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This is a closed-book, off-grid (no Internet searches) quiz. You have 20 minutes to complete it.

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**All questions are worth 5 points (21 x 5 = 105 points total)**



What does it mean when we say an operating system is deterministic?



1. **Answer**: Input from peripherals has a fixed maximum response time



What is an example of the behavior of a non-deterministic operating system?



1. **Answer**: A USB keyboard’s input not appearing on screen for a couple seconds

What is latency?



1. **Answer**: Time between peripheral input and software reaction



Is an RTOS deterministic or non-deterministic?



1. **Answer**: Deterministic

What are the three general characteristics of a traditional operating system?



1. **Answer**: Large
2. **Answer**: Monolithic



1. **Answer**: Non-deterministic

What are the three general characteristics of an RTOS?



1. **Answer**: Compact
2. **Answer**: Fixed peripherals



1. **Answer**: Deterministic

What are two considerations that would compel you to use an RTOS instead of bare-metal state machines for an embedded design?

1. **Answer**: Scheduler (handler for threads, equivalent to state machines)



1. **Answer**: Size of embedded application

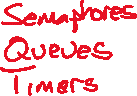


What are the five main elements we will be using to develop RTOS-based applications?  
(Hint: the scheduler is not one of the answers.)

1. **Answer**: Threads



1. **Answer**: Mutexes
2. **Answer**:



1. **Answer**:
2. **Answer**:

What is the bare-metal equivalent of an RTOS scheduler?



1. **Answer**: while(true) loop



What are the two main methods a scheduler uses to manage the execution of threads?

1. **Answer**: Mutex



1. **Answer**:



Is Windows suitable for embedded applications? Explain your answer.



1. **Answer**: It depends; for some embedded applications like an airport display it would be despite having a non-deterministic structure, because inputs do not need to be handled in a guaranteed time period and a crash is not going to cost lives. For critical systems like flight controls in a plane, responsiveness must be consistent and guaranteed, and crashes cannot occur when lives are at stake.