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COMPUTER ORGANIZATION and ARCHITECTURE

Expected Questions:

UNIT-I

- 1. Block diagram of digital computer.
- 2. Differentiate between computer architecture and computer organization (don't skip)
- 3. Block diagram of register transfer along with RTL notations.
- 4. Common bus transfer (Using multiplexers and three state buffers) (don't skip) (practice diagrams)
- 5. Explain single-stage adder/subtractor. (Diagram and truth table)
- 6. Explain single-stage logic micro-operations. (Diagram and truth table)
- 7. Explain shift logical micro-operations. (Practice with some examples which was discussed in class)
- 8. Draw and explain the single state arithmetic and logic shift unit. (Practice diagram only)
- 9. Explain Stored program memory organization. (Practice diagram)
- 10. Flow chart for instruction cycle.
- 11. Explain all memory-reference instructions.
- 12. Explain input and output control flow instruction. (Practice diagram)
- 13. Explain the concept of interrupts and the associated flow chart for the interrupt cycle.

UNIT-II

- 1. Differentiate between hardwired and microprogrammed control organizations. (don't skip)
- 2. Explain the block diagram of microprogrammed control unit organization.
- 3. Explain the address sequencing mechanism in a microprogrammed control unit.
- 4. Draw and explain the microinstruction format. (Mapping Process)
- 5. Draw and explain the design of the control unit. (Practice diagram)
- 6. Explain the addressing modes in the basic computer along with an example. (don't skip)
- 7. List out and explain the data transfer and manipulation instructions.
- 8. Explain BSA, BSZ and ISZ instructions.

UNIT-III

- 1. Practice all number system conversions. (don't skip)
- 2. Explain the fixed-point representation. (Sign-magnitude, 1's complement and 2's complement)
- 3. Explain floating-point representation. (don't skip)
- 4. Draw and explain flow chart of addition and subtraction algorithm for sign-magnitude data.
- 5. Draw and explain the unsigned multiplication algorithm. (Problems discussed in class)
- 6. Booth's algorithm (Flow chart + problems discussed in class) (don't skip)
- 7. Restring and non-restoring division algorithms (Only practice flow chart)
- 8. Draw and explain the decimal BCD arithmetic circuit. (don't skip)

UNIT-IV

- 1. Explain the basic input and out peripherals used for the basic computer.
- 2. Explain the need for an input-output peripheral interface. (Practice diagram) (don't skip)
- 3. Draw and explain the asynchronous format.
- 4. Explain the modes of transfer in input and output organization.
- 5. Isolated I/O vs Memory-mapped I/O. (don't skip)
- 6. Programmed I/O vs Interrupt Driven I/O vs DMA. (don't skip)
- 7. With a neat diagram, explain the priority interrupt controller.
- 8. Explain DMA operation along with a diagram.
- 9. Explain each element in the memory hierarchy. (don't skip)
- 10. Draw and explain the chip configuration of RAM organization. (don't skip)
- 11. Differentiate between SRAM and DRAM.
- 12. Explain auxiliary memory organization.
- 13. Draw and explain the associative memory organization. (don't skip)
- 14. Draw and explain the chip configuration of ROM.
- 15. Explain cache mapping techniques. (don't skip)

UNIT-V

- 1. CISC vs RISC (don't skip)
- 2. Explain Flynn's classification of computers.
- 3. With a neat diagram, explain the 4-segment pipeline processing. (don't skip)
- 4. Explain the arithmetic pipeline. (Practice flow chart)
- 5. Explain instruction pipelining. (Practice flow chart and space-time diagram)
- 6. Explain array processors.
- 7. Explain the need for vector processing and its applications.
- 8. Explain the basic characteristics of multiprocessors.
- 9. Interconnection structure (Very Important- don't skip)
- 10. Explain the process of inter-processor communication and synchronization.
- 11. Discuss the problem of cache coherence and how to overcome this problem. (don't skip)