

# The University of Nottingham

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

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## COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS (COMP1036)

Time allowed: **60 Mins**

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### **Answer All Questions**

*Only silent, self contained calculators with a Single-Line Display or Dual-Line Display are permitted in this examination*

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## Question 1

- State formulae for De Morgan's Law and the Distributive Rule [4 marks]
- Draw the truth table for a 1 bit full adder [3 marks]
- Convert the binary number 11011001 to an 8 bit, 2s complement decimal number [2 marks]
- Using only NAND gates draw a gate diagram for XOR [4 marks]
- Derive the minimal Boolean expression using Boolean algebraic techniques and draw the gate diagram for the canonical representation of the following truth table [8 marks]

X	Y	Z	OUT
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

- Discuss how different types of delays effect the performance of a ripple carry adder. (4 marks)
- Consider a generalization of a Turing machine, in which the head is allowed to move in either direction is considered. 6 relevant rules of the 3-state (A, B, C), 2-colour( ( dark ■ light □ ), 3-direction (left, right, static) Turing machine are shown below.

□	A	□	□	■	B	□	□	□	B	□	□	□	■	C	□	□	□	C	□	□	□	■	A	□	□
□	■	C	□	□	■	B	□	A	■	□	□	□	■	A	□	■	B	□	■	B	□	□	□	□	□

Assuming dark = 1 and light = 0 and the starting state of an 8 bit word is:

□	B	□	□	□	□	□	□
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What will the final 8-bit binary number be once the machine reaches a stable state? (5 marks)

**Question 2**

- a. This question is about machine language. Based on the symbolic assembly code below,

```
@5  
D=A  
@R0  
M=D
```

```
@R0  
D=M  
@n  
M=D  
@pre  
M=0  
@cur  
M=1
```

```
(LOOP)  
@cur  
D=M  
@n  
D=D-M  
@STOP  
D;JGT
```

```
@pre  
D=M  
@cur  
D=D+M  
@nex  
M=D
```

```
@cur  
D=M  
@pre  
M=D
```

```
@nex  
D=M  
@cur  
M=D  
@LOOP  
0;JMP
```

```
(STOP)  
@nex  
D=M  
@R1  
M=D
```

```
(END)  
@END  
0;JMP
```

I. Please derive the value of RAM[1] after the execution of this piece of code. [4 Marks]

II. Please convert the first two lines of the symbolic assembly code in (a),

```
@5
D=A
```

to **binary machine code**. You may refer APPENDIX 2 for this conversion. [2 Marks]

III. Please convert the last two lines of the symbolic assembly code in (a),

```
@END
0;JMP
```

to **binary machine code**. You may refer APPENDIX 2 for this conversion. [2 Marks]

b. This question is about machine language. Please implement the following in **symbolic assembly language**. SUM is a variable. You **MUST** use built-in symbols. The built-in symbols are given in APPENDIX 3. You **MUST** terminate the program properly. You **MUST** use label (END).

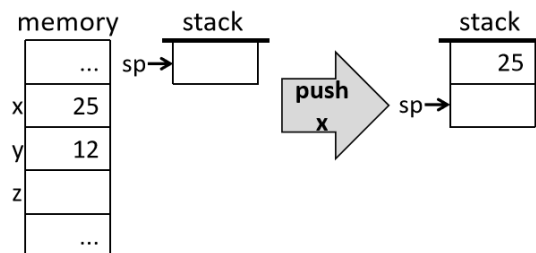
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RAM[0] = 10;
RAM[1] = 20;
SUM = RAM[0]+RAM[1];
```

[4 Marks]

c. This question is about stack operation. Please derive the **stack operations**, the **stack status** for each operation, and the **final memory status** for the following operations:

**$z = (x - y > 10)$  and  $(x < 15)$ .**

The initial memory status and the first operation are shown below.



[5 Marks]

d. This question is about stack implementation. Translate the VM command "**push constant 10**" into **hack symbolic assembly code**. (Hint: the corresponding hack pseudo-code is: **\*SP = 10; SP++**). [3 Marks]

**End of Question 2: Total 20 marks**



## APPENDIX

### 1. A-instruction specification

#### Symbolic syntax:

@value

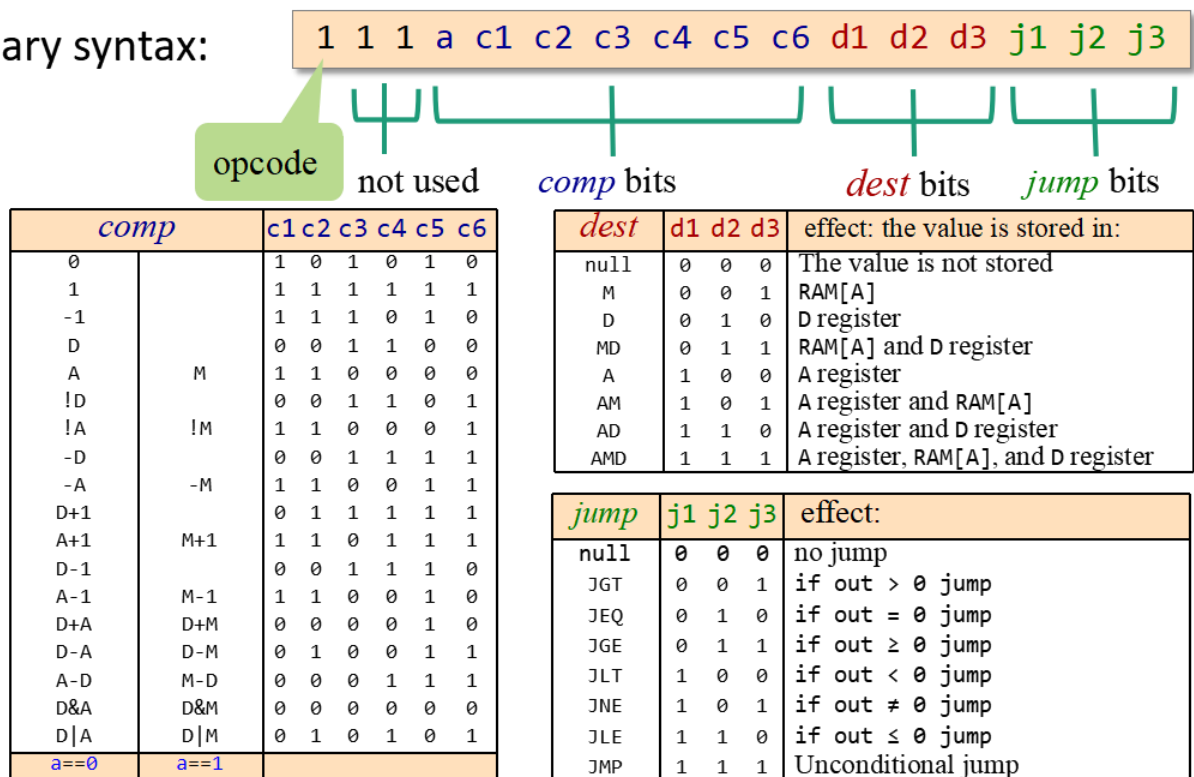
#### Binary syntax:

0value

### 2. C-instruction specification

Symbolic syntax: `dest = comp ; jump`

Binary syntax:



### 3. Build-in symbols of Hack assembly code.

symbol	value	symbol	value
R0	0	SP	0
R1	1	LCL	1
...	...	ARG	2
R15	15	THIS	3
SCREEN	16384	THAT	4
KBD	24576		