

Summer 2017
Exam 2
07/06/2017

This exam contains 2 pages (including this cover page) and 5 questions.

Instructions

1. *Read every question very carefully.*
2. *You should be able to finish this exam in an hour.*
3. *For descriptive questions, please complete the answer in 5-10 sentences.*
4. *Please try to submit soft copies. If you are planning to submit scanned copies of hand-written answers, please make sure they are very clear.*
5. *Please join all the scanned copies or images to one PDF file and upload that final file to D2L.*
6. *Total points for the exam is 85.*
7. **Late submissions minus 10 points.**

Grade Table (for teacher use only)

Question	Points	Score
1	20	
2	20	
3	20	
4	20	
5	5	
Total:	85	

1. (20 points) Explain the terms throughput and latency.
2. (20 points) Explain using Amdahl's Law how we can possibly improve the overall performance of a computer cheaper by buying better memory than buying better processor.
3. (20 points) Explain the step-by-step diagram of the following actions in a RAID Level 5 (assume there are only 3 discs).
 - (a) (10 points) How data is added to the discs?
 - (b) (10 points) How the data is recovered in case of a disc failure?
4. (20 points) Describe the six phases of a compiler in translating a computer language to a machine language.
5. (5 points) Draw example architecture diagrams for the following systems.
 - (a) (5 points) SMP, Symmetric multiprocessors
 - (b) (5 points) MPP, Massively parallel processors
 - (c) (5 points) Hybrid of MPP and SMP
 - (d) (5 points) Extended Flynn's taxonomy.