

**M. TECH.****THEORY EXAMINATION (SEM-II) 2016-17****MULTI CORE ARCHITECTURE & PROGRAMMING****Time : 3 Hours****Max. Marks : 70****Note : Be precise in your answer. In case of numerical problem assume data wherever not provided.****SECTION- A****1 Attempt all parts of this Section****7×2=14**

- (a) Explain Amdahl's law.
- (b) What do you mean by Error diffusion?
- (c) Explain the thread synchronization issues.
- (d) Explain the Data copy-in and copy-out mechanism with example.
- (e) Explain how you will avoid pipeline stalls in IA-32.
- (f) What do you mean by loop scheduling and partitioning?
- (g) What is data-level parallelism?

**SECTION- B****2 Attempt any three parts of the following****3×7=21**

- (a) What do you mean by multiprocessor? Explain how parallel computing can be achieved in multiprocessor.
- (b) Differentiate the terms task and data decomposition with a suitable example.
- (c) What is deadlock? Also explain Flow Control-based concept.
- (d) Explain the following OpenMP runtime library routines
  - (i) subroutine `omp_set_num_threads(num_threads)`
  - (ii) integer function `omp_get_num_procs()`
  - (iii) logical function `omp_get_dynamic()`
  - (iv) logical function `omp_get_nested()`
  - (v) subroutine `omp_unset_lock(lock)` integer (kind=`omp_lock_kind`)::`lock`
  - (vi) double-precision function `omp_get_wtick()`
  - (vii) double-precision function `omp_get_wtime()`
- (e) What is the difference between false sharing and cache line ping-ponging?

**SECTION- C****3. Attempt all questions in this section.****5×7=35**

- (a) Explain the difference between the Multi-core Architectures from hyper- threading technology with a suitable example.

**OR**

What is thread? Explain thread lifecycle inside the OS. Also explain how thread works in case of hardware.

- (b) What do you mean by decomposition? What are the implications of different types of decompositions?

**OR**

Explain how thread level decomposition will help the programmer in achieving parallelism with a suitable example.

- (c) Explain how threading API for Microsoft .NET framework will work. Give suitable example for creating thread and also discuss about how an thread priority set.

**OR**

What do you understand by the term parallel programming? Also discuss about why we need parallel programming in our architecture.

- (d) What is data race condition? Also explain how you can manage the shared and private data.

**OR**

What are the challenges in threading a loop? Explain each with an example

- (e) What do you mean by heavily contended locks? Using a Heavily contended locks are beneficial or not in a multicore programming if yes then justify your answer if not then suggest the solution for heavily contended locks problem.

**OR**

Explain ABA problem in multicore programming with suitable example. Also give solution to ABA problem.