# **Diploma in Computer Engineering**



## **LEARNING ISSUE GUIDE: MEMORY MANAGEMENT**

## **Suggested Scope:**

- 1. Logical Address Space vs. Physical Address Space
- 2. Memory Management Unit (MMU)

Given the logical address and relocation register, you must know how to calculate the physical address and identify if an addressing error will occur or not

- 3. Contiguous Memory Allocation
  - Single Partition / Multiple Partition
  - Allocation Algorithms First-Fit, Best-Fit, Worst-Fit
  - Demonstrate how each algorithm works
  - Calculation of Internal & External Fragmentation
- 4. Non-Contiguous Memory Allocation
  - Paging
  - Segmentation

Describe what each of the above technique and explain how memory space is being allocated in each technique. Give examples to illustrate it.

### **Suggested Practice Questions:**

Refer to Review Exercise 6

#### **Additional Practice Questions:**

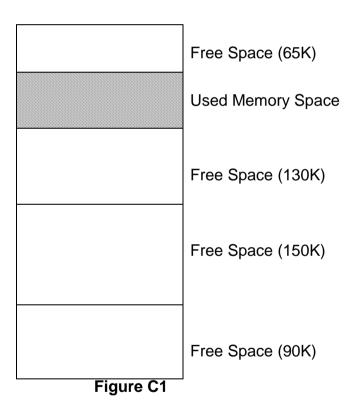
(You can use this as an example in your peer teaching notes)

a. The memory partitions of a computer system are shown below.

FOUR processes arrive in the order **P0**, **P1**, **P2** and **P3** of size 85K, 140K, 60K and 125K respectively.

Based on the First-Fit and Best-Fit allocation algorithms,

- draw and label the memory map to illustrate the allocated memory space for the processes.
- calculate the total amount of internal and external fragmentation for each allocation algorithm.
- state which processes, if any, cannot be loaded in the memory map.



b. For the <u>Worst-Fit</u> algorithm, a serious external fragmentation problem occurred because processes **P1** and **P3** cannot be loaded into the memory map.

Showing the memory map, explain how this problem can be overcome and name the technique that is used to overcome it.