

## Assignment-04 Operating System

Que1. Race condition + real-world example + mutual exclusion.

A race condition occurs when two activities access a shared resource at the same time and the final results depends on the order of execution.

Real-world example: Two people writing on the same whiteboard at the same time may overwrite each other's content.

Mutual exclusion: Ensures only one person access the shared resource at a time, preventing conflicts.

Que2 Peterson's solution vs Semaphores

Aspect	Peter Son's Solution.
• Implementation complexity	More complex, uses busy-waiting
• Hardware dependency	Pure software, no hardware support needed.

Que3. Advantage of monitors in multicore system.

Monitors automatically handle mutual exclusion using condition variables and locks, making them safer and easier to use in multicore systems compared to semaphores, which require manual signaling.



Que 4. Reader-Writer problem: Starvation + prevention  
Starvation: If writers keep arriving, readers may never get access.

Bounded: Use fair scheduling such as readers-writers with fairness, where requests are served in arrival order.

Que 5. Deadlock prevention: drawback of eliminating "hold & wait".

If processes must request all resources at once many resources must remain unused for long periods, causing poor resources utilisation and system inefficiency.

### Part - B.

Que 6. Distributed Deadlock Detection

Given fragments.

S1:  $P_1 \rightarrow P_2, P_3 \rightarrow P_4$

S2:  $P_2 \rightarrow P_5, P_5 \rightarrow P_6$

S3:  $P_6 \rightarrow P_1$

a) Global wait-for graph.

$P_1 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_5 \rightarrow P_6 \rightarrow P_1$  (Cycle)

$P_3 \rightarrow P_4$  (no cycle)

b) Deadlock detection.

A deadlock exists in the cycle?

Processes involved =  $\{P_1, P_2, P_5, P_6\}$

c) Algorithm.



Use the Chandy-Misra-Haas distributed deadlock detection algorithm, which detects cycles by passing probe messages.

Que 7. Distributed File System Performance.

Local access = 5 ms

Remote access = 25 ms.

Probability remote = 0.3

a) Expected file access time.

$$E = 0.7 \times 5 + 0.3 \times 25 = 3.5 + 7.5 = 11 \text{ ms}$$

b) Caching Strategy.

Use client-side caching with LRU or TTL-based invalidation.

Justification: Reduces remote access frequency and improves responsiveness.

Que 8. checkpointing in a concurrent systems.

Full checkpoint = 200 ms.

Incremental checkpoint = 50 ms.

RPO requirement = must cover within 1 second.

a) Optimal mix.

Over a 10-second period, use one full checkpoint + several incremental checkpoints.

- 1 full checkpoint every 10s.
- Incremental checkpoints, every 1s.

This keeps recovery time < 1 second.



b) Reasoning  
Full checkpoint Capture the entire state infrequently, and incremental checkpoints keep recent changes recorded often enough to satisfy the RPO.

## Ques 9. Case Study - Global E-Commerce Platform

a) Distributed scheduling challenges & suitable algorithm.

Challenges:

- Sudden flash sale spikes.
- Uneven user load across regions.
- Server overload and delays.

Algorithms:

Use dynamic load balancing with work stealing or a distributed load balancer.

b) Fault tolerance Strategy (with RTO & RPO)

- Use Geo-redundant data centers.
- Replicate data across regions.
- Use automated failover to meet RTO.