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**BACS1113 COMPUTER ORGANISATION AND ARCHITECTURE**

MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2024

TIME: 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM (2 HOURS)

BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (HONOURS) IN DATA SCIENCE  
BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (HONOURS) IN INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE  
TECHNOLOGY

BACHELOR OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS (HONOURS) IN ENTERPRISE INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS

BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HONOURS) IN INFORMATION SECURITY  
BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HONOURS) IN INTERNET TECHNOLOGY  
BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HONOURS) IN SOFTWARE SYSTEMS  
DEVELOPMENT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) IN MANAGEMENT MATHEMATICS  
WITH COMPUTING

BACHELOR OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (HONOURS)

**Instructions to Candidates:**

Answer **ALL** questions. All questions carry equal marks.



**BACS1113 COMPUTER ORGANISATION AND ARCHITECTURE****Question 1**

- a) Carry out the following operations and show the answers in the respective number base. (You are required to show your working steps clearly.)
- (i)  $511.1_9 - 23.8_9$  (2 marks)
- (ii)  $78H \times CCH$  (2 marks)
- (iii)  $110011.01_2 - 11111.1_2$  (2 marks)
- b) Perform the following conversions. (Show your conversion steps clearly. If the question is illogical, state the reason.)
- (i)  $5AB3_{16}$  to a base-2 number (2 marks)
- (ii)  $456.2_6$  to a base-8 number (2 marks)
- (iii)  $40.27_8$  to a base-16 number (2 marks)
- (iv)  $234.2_5$  to a base-10 number (2 marks)
- c) Assume that floating point is represented in SEEMMMMM format where S is the sign, EE is a 2-digit exponent value, and MMMMM is a 5-digit mantissa:
- An Excess-55 notation is applied.
  - The implied decimal point is immediately to the left of the first number of the mantissa.
  - A “9” is used to represent a positive number and a “5” is used to represent a negative number.
- (i) Subtract these two numbers. Present your result in SEEMMMMM and magnitude notation format. (3 marks)
- $$\begin{array}{r} 55634001 \\ \underline{95245123} \end{array}$$
- (ii) Divide these two numbers. Present your result in decimal format. (3 marks)
- $$\begin{array}{r} 55634001 \\ \underline{95245123} \end{array}$$
- d) Demonstrate how the following fractional number  $-0.0000011101111011_2$  is represented in the computer system using *IEEE 754 single precision* format. You are required to show your working steps clearly. (5 marks)

[Total: 25 marks]

**BACS1113 COMPUTER ORGANISATION AND ARCHITECTURE****Question 2**

- a) Assuming a 16-bit microprocessor is used to solve the following operation:

$$512_{10} - 342_{10}$$

- (i) Solve the operation above using Two's complement representation. (5 marks)
- (ii) Validate your answer by showing the answer in signed decimal value with justification. (3 marks)
- (iii) Does overflow and / or carry occur? (2 marks)

- b) Assume the Little Man Computer (LMC) model is used and the following instructions are found at the given memory locations:

Program Counter: 88

Value stored in memory location 41:  $041_{10}$

Value stored in memory location 42:  $042_{10}$

Value stored in memory location 43:  $043_{10}$

...

...

Value stored in memory location 88:  $541_{10}$  (*LOAD instruction*)

Value stored in memory location 89:  $242_{10}$  (*SUB instruction*)

Value stored in memory location 90:  $343_{10}$  (*STORE instruction*)

Evaluate and show the changes in the contents for *Instruction Registers (IR)*, *Program Counter (PC)*, *Memory Address Register (MAR)*, *Memory Data Register (MDR)*, and *Accumulator (A)* respectively immediately after the execution of the following instructions:  
(You are required to list down all the instruction steps.)

- (i) Memory location 88 (5 marks)
- (ii) Memory location 89 (5 marks)
- (iii) Memory location 90 (5 marks)

[Total: 25 marks]

**BACS1113 COMPUTER ORGANISATION AND ARCHITECTURE****Question 3**

- a) Assume a 1200 x 800 picture. Calculate the storage size required to store each of the followings:
- (i) 512-color bitmap in megabytes. (4 marks)
  - (ii) 512-bit color in kilobytes. (3 marks)
- b) *X* is a computer processor designed to have large number of instructions, and each of the instruction will perform many actions that take several clock cycles to complete.
- (i) Identify the type of instruction set architecture used by processor *X* in Question 3 b). (2 marks)
  - (ii) Explain any **TWO (2)** benefits of *X*. (6 marks)
- c) Direct Memory Access (DMA) is a method of transferring data between peripherals and memory without using the CPU. State the **THREE (3)** primary conditions that must be met by DMA in order to take place. (6 marks)
- d) Give any **TWO (2)** differences between a bitmap image and an object image. (*You are required to compare your answer using a table.*) (4 marks)

[Total: 25 marks]

**BACS1113 COMPUTER ORGANISATION AND ARCHITECTURE****Question 4**

- a) Assume that EBX is zero. Trace the program snippets and fill in the following data and register values from i) until vi) in hexadecimal. (10 marks)

```
.DATA
VAL1 WORD 0209H
VAL2 DWORD 00300000H
VAL3 QWORD 1000000500200100H
```

```
.CODE
INC VAL1
MOV AX, VAL1
XOR AX, 102H
NOT AX
DEC VAL2
MOV EDX, DWORD PTR VAL3+4
MOV EAX, DWORD PTR VAL3
```

;i) VAL1 =

;ii) AX=

;iii) AX=

;iv) VAL2 =

; v) EDX =

;vi) EAX=

- b) Trace the following code and determine whether the jump action to the label named Q4 will be taken? (*You are required to justify your answer.*)

```
MOV BX, -5010
CMP BX, 5010
JA Q4
```

(3 marks)

- c) (i) What is symmetrical multiprocessing? (2 marks)
- (ii) Briefly explain any **TWO (2)** benefits of symmetrical multiprocessing. (6 marks)

- d) Complete the Table 1 below: (4 marks)

Basic comparison	Loosely coupled multiprocessor system	Tightly coupled multiprocessor system
Memory conflict		
Data rate		

Table 1: Comparison between loosely coupled and tightly coupled multiprocessor systems.

[Total: 25 marks]

ASCII TABLE

Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char
0	00	NUL	32	20	SP	64	40	@	96	60	'	128	80	ÿ	160	A0	À
1	01	SOH	33	21	"	65	41	A	97	61	a	129	81	ü	161	A1	Á
2	02	SIX	34	22	#	66	42	B	98	62	b	130	82	é	162	A2	Â
3	03	LIX	35	23	\$	67	43	C	99	63	c	131	83	â	163	A3	Ã
4	04	EOI	36	24	%	68	44	D	100	64	d	132	84	ä	164	A4	Ä
5	05	ENQ	37	25	&	69	45	E	101	65	e	133	85	å	165	A5	Å
6	06	ACK	38	26	'	70	46	F	102	66	f	134	86	æ	166	A6	Æ
7	07	BEL	39	27	(	71	47	G	103	67	g	135	87	ç	167	A7	Ç
8	08	BS	40	28	)	72	48	H	104	68	h	136	88	è	168	A8	È
9	09	HT	41	29	*	73	49	I	105	69	i	137	89	é	169	A9	É
10	0A	LF	42	2A	+	74	4A	J	106	6A	j	138	8A	ê	170	AA	Ê
11	0B	VT	43	2B	,	75	4B	K	107	6B	k	139	8B	ë	171	AB	Ë
12	0C	FF	44	2C	-	76	4C	L	108	6C	l	140	8C	ì	172	AC	Ï
13	0D	CR	45	2D	.	77	4D	M	109	6D	m	141	8D	í	173	AD	Î
14	0E	SO	46	2E	/	78	4E	N	110	6E	n	142	8E	î	174	AE	Ï
15	0F	SI	47	2F	:	79	4F	O	111	6F	o	143	8F	ï	175	AF	Ò
16	10	DL	48	30	;	80	50	P	112	70	p	144	90	ð	176	B0	Ó
17	11	SH	49	31	<	81	51	Q	113	71	q	145	91	ë	177	B1	Ô
18	12	DC1	50	32	=	82	52	R	114	72	r	146	92	ì	178	B2	Õ
19	13	DC2	51	33	?	83	53	S	115	73	s	147	93	í	179	B3	Ö
20	14	DC3	52	34		84	54	T	116	74	t	148	94	î	180	B4	×
21	15	NAK	53	35		85	55	U	117	75	u	149	95	ï	181	B5	
22	16	SYN	54	36		86	56	V	118	76	v	150	96	ê	182	B6	
23	17	ETB	55	37		87	57	W	119	77	w	151	97	ë	183	B7	
24	18	CAN	56	38		88	58	X	120	78	x	152	98	ì	184	B8	
25	19	EM	57	39		89	59	Y	121	79	y	153	99	í	185	B9	
26	1A	SB	58	3A		90	5A	Z	122	7A	z	154	9A	î	186	BA	
27	1B	ESC	59	3B		91	5B	[	123	7B	[	155	9B	ï	187	BB	
28	1C	FS	60	3C		92	5C	\	124	7C	\	156	9C	ê	188	BC	
29	1D	GS	61	3D		93	5D	^	125	7D	^	157	9D	ë	189	BD	
30	1E	RS	62	3E		94	5E	_	126	7E	_	158	9E	ì	190	BE	
31	1F	US	63	3F		95	5F		127	7F		159	9F	í	191	BF	
192	C0		224	B0		224	B0		224	B0		224	B0		224	B0	
193	C1		225	B1		225	B1		225	B1		225	B1		225	B1	
194	C2		226	B2		226	B2		226	B2		226	B2		226	B2	
195	C3		227	B3		227	B3		227	B3		227	B3		227	B3	
196	C4		228	B4		228	B4		228	B4		228	B4		228	B4	
197	C5		229	B5		229	B5		229	B5		229	B5		229	B5	
198	C6		230	B6		230	B6		230	B6		230	B6		230	B6	
199	C7		231	B7		231	B7		231	B7		231	B7		231	B7	
200	C8		232	B8		232	B8		232	B8		232	B8		232	B8	
201	C9		233	B9		233	B9		233	B9		233	B9		233	B9	
202	CA		234	BA		234	BA		234	BA		234	BA		234	BA	
203	CB		235	BB		235	BB		235	BB		235	BB		235	BB	
204	CC		236	BC		236	BC		236	BC		236	BC		236	BC	
205	CD		237	BD		237	BD		237	BD		237	BD		237	BD	
206	CE		238	BE		238	BE		238	BE		238	BE		238	BE	
207	CF		239	BF		239	BF		239	BF		239	BF		239	BF	
208	D0		240	F0		240	F0		240	F0		240	F0		240	F0	
209	D1		241	F1		241	F1		241	F1		241	F1		241	F1	
210	D2		242	F2		242	F2		242	F2		242	F2		242	F2	
211	D3		243	F3		243	F3		243	F3		243	F3		243	F3	
212	D4		244	F4		244	F4		244	F4		244	F4		244	F4	
213	D5		245	F5		245	F5		245	F5		245	F5		245	F5	
214	D6		246	F6		246	F6		246	F6		246	F6		246	F6	
215	D7		247	F7		247	F7		247	F7		247	F7		247	F7	
216	D8		248	F8		248	F8		248	F8		248	F8		248	F8	
217	D9		249	F9		249	F9		249	F9		249	F9		249	F9	
218	DA		250	FA		250	FA		250	FA		250	FA		250	FA	
219	DB		251	FB		251	FB		251	FB		251	FB		251	FB	
220	DC		252	FC		252	FC		252	FC		252	FC		252	FC	
221	DD		253	FD		253	FD		253	FD		253	FD		253	FD	
222	DE		254	FE		254	FE		254	FE		254	FE		254	FE	
223	DF		255	FF		255	FF		255	FF		255	FF		255	FF	