

1. One Megabyte (MB) is.....
  - A. 1024 x 8 bits
  - B. 1024 x 1024 x 1024 x 8 bits
  - C. 1024 x 1024 x 1024 x 1024 x 8 bits
  - D. None of the above
2. The third generation of computers consists of.....
  - A. vacuum tubes
  - B. IC chips
  - C. Transistors
  - D. Firmware
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a mobile operating system
  - A. Android
  - B. ios
  - C. Symbian
  - D. Vista
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is not processor developed by Intel corporation
  - A. Celeron
  - B. Core i5
  - C. Athlon
  - D. Pentium I
5. Which of the following best describes nonvolatile memory?
  - A. memory that loses stored information when electrical power is removed
  - B. nonmagnetic memory
  - C. memory that retains stored information when electrical power is removed
  - D. magnetic memory
6. Central Processing Unit (CPU) consists of
  - A. control unit
  - B. arithmetic and logic unit
  - C. main store
  - D. all of above
7. The physical connection that makes it possible for data transfer in a computer systems is called the .....
  - A. bus
  - B. interface
  - C. register

- D. control unit
8. The computer component that controls the actions of other components in order to execute instructions (the program) in the correct sequence is the.....
- A. I/O interface
  - B. Arithmetic Logic Units
  - C. Registers
  - D. Control unit
9. The typical unit of measure for temporary storage is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. MHz
  - B. MB
  - C. GB
  - D. GHz
10. When adding an even parity bit to the code 110010, the result is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 1110010
  - B. 1111001
  - C. 110010
  - D. 001101
11. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a processor used in mobile phones or tablet PCs
- A. Qualcomm Snapdragon S4
  - B. Intel Atom
  - C. Pentium I- MMX
  - D. Nvidia Tegra

### **Section B**

Q1

- a) What is Cache Memory and Split Cache? (4 Marks)
- b) Briefly explain Hit Ratio and Miss Ratio. (2 Marks)
- c) What is “Pipelining”? What are the problems of pipelining system and what are the solutions for those problems? (6 Marks)
- d) Describe the operations of a register. (4 Marks)
- e) List the two (2) types of registers and explain each of their functions. (4 Marks)

## Q2

- a) Show how the following numbers are converted from
- $482_{10}$  to binary
  - $768_{10}$  to hexa decimal
  - $1011101001_2$  to octal
  - $10111010101001$  to hexa decimal
  - $7B4_{16}$  to decimal
- (5 marks)
- b) Define following standards that used to represent alphanumeric data
- ASCII
  - EBCDIC
- (4 marks)
- c) How many **bits** of memory are contained in a memory unit with memory capacity of:
- 48 MB
  - 128 KB
  - 512 GB
- (3Marks)
- d) What are buses in the context of computer architecture?
- (4 Marks)
- e) List two(2) types of bus topologies that are found in a typical computer system.
- (4 Marks)

## Q3

- a) Draw a labelled block diagram of the Memory hierarchy. How the size, cost and speed change from top to bottom.
- (4 marks)
- b) Discuss the data storage mechanism of following secondary storage devices.
- A. Magnetic disks
- B. CD ROMs
- (6 marks)
- c) Draw a labeled block diagram of a Central Processing Unit and write the meaning of each abbreviation you used in the diagram.
- (6 marks)
- d) Match A and B
- | A            | B             |
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| Vacuum Tubes | Object Images |
| Unicode      | ENIAC         |
| Photoshop    | Raster Images |
| CorelDraw    | Alpha Numeric |
- (4 marks)