address binding
 - ii. Base register
- (4 marks)
- b) Consider the following contiguous memory allocation system in figure 01 with the free memory segments of A,B,C,D with the size of 300KB, 100KB, 200KB and 100KB respectively.

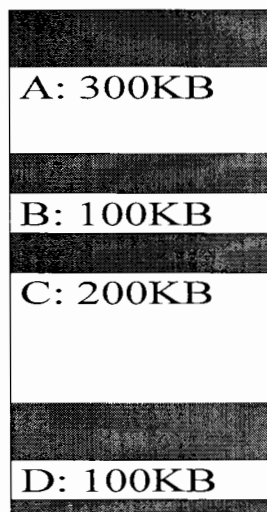


Figure 01

- i. List the main two problems in contiguous memory allocation. (2 marks)
- ii. If a new process has introduced into the system with the size of 600KB, briefly explain how the operating system allocates the memory (2 marks)
 - 1) if the compaction is used
 - 2) if the paging is used

Note: You can make any assumption in designing the paging solution

- i. Which solution (compaction or paging) is used by the modern operating systems? (1 mark)
 - ii. Why does a system need a page table in paging system? (2 marks)
- c) Consider a simple paging system with 2^{18} bytes of physical memory, 4096 pages of logical address space, and a page size of 8KB.
- i. How many bits are there in the physical address? (1 mark)
 - ii. How many bits are there in the logical address? (1 mark)
 - iii. How long is the page table? (How many entries are there in the page table?) (2 mark)
 - iv. Assume each entry of a page table requires 16 bits information. How large is the page table (in bytes)? (2 mark)
 - v. When a process starts, the page table is copied to the hardware from memory at a speed of 200 nanoseconds per bytes. How long is the loading time? (3 mark)
 - vi. For this system, what is the minimum time slice (in millisecond) so that the system may have only less than 5% overhead from loading the page table? (1 mark)
- d) Discuss the advantages and the disadvantages of using inverted-page-table. (2 marks)
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Question 3

(25 marks)

- a) Briefly explain the following terms in relation to the process synchronization:
- i. Critical Section
 - ii. Semaphore (2 marks)
- b) List the tree requirements that must be satisfied by solution to critical section problem. (3 marks)
- c) List the names of two atomic instructions. (2 marks)

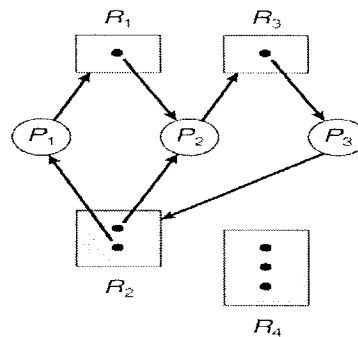
- d) Differentiate inter-process communication shared memory with inter process communication message queue. (You may use a diagram if necessary) (3 marks)
- e) Explain the Producer Consumer Problem in Inter process communication shared memory. (Use a code segment where necessary). (5 marks)
- f) Following code segment is for inter process communication for producer consumer problem. Find the issues in the code and discuss each. (10 marks)

Server	Client
<pre> #include <sys/types.h> #include <sys/ipc.h> #include <sys/shm.h> #include <stdio.h> #define SHMSZ 27 int main(){ char c; int shmid; key_t key; char *shm, *s; key = 5678; if ((shmid = shmget(key, SHMSZ, 0666)) < 0){ perror("shmget"); exit(1); } if ((shm = shmat(shmid, NULL, 0)) == (char *) -1){ perror("shmat"); exit(1); } s = shm; for (c = 'a'; c <= 'z'; c++){ *s++ = c; *s = NULL; } while (*shm != 'NULL') sleep(1); exit(0); } </pre>	<pre> #include <sys/types.h> #include <sys/ipc.h> #include <sys/shm.h> #include <stdio.h> #define SHMSZ 27 int main(){ int shmid; key_t key; char *shm, *s; key = 5679; if ((shmid = shmget(key, SHMSZ, IPC_CREAT 0666)) < 0){ perror("shmget"); exit(1); } if ((shm = shmat(shmid, NULL, 0)) == (char *) -1){ perror("shmat"); exit(1); } for (s = shm; *s != NULL; s++) putchar(*s); putchar('\n'); *shm = '*'; exit(0); } </pre>

Question 4

(25 marks)

- List the four necessary conditions to have a deadlock in a system. (3 marks)
- Propose two solutions to prevent the deadlock by deny the hold and wait condition. (3 marks)
- How does the modern general-purpose operating system solve the deadlock problem? Briefly explain. (3 marks)
- Consider the following resource allocation graph for a system in graph 01
 - Why do we draw the resource allocation graph? (2 marks)
 - Does the system is in a deadlock situation? Justify your answer. (4 marks)



Graph 01

- Consider the following snapshot of a system:

Process	Allocation	Maximum Needs	Available
A	4	6	1
B	2	5	
C	1	5	
D	3	4	

Answer the following questions using the banker's algorithm:

- What is the content of the matrix Need? (4 marks)
- Is the system in a safe state? (2 marks)
- If a request from process A arrives for 1 resource, can the request be granted immediately? (4 marks)