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Instructions to Candidates:

Attempt **two** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Each question is scored out of a total of 20 marks.

You may not start this examination until you are instructed to do so by the Invigilator.

Materials permitted for this examination:

An ASCII code table (one page) and an ARM Instruction Set Summary (six pages) accompany this examination paper.

Non-programmable calculators are permitted for this examination — please indicate the make and model of your calculator on each answer book used.

1. (a) Explain the term *"Memory Hierarchy"*. Give examples of some typical components of the memory hierarchy of a typical computer system and list their principal properties. [4 marks]

   (b) What does the term *Memory Mapped Input/Output* mean? [2 marks]

   (c) Give an account of the purpose, organisation and operation of a typical cache. Explain how memory locations might be mapped to it and explain how it flushes entries. [6 marks]

   (d) Explain the operation of a typical three-stage pipelined processor such as the ARM processor you have been using in laboratories. [4 marks]

   (e) Explain how branch or jump instructions can disrupt the operation of a processor's pipeline. What can be done to minimise this problem? [4 marks]

2. (a) In the context of a typical Von-Neumann computer architecture, what does an *interface* do? [2 marks]

   (b) What is the principal difference between a normal interface and a *Direct Memory Access (DMA)* interface? [2 marks]

   (c) Write a subroutine to read the state of four switches each of which is connected to one bit of an eight-bit parallel interface whose address is equated to the label `KEYS`. The switches are connected to bits `0`, `1`, `2` and `3` respectively. The subroutine should return when a key has been pressed and it should return the bit number of the switch being pressed in `R0`. If more than one switch is pressed, the subroutine should return the value `-1` in `R0`. Normally, when a switch is not pressed, the value of its corresponding bit is `1`, and when it is pressed, the value is `0`. [8 marks]

   (d) Give a detailed outline, or write an extra subroutine to display the output of the above subroutine – a value between 0 and 3 in `R0` – on a seven-segment display connected to an interface whose address is equated to the label `DISPLAY`. [8 marks]

3. (a) Given an interrupt that occurs at 500 microsecond intervals, write an interrupt handler that generates a square-wave output by setting an interface bit high for a specific number of 500 microsecond periods and then sets the interface bit low for the same number of periods before repeating the process. The interface is at a location whose address is equated to the label `GEN` and the relevant bit is bit 0. [10 marks]

   (b) What is meant by the *"context"* of a program? [2 marks]

   (c) Explain how a very simple two-thread scheduler can be built around a timed interrupt handler. Give a detailed description of the operation of the interrupt handler, including an explanation of all the data areas needed and how they are used. Pay particular attention to describing how the context of the programs that are being scheduled is managed. [8 marks]

ASCII Code

Row Number	Column Number 000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
0000	*NUL*	*DLE*	◊	0	@	P	`	p
0001	*SOH*	*DC1*	!	1	A	Q	a	q
0010	*STX*	*DC2*	"	2	B	R	b	r
0011	*ETX*	*DC3*	#	3	C	S	c	s
0100	*EOT*	*DC4*	$	4	D	T	d	t
0101	*ENQ*	*NAK*	%	5	E	U	e	u
0110	*ACK*	*SYN*	&	6	F	V	f	v
0111	*BELL*	*ETB*	'	7	G	W	g	w
1000	*BS*	*CAN*	(	8	H	X	h	x
1001	*HT*	*EM*	)	9	I	Y	i	y
1010	*LF*	*SUB*	*	:	J	Z	j	z
1011	*VT*	*ESC*	+	;	K	[	k	{
1100	*FF*	*FS*	,	<	L	\	l	|
1101	*CR*	*GS*	-	=	M	]	m	}
1110	*SO*	*RS*	.	>	N	^	n	~
1111	*SI*	*US*	/	?	O	_	o	*DEL*

The ASCII code of a character is found by combining its Column Number (given in 3-bit binary) with its Row Number (given in 4-bit binary).
The Column Number forms bits 6, 5 and 4 of the ASCII, and the Row Number forms bits 3, 2, 1 and 0 of the ASCII.

Example of use: to get ASCII code for letter "n", locate it in Column **110**, Row **1110.** Hence its ASCII code is **1101110**.

The **Control Code** mnemonics are given in italics above; e.g. *CR* for Carriage Return, *LF* for Line Feed, *BELL* for the Bell, *DEL* for Delete.

The Space is ASCII 0100000, and is shown as ◊ here.

ARM® Instruction Set Quick Reference Card

Key to Tables	
{cond}	Refer to Table **Condition Field**. Omit for unconditional execution.
<Operand2>	Refer to Table **Flexible Operand 2**. Shift and rotate are only available as part of Operand2.
<fields>	Refer to Table **PSR fields**.
<PSR>	Either CPSR (Current Processor Status Register) or SPSR (Saved Processor Status Register)
{s}	Updates condition flags if S present.
C*, V*	Flag is unpredictable in Architecture v4 and earlier, unchanged in Architecture v5 and later.
Q	Sticky flag. Always updates on overflow (no S option). Read and reset using MRS and MSR.
GE	Four Greater than or Equal flags. Always updated by parallel adds and subtracts.
x,y	B meaning half-register [15:0], or T meaning [31:16].
<immed_8r>	A 32-bit constant, formed by right-rotating an 8-bit value by an even number of bits.
{X}	RsX is Rs rotated 16 bits if X present. Otherwise, RsX is Rs.
<prefix>	Refer to Table **Prefixes for Parallel Instructions**
<p_mode>	Refer to Table **Processor Modes**
R13m	R13 for the processor mode specified by <p_mode>

{endianness}	Can be BE (Big Endian) or LE (Little Endian).
<a_mode2>	Refer to Table **Addressing Mode 2.**
<a_mode2P>	Refer to Table **Addressing Mode 2 (Post-indexed only).**
<a_mode3>	Refer to Table **Addressing Mode 3.**
<a_mode4L>	Refer to Table **Addressing Mode 4 (Block load or Stack pop).**
<a_mode4S>	Refer to Table **Addressing Mode 4 (Block store or Stack push).**
<a_mode5>	Refer to Table **Addressing Mode 5.**
<reglist>	A comma-separated list of registers, enclosed in braces { and }.
<reglist-PC>	As <reglist>, must not include the PC.
<reglist-PC>	As <reglist>, including the PC.
{!}	Updates base register after data transfer if ! present.
+/-	+ or -, (+ may be omitted.)
$	Refer to Table **ARM architecture versions.**
<iflags>	Interrupt flags. One or more of a, i, f (abort, interrupt, fast interrupt).
{R}	Rounds result to nearest if R present, otherwise truncates result.

Operation	§	Assembler	S	updates			Q	Action
Arithmetic								
Add		ADD{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>	N	Z	C	V		Rd := Rn + Operand2
with carry		ADC{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>	N	Z	C	V		Rd := Rn + Operand2 + Carry
saturating	5E	QADD{cond} Rd, Rm, Rn					Q	Rd := SAT(Rm + Rn)
double saturating	5E	QDADD{cond} Rd, Rm, Rn					Q	Rd := SAT(Rm + SAT(Rn * 2))
Subtract		SUB{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>	N	Z	C	V		Rd := Rn – Operand2
with carry		SBC{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>	N	Z	C	V		Rd := Rn – Operand2 – NOT(Carry)
reverse subtract		RSB{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>	N	Z	C	V		Rd := Operand2 – Rn
reverse subtract with carry		RSC{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>	N	Z	C	V		Rd := Operand2 – Rn – NOT(Carry)
saturating	5E	QSUB{cond} Rd, Rm, Rn					Q	Rd := SAT(Rm – Rn)
double saturating	5E	QDSUB{cond} Rd, Rm, Rn					Q	Rd := SAT(Rm – SAT(Rn * 2))
Multiply								
and accumulate	2	MUL{cond}{S} Rd, Rm, Rs	N	Z	C*			Rd := (Rm * Rs)[31:0]
unsigned long	2	MLA{cond}{S} Rd, Rm, Rs, Rn	N	Z	C*			Rd := ((Rm * Rs) + Rn)[31:0]
unsigned accumulate long	M	UMULL{cond}{S} RdLo, RdHi, Rm, Rs	N	Z	C*	V*		RdHi,RdLo := unsigned(Rm * Rs)
unsigned double accumulate long	M	UMLAL{cond}{S} RdLo, RdHi, Rm, Rs	N	Z	C*	V*		RdHi,RdLo := unsigned(RdHi,RdLo + Rm * Rs)
Signed multiply long	6	SMULL{cond}{S} RdLo, RdHi, Rm, Rs	N	Z	C*	V*		RdHi,RdLo := signed(Rm * Rs)
and accumulate long	M	SMLAL{cond}{S} RdLo, RdHi, Rm, Rs	N	Z	C*	V*		RdHi,RdLo := signed(RdHi,RdLo + Rm * Rs)
16 * 16 bit	5E	SMULxy{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs						Rd := Rm[x] * Rs[y]
32 * 16 bit	5E	SMULWy{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs					Q	Rd := (Rm * Rs[y])[47:16]
16 * 16 bit and accumulate	5E	SMLAxy{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs, Rn					Q	Rd := Rn + Rm[x] * Rs[y]
32 * 16 bit and accumulate long	5E	SMLALxy{cond} RdLo, RdHi, Rm, Rs						RdHi,RdLo := RdHi,RdLo + Rm[x] * Rs[y]
Dual signed multiply, add	6	SMUAD{X}{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs					Q	Rd := Rm[15:0] * RsX[15:0] + Rm[31:16] * RsX[31:16]
and accumulate	6	SMLAD{X}{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs, Rn					Q	Rd := Rn + Rm[15:0] * RsX[15:0] + Rm[31:16] * RsX[31:16]
and accumulate long	6	SMLALD{X}{cond} RdHi, RdLo, Rm, Rs					Q	RdHi,RdLo := RdHi,RdLo + Rm[15:0] * RsX[15:0] + Rm[31:16] * RsX[31:16]
Dual signed multiply, subtract	6	SMUSD{X}{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs					Q	Rd := Rm[15:0] * RsX[15:0] – Rm[31:16] * RsX[31:16]
and accumulate	6	SMLSD{X}{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs, Rn					Q	Rd := Rn + Rm[15:0] * RsX[15:0] – Rm[31:16] * RsX[31:16]
and accumulate long	6	SMLSLD{X}{cond} RdHi, RdLo, Rm, Rs					Q	RdHi,RdLo := RdHi,RdLo + Rm[15:0] * RsX[15:0] – Rm[31:16] * RsX[31:16]
Signed most significant word multiply								
and accumulate	6	SMMUL{R}{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs						Rd := (Rm * Rs)[63:32]
and subtract	6	SMMLA{R}{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs, Rn						Rd := Rn + (Rm * Rs)[63:32]
	6	SMMLS{R}{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs, Rn						Rd := Rn – (Rm * Rs)[63:32]
Multiply with internal 40-bit accumulate	XS	MIA{cond} Ac, Rm, Rs						Ac := Ac + Rm * Rs
packed halfword	XS	MIAPH{cond} Ac, Rm, Rs						Ac := Ac + Rm[15:0] * Rs[15:0] + Rm[31:16] * Rs[31:16]
halfword	XS	MIAxy{cond} Ac, Rm, Rs						Ac := Ac + Rm[x] * Rs[y]
Count leading zeroes	5	CLZ{cond} Rd, Rm						Rd := number of leading zeroes in Rm

ARM Addressing Modes
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Operation		§	Assembler	S updates	Q	GE	Action
Parallel arithmetic	Halfword-wise addition	6	`<prefix>ADD16{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm`			GE	Rd[31:16] := Rn[31:16] + Rm[31:16], Rd[15:0] := Rn[15:0] + Rm[15:0]
	Halfword-wise subtraction	6	`<prefix>SUB16{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm`			GE	Rd[31:16] := Rn[31:16] – Rm[31:16], Rd[15:0] := Rn[15:0] – Rm[15:0]
	Byte-wise addition	6	`<prefix>ADD8{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm`			GE	Rd[31:24] := Rn[31:24] + Rm[31:24], Rd[23:16] := Rn[23:16] + Rm[23:16], Rd[15:8] := Rn[15:8] + Rm[15:8], Rd[7:0] := Rn[7:0] + Rm[7:0]
	Byte-wise subtraction	6	`<prefix>SUB8{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm`			GE	Rd[31:24] := Rn[31:24] – Rm[31:24], Rd[23:16] := Rn[23:16] – Rm[23:16], Rd[15:8] := Rn[15:8] – Rm[15:8], Rd[7:0] := Rn[7:0] – Rm[7:0]
	Halfword-wise exchange, add, subtract	6	`<prefix>ADDSUBX{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm`			GE	Rd[31:16] := Rn[31:16] + Rm[15:0], Rd[15:0] := Rn[15:0] – Rm[31:16]
	Halfword-wise exchange, subtract, add	6	`<prefix>SUBADDX{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm`			GE	Rd[31:16] := Rn[31:16] – Rm[15:0], Rd[15:0] := Rn[15:0] + Rm[31:16]
	Unsigned sum of absolute differences	6	`USAD8{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs`				Rd := Abs(Rm[31:24] – Rs[31:24]) + Abs(Rm[23:16] – Rs[23:16]) + Abs(Rm[15:8] – Rs[15:8]) + Abs(Rm[7:0] – Rs[7:0])
	and accumulate	6	`USADA8{cond} Rd, Rm, Rs, Rn`				Rd := Rn + Abs(Rm[31:24] – Rs[31:24]) + Abs(Rm[23:16] – Rs[23:16]) + Abs(Rm[15:8] – Rs[15:8]) + Abs(Rm[7:0] – Rs[7:0])
Move	Move	6	`MOV{cond}{S} Rd, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Rd := Operand2
	NOT		`MVN{cond}{S} Rd, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Rd := 0xFFFFFFFF EOR Operand2
	PSR to register	3	`MRS{cond} Rd, <PSR>`				Rd := PSR
	register to PSR	3	`MSR{cond} <PSR>_<fields>, Rm`				PSR := Rm (selected bytes only)
	immediate to PSR	3	`MSR{cond} <PSR>_<fields>, #<immed_8r>`				PSR := immed_8r (selected bytes only)
	40-bit accumulator to register	XS	`MRA{cond} RdLo, RdHi, Ac`				RdLo := Ac[31:0], RdHi := Ac[39:32]
	register to 40-bit accumulator	XS	`MAR{cond} Ac, RdLo, RdHi`				Ac[31:0] := RdLo, Ac[39:32] := RdHi
	Copy	6	`CPY{cond} Rd, <Operand2>`				Rd := Operand2
Logical	Test		`TST{cond} Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Update CPSR flags on Rn AND Operand2
	Test equivalence		`TEQ{cond} Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Update CPSR flags on Rn EOR Operand2
	AND		`AND{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Rd := Rn AND Operand2
	EOR		`EOR{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Rd := Rn EOR Operand2
	ORR		`ORR{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Rd := Rn OR Operand2
	Bit CLear		`BIC{cond}{S} Rd, Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C			Rd := Rn AND NOT Operand2
Compare	Compare		`CMP{cond} Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C V			Update CPSR flags on Rn – Operand2
	negative		`CMN{cond} Rn, <Operand2>`	N Z C V			Update CPSR flags on Rn + Operand2
Saturate	Signed saturate word, right shift	6	`SSAT{cond} Rd, #<sat>, Rm{, ASR <sh>}`		Q		Rd := SignedSat((Rm ASR sh), sat). `<sat>` range 0-31. `<sh>` range 1-32.
	left shift		`SSAT{cond} Rd, #<sat>, Rm{, LSL <sh>}`		Q		Rd := SignedSat((Rm LSL sh), sat). `<sat>` range 0-31. `<sh>` range 0-31.
	Signed saturate two halfwords	6	`SSAT16{cond} Rd, #<sat>, Rm`		Q		Rd[31:16] := SignedSat(Rm[31:16], sat), Rd[15:0] := SignedSat(Rm[15:0], sat). `<sat>` range 0-15.
	Unsigned saturate word, right shift	6	`USAT{cond} Rd, #<sat>, Rm{, ASR <sh>}`		Q		Rd := UnsignedSat((Rm ASR sh), sat). `<sat>` range 0-31, `<sh>` range 1-32.
	left shift		`USAT{cond} Rd, #<sat>, Rm{, LSL <sh>}`		Q		Rd := UnsignedSat((Rm LSL sh), sat). `<sat>` range 0-31, `<sh>` range 0-31.
	Unsigned saturate two halfwords	6	`USAT16{cond} Rd, #<sat>, Rm`		Q		Rd[31:16] := UnsignedSat(Rm[31:16], sat), Rd[15:0] := UnsignedSat(Rm[15:0], sat). `<sat>` range 0-15.

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Operation		§	Assembler	Action	Notes
Pack	Pack halfword bottom + top	6	`PKHBT{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, LSL #<sh>}`	Rd[15:0] := Rn[15:0], Rd[31:16] := (Rm LSL sh)[31:16]. sh 0-31.	
	Pack halfword top + bottom	6	`PKHTB{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, ASR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:16] := Rn[31:16], Rd[15:0] := (Rm ASR sh)[15:0]. sh 1-32.	
Signed extend	Halfword to word	6	`SXTH{cond} Rd, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[15:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Two bytes to halfwords	6	`SXTB16{cond} Rd, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:16] := SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[23:16]), Rd[15:0] := SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Byte to word	6	`SXTB{cond} Rd, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
Unsigned extend	Halfword to word	6	`UXTH{cond} Rd, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[15:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Two bytes to halfwords	6	`UXTB16{cond} Rd, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:16] := ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[23:16]), Rd[15:0] := ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Byte to word	6	`UXTB{cond} Rd, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
Signed extend with add	Halfword to word, add	6	`SXTAH{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := Rn[31:0] + SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[15:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Two bytes to halfwords, add	6	`SXTAB16{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:16] := Rn[31:16] + SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[23:16]), Rd[15:0] := Rn[15:0] + SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Byte to word, add	6	`SXTAB{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := Rn[31:0] + SignExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
Unsigned extend with add	Halfword to word, add	6	`UXTAH{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := Rn[31:0] + ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[15:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Two bytes to halfwords, add	6	`UXTAB16{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:16] := Rn[31:16] + ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[23:16]), Rd[15:0] := Rn[15:0] + ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
	Byte to word, add	6	`UXTAB{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm{, ROR #<sh>}`	Rd[31:0] := Rn[31:0] + ZeroExtend((Rm ROR (8 * sh))[7:0]). sh 0-3.	
Reverse bytes	In word	6	`REV{cond} Rd, Rm`	Rd[31:24] := Rm[7:0], Rd[23:16] := Rm[15:8], Rd[15:8] := Rm[23:16], Rd[7:0] := Rm[31:24]	
	In both halfwords	6	`REV16{cond} Rd, Rm`	Rd[15:8] := Rm[7:0], Rd[7:0] := Rm[15:8], Rd[31:24] := Rm[23:16], Rd[23:16] := Rm[31:24]	
	In low halfword, sign extend	6	`REVSH{cond} Rd, Rm`	Rd[15:8] := Rm[7:0], Rd[7:0] := Rm[15:8], Rd[31:16] := Rm[7] * &FFFF	
Select	Select bytes	6	`SEL{cond} Rd, Rn, Rm`	Rd[7:0] := Rn[7:0] if GE[0] = 1, else Rd[7:0] := Rm[7:0] Bits[15:8], [23:16], [31:24] selected similarly by GE[1], GE[2], GE[3]	
Branch	Branch		`B{cond} label`	R15 := label	label must be within ±32Mb of current instruction.
	with link		`BL{cond} label`	R14 := address of next instruction, R15 := label	label must be within ±32Mb of current instruction.
	and exchange	4T,5	`BX{cond} Rm`	R15 := Rm, Change to Thumb if Rm[0] is 1	
	with link and exchange (1)	5T	`BLX label`	R14 := address of next instruction, R15 := label, Change to Thumb	Cannot be conditional. label must be within ±32Mb of current instruction.
	with link and exchange (2)	5	`BLX{cond} Rm`	R14 := address of next instruction, R15 := Rm[31:1] Change to Thumb if Rm[0] is 1	
	and change to Java state	5J, 6	`BXJ{cond} Rm`	Change to Java state	
Processor state change	Change processor state	6	`CPSID <iflags> {, #<p_mode>}`	Disable specified interrups, optional change mode.	Cannot be conditional.
		6	`CPSIE <iflags> {, #<p_mode>}`	Enable specified interrups, optional change mode.	Cannot be conditional.
	Change processor mode	6	`CPS #<p_mode>`		Cannot be conditional.
	Set endianness	6	`SETEND <endianness>`	Sets endianness for loads and saves. `<endianness>` can be `BE` (Big Endian) or `LE` (Little Endian).	Cannot be conditional.
	Store return state	6	`SRS<a_mode4S> #<p_mode>{!}`	[R13m] := R14, [R13m + 4] := CPSR	Cannot be conditional.
	Return from exception	6	`RFE<a_mode4L> Rn{!}`	PC := [Rn], CPSR := [Rn + 4]	Cannot be conditional.
	Breakpoint	5	`BKPT <immed_16>`	Prefetch abort *or* enter debug state.	Cannot be conditional.
Software interrupt	Software interrupt		`SWI{cond} <immed_24>`	Software interrupt processor exception.	24-bit value encoded in instruction.
No Op	No operation	5	`NOP`	None	

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Operation		§	Assembler	Action	Notes
Load	Word		`LDR{cond} Rd, <a_mode2>`	Rd := [address]	Rd must not be R15.
	User mode privilege		`LDR{cond}T Rd, <a_mode2P>`		Rd must not be R15.
	branch (§ 5T: and exchange)		`LDR{cond} R15, <a_mode2>`	R15 := [address][31:1] (§ 5T: Change to Thumb if [address][0] is 1)	
	Byte		`LDR{cond}B Rd, <a_mode2>`	Rd := ZeroExtend[byte from address]	Rd must not be R15.
	User mode privilege		`LDR{cond}BT Rd, <a_mode2P>`		Rd must not be R15.
	signed	4	`LDR{cond}SB Rd, <a_mode3>`	Rd := SignExtend[byte from address]	Rd must not be R15.
	Halfword	4	`LDR{cond}H Rd, <a_mode3>`	Rd := ZeroExtend[halfword from address]	Rd must not be R15.
	signed	4	`LDR{cond}SH Rd, <a_mode3>`	Rd := SignExtend[halfword from address]	Rd must not be R15.
	Doubleword	5E*	`LDR{cond}D Rd, <a_mode3>`	Rd := [address], R(d+1) := [address + 4]	Rd must be even, and not R14.
Load multiple	Pop, or Block data load		`LDM{cond}<a_mode4L> Rn{!}, <reglist-PC>`	Load list of registers from [Rn]	
	return (and exchange)		`LDM{cond}<a_mode4L> Rn{!}, <reglist+PC>`	Load registers, R15 := [address][31:1] (§ 5T: Change to Thumb if [address][0] is 1)	
	and restore CPSR		`LDM{cond}<a_mode4L> Rn{!}, <reglist+PC>^`	Load registers, branch (§ 5T: and exchange), CPSR := SPSR	Use from exception modes only.
	User mode registers		`LDM{cond}<a_mode4L> Rn, <reglist-PC>^`	Load list of User mode registers from [Rn]	Use from privileged modes only.
Soft preload	Memory system hint	5E*	`PLD <a_mode2>`	Memory may prepare to load from address	Cannot be conditional.
Load exclusive	Semaphore operation	6	`LDREX{cond} Rd, [Rn]`	Rd := [Rn], tag address as exclusive access Outstanding tag set if not shared address	Rd, Rn must not be R15.
Store	Word		`STR{cond} Rd, <a_mode2>`	[address] := Rd	
	User mode privilege		`STR{cond}T Rd, <a_mode2P>`	[address][7:0] := Rd[7:0]	
	Byte		`STR{cond}B Rd, <a_mode2>`	[address][7:0] := Rd[7:0]	
	User mode privilege		`STR{cond}BT Rd, <a_mode2P>`	[address][15:0] := Rd[15:0]	
	Halfword	4	`STR{cond}H Rd, <a_mode3>`	[address] := Rd, [address + 4] := R(d+1)	Rd must be even, and not R14.
	Doubleword	5E*	`STR{cond}D Rd, <a_mode3>`	Store list of registers to [Rn]	
Store multiple	Push, or Block data store		`STM{cond}<a_mode4S> Rn{!}, <reglist>`	Store list of User mode registers to [Rn]	Use from privileged modes only.
	User mode registers		`STM{cond}<a_mode4S> Rn{!}, <reglist>^`	[Rn] := Rm if allowed,	Rd, Rm, Rn must not be R15.
Store exclusive	Semaphore operation	6	`STREX{cond} Rd, Rm, [Rn]`	Rd := 0 if successful, else 1	
Swap	Word	3	`SWP{cond} Rd, Rm, [Rn]`	temp := [Rn], [Rn] := Rm, Rd := temp	
	Byte	3	`SWP{cond}B Rd, Rm, [Rn]`	temp := ZeroExtend([Rn][7:0]), [Rn][7:0] := Rm[7:0], Rd := temp	

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Addressing Mode 2 - Word and Unsigned Byte Data Transfer			
Pre-indexed	Immediate offset	`[Rn, #+/-<immed_12>]{!}`	
	Zero offset	`[Rn]`	Equivalent to [Rn,#0]
	Register offset	`[Rn, +/-Rm]{!}`	
	Scaled register offset	`[Rn, +/-Rm, LSL #<shift>]{!}`	Allowed shifts 0-31
		`[Rn, +/-Rm, LSR #<shift>]{!}`	Allowed shifts 1-32
		`[Rn, +/-Rm, ASR #<shift>]{!}`	Allowed shifts 1-32
		`[Rn, +/-Rm, ROR #<shift>]{!}`	Allowed shifts 1-31
		`[Rn, +/-Rm, RRX]{!}`	
Post-indexed	Immediate offset	`[Rn], #+/-<immed_12>`	
	Register offset	`[Rn], +/-Rm`	
	Scaled register offset	`[Rn], +/-Rm, LSL #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 0-31
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, LSR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-32
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, ASR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-32
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, ROR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-31
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, RRX`	

Addressing Mode 2 (Post-indexed only)			
Post-indexed	Immediate offset	`[Rn], #+/-<immed_12>`	
	Zero offset	`[Rn]`	Equivalent to [Rn],#0
	Register offset	`[Rn], +/-Rm`	
	Scaled register offset	`[Rn], +/-Rm, LSL #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 0-31
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, LSR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-32
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, ASR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-32
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, ROR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-31
		`[Rn], +/-Rm, RRX`	

Addressing Mode 3 - Halfword, Signed Byte, and Doubleword Data Transfer			
Pre-indexed	Immediate offset	`[Rn, #+/-<immed_8>]{!}`	
	Zero offset	`[Rn]`	Equivalent to [Rn,#0]
	Register	`[Rn, +/-Rm]{!}`	
Post-indexed	Immediate offset	`[Rn], #+/-<immed_8>`	
	Register	`[Rn], +/-Rm`	

Addressing Mode 4 - Multiple Data Transfer			
Block load		**Stack pop**	
IA	Increment After	FD	Full Descending
IB	Increment Before	ED	Empty Descending
DA	Decrement After	FA	Full Ascending
DB	Decrement Before	EA	Empty Ascending
Block store		**Stack push**	
IA	Increment After	EA	Empty Ascending
IB	Increment Before	FA	Full Ascending
DA	Decrement After	ED	Empty Descending
DB	Decrement Before	FD	Full Descending

Addressing Mode 5 - Coprocessor Data Transfer			
Pre-indexed	Immediate offset	`[Rn, #+/-<immed_8*4>]{!}`	
	Zero offset	`[Rn]`	Equivalent to [Rn,#0]
Post-indexed	Immediate offset	`[Rn], #+/-<immed_8*4>`	
Unindexed	No offset	`[Rn], {8-bit copro. option}`	

ARM architecture versions	
n	ARM architecture version *n* and above.
*n*T, *n*J	T or J variants of ARM architecture version *n* and above.
M	ARM architecture version 3M, and 4 and above, except xM variants.
*n*E	All E variants of ARM architecture version *n* and above.
*n*E*	E variants of ARM architecture version *n* and above, except xP variants.
XS	XScale coprocessor instruction

Flexible Operand 2		
Immediate value	`#<immed_8r>`	
Logical shift left immediate	`Rm, LSL #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 0-31
Logical shift right immediate	`Rm, LSR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-32
Arithmetic shift right immediate	`Rm, ASR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-32
Rotate right immediate	`Rm, ROR #<shift>`	Allowed shifts 1-31
Register	`Rm`	
Rotate right extended	`Rm, RRX`	
Logical shift left register	`Rm, LSL Rs`	
Logical shift right register	`Rm, LSR Rs`	
Arithmetic shift right register	`Rm, ASR Rs`	
Rotate right register	`Rm, ROR Rs`	

PSR fields (use at least one suffix)		
Suffix	**Meaning**	
`c`	Control field mask byte	PSR[7:0]
`f`	Flags field mask byte	PSR[31:24]
`s`	Status field mask byte	PSR[23:16]
`x`	Extension field mask byte	PSR[15:8]

Condition Field		
Mnemonic	**Description**	**Description (VFP)**
EQ	Equal	Equal
NE	Not equal	Not equal, or unordered
CS / HS	Carry Set / Unsigned higher or same	Greater than or equal, or unordered
CC / LO	Carry Clear / Unsigned lower	Less than
MI	Negative	Less than
PL	Positive or zero	Greater than or equal, or unordered
VS	Overflow	Unordered (at least one NaN operand)
VC	No overflow	Not unordered
HI	Unsigned higher	Greater than, or unordered
LS	Unsigned lower or same	Less than or equal
GE	Signed greater than or equal	Greater than or equal
LT	Signed less than	Less than, or unordered
GT	Signed greater than	Greater than
LE	Signed less than or equal	Less than or equal, or unordered
AL	Always (normally omitted)	Always (normally omitted)

Processor Modes	
16	User
17	FIQ Fast Interrupt
18	IRQ Interrupt
19	Supervisor
23	Abort
27	Undefined
31	System

Prefixes for Parallel Instructions	
S	Signed arithmetic modulo 2^8 or 2^{16}, sets CPSR GE bits
Q	Signed saturating arithmetic
SH	Signed arithmetic, halving results
U	Unsigned arithmetic modulo 2^8 or 2^{16}, sets CPSR GE bits
UQ	Unsigned saturating arithmetic
UH	Unsigned arithmetic, halving results

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Coprocessor operations	§	Assembler	Action	Notes
Data operations	2	`CDP{cond} <copr>, <op1>, CRd, CRn, CRm{, <op2>}`	Coprocessor dependent	
Alternative data operations	5	`CDP2 <copr>, <op1>, CRd, CRn, CRm{, <op2>}`	Coprocessor dependent	Cannot be conditional.
Move to ARM register from coprocessor	2	`MRC{cond} <copr>, <op1>, Rd, CRn, CRm{, <op2>}`	Coprocessor dependent	
Alternative move	5	`MRC2 <copr>, <op1>, Rd, CRn, CRm{, <op2>}`	Coprocessor dependent	Cannot be conditional.
Two ARM register move	5E*	`MRRC{cond} <copr>, <op1>, Rd, Rn, CRm`	Coprocessor dependent	
Alternative two ARM register move	6	`MRRC2 <copr>, <op1>, Rd, Rn, CRm`	Coprocessor dependent	Cannot be conditional.
Move to coproc from ARM reg	2	`MCR{cond} <copr>, <op1>, Rd, CRn, CRm{, <op2>}`	Coprocessor dependent	
Alternative move	5	`MCR2 <copr>, <op1>, Rd, CRn, CRm{, <op2>}`	Coprocessor dependent	Cannot be conditional.
Two ARM register move	5E*	`MCRR{cond} <copr>, <op1>, Rd, Rn, CRm`	Coprocessor dependent	
Alternative two ARM register move	6	`MCRR2 <copr>, <op1>, Rd, Rn, CRm`	Coprocessor dependent	Cannot be conditional.
Load	2	`LDC{cond} <copr>, CRd, <a_mode5>`	Coprocessor dependent	
Alternative loads	5	`LDC2 <copr>, CRd, <a_mode5>`	Coprocessor dependent	Cannot be conditional.
Store	2	`STC{cond} <copr>, CRd, <a_mode5>`	Coprocessor dependent	
Alternative stores	5	`STC2 <copr>, CRd, <a_mode5>`	Coprocessor dependent	Cannot be conditional.

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