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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

SCO209: MICROPROCESSOR AND ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **question ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the significance of Assembly Language programming. (3 marks)
- b) Describe three sections that assembly program can be divided into. (3 marks)
- c) Explain three statements used in assembly language programming. (3 marks)
- d) Write assembly language program to display the “Welcome to Machakos University”. (2 marks)
- e) Explain REP MOVSB instruction with example. (2 marks)
- f) Explain three memory segments as used in assembly language programming. (3 marks)
- g) Discuss the three categories of 32-bit and 16-bit processor registers in IA-32 architecture. (3 marks)
- h) Explain three basic modes of addressing in assembly language programming. (3 marks)
- i) Write assembly language program to prints the number 1 to 9 on the screen. (3 marks)
- j) Write 8086 assembly instruction which will perform the following operations: (5 marks)
  - i. Multiply AL times BL.
  - ii. Load the number F3H into AL register.
  - iii. Copy BP registers contents to SP register.
  - iv. Divide the AL register contents by 2 bu using a shift instruction.

- v. Multiply the AL register contents by 4 using shift instruction.

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) With a neat diagram, explain the architecture of 8086 microprocessor along with functions of each block and registers. (8 marks)
- b) Explain five forms of directive in assembly language programming language. (5 marks)
- c) Explain the following: (3 marks)
- i. EQU
  - ii. %assign
  - iii. %define
- d) Write assembly language program in simple procedure named *sum* that adds the variables stored in the ECX and EDX register and returns the sum in the EAX register. (4 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the addressing modes used in 8086 with an example for each. (8 marks)
- b) Write assembly language program to create and opens a file named *myfile.txt*, and writes a text 'Welcome to Machakos University ' in this file. Next, the program reads from the file and stores the data into a buffer named *info*. Lastly, it displays the text as stored in *info*. (4 marks)
- c) Describe the difference between the instructions MOV AX, 2347H and MOV AX, (2347H). (3 marks)
- d) At any given time the 8086 works with 4 segments in this address space. How many bytes are contained in each segment? (4 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the flags of 8086 processor using suitable examples. (6 marks)
- b) Write assembly language program to shows how factorial n is implemented in assembly language. (4 marks)
- c) What is flag register? Explain the flag register format, in detail. (6 marks)
- d) Write and explain instruction template for MOV instruction. Also generate opcode for following instructions: the opcode for MOV is. (4 marks)

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- i. MOV CL,(BX)
- ii. MOV CS,(BX),DL
- iii. MOV 43H(SI),DH
- iv. MOV CX,(437A)H

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) What is an assembler directive? Explain the following assembler directive with example:
  - i. PUBLIC
  - ii. PROC
  - iii. MACRO
  - iv. DB (4 marks)
- b) Discuss the following addressing modes with examples: (5 marks)
  - i. Direct
  - ii. Register indirect
  - iii. Base plus index
  - iv. Immediate
  - v. Scaled indexed.
- c) Describe the following instruction with suitable examples: (4 marks)
  - i. PUSH
  - ii. MUL
  - iii. IN
  - iv. AAA.
- d) explain the following instructions with an example: (5 marks)
  - i. DAA
  - ii. AAM
  - iii. LOOP
  - iv. SUB
  - v. XLAT
- e) Explain the types of program execution transfer instruction (branch instructions) with examples. (2 marks)