

# CBCS SCHEME

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### UNIX System Programming

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

*Note: 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.  
2. M : Marks , L: Bloom's level , C: Course outcomes.*

| <b>Module – 1</b> |    |   | <b>M</b>  | <b>L</b> | <b>C</b> |
|-------------------|----|---|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Q.1</b>        | a. | Explain the Kernel and Shell relationship in UNIX operating system with a neat diagram.   | 10        | L1       | CO1      |
|                   | b. | Explain the following UNIX commands with syntax and examples:<br>i) who      ii) ls      iii) passwd      iv) echo      v) date | 10        | L2       | CO1      |
| <b>OR</b>         |    |   |           |          |          |
| <b>Q.2</b>        | a. | Explain any five file related commands with syntax and example of each.   | 10        | L2       | CO1      |
|                   | b. | Explain the salient features of UNIX operating system.  | 04        | L1       | CO1      |
|                   | c. | Explain the file types or categories.   | 06        | L2       | CO1      |
| <b>Module – 2</b> |    |   | <b>OR</b> |          |          |
| <b>Q.3</b>        | a. | Explain the use of chmod command to change file permission using both absolute and relative methods.                            | 10        | L2       | CO2      |
|                   | b. | Explain ls commands with all the options and examples.  | 10        | L2       | CO2      |
| <b>OR</b>         |    |   |           |          |          |
| <b>Q.4</b>        | a. | Explain grep commands with all its options.   | 10        | L2       | CO2      |
|                   | b. | Explain three standard files in UNIX.   | 06        | L2       | CO2      |
|                   | c. | Explain the steps of shell interpretive cycle.  | 04        | L2       | CO2      |
| <b>Module – 3</b> |    |   | <b>OR</b> |          |          |
| <b>Q.5</b>        | a. | Explain POSIX and SUS (Single UNIX Specification) standards.  | 04        | L2       | CO3      |
|                   | b. | Develop a C program to demonstrate the use of open( ) and read( ) system call in UNIX.  | 10        | L3       | CO3      |
|                   | c. | Explain the use of mkdir( ) and rmdir( ) function in managing directories.  | 06        | L2       | CO3      |
| <b>OR</b>         |    |   |           |          |          |
| <b>Q.6</b>        | a. | Differentiate between character special files and block special files.  | 06        | L2       | CO3      |
|                   | b. | Develop a C program to demonstrate the chdir( ) and fchdir( ) functions in UNIX.  | 10        | L3       | CO3      |
|                   | c. | Explain the memory layout of a C program in UNIX.   | 04        | L2       | CO3      |
| <b>Module – 4</b> |    |   | <b>OR</b> |          |          |
| <b>Q.7</b>        | a. | Develop both the fork and vfork function in a example program.  | 10        | L3       | CO4      |
|                   | b. | Explain briefly with an example two system v IPC mechanism:<br>i) Message Queues      ii) Semaphores                            | 10        | L2       | CO4      |
| <b>OR</b>         |    |   |           |          |          |
| <b>Q.8</b>        | a. | Explain pipes and its limitations upon developing a program to send data from parent to child over a pipe.                      | 10        | L2       | CO4      |
|                   | b. | Explain the client server communication using FIFO with a neat diagram.   | 10        | L2       | CO4      |
| <b>Module – 5</b> |    |   | <b>OR</b> |          |          |
| <b>Q.9</b>        | a. | Illustrate signal in UNIX and develop program to setup signal handlers for sigsetsmp( ) and abort( ).                           | 10        | L3       | CO5      |
|                   | b. | Explain Daemon process by developing program to transform a normal user into a Daemon process.                                  | 10        | L3       | CO5      |
| <b>OR</b>         |    |   |           |          |          |
| <b>Q.10</b>       | a. | Explain implement SIGPROCMASK and SIGCONGJMP functions with examples.   | 10        | L2       | CO5      |
|                   | b. | Explain coding rules and error logging for Daemon process with neat diagram.  | 10        | L2       | CO5      |



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**Scheme & Solutions**

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| Question Number | Solution   | Marks Allocated     |
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| 1.(a)           | Explain the Kernel & shell relationship in VMS operating system with a neat diagram.   | 10m                 |
| <u>Ans</u>      |  |                     |
| (b)             | <p>Explanation kernel, shell, files &amp; process and system calls — <math>14 \times 2 = 8m</math></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) who → display list of internal or users<br/>\$who<br/>root - cwecke Oct 28 10:10 (:0)</li> <li>ii) ls → listing files<br/>\$ls                  \$ls -l char<br/>  VSP<br/>  C++<br/>  Java</li> <li>iii) passwd → changing user password<br/>\$passwd<br/>enter password to change - *for.<br/>iv) echo → print/display<br/>\$echo "Hi" → Hi</li> <li>v) date - display current date &amp; time<br/>\$date → MON OCT 28 10:30:36 TST 2024</li> </ul> | $2m \times 5 = 10m$ |

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| 2(a)            | <p>-file related commands are -</p> <p>i) ls      iv) mv<br/>     ii) cat     v) rm      → <math>2m \times 5 = 10</math><br/>     iii) cp</p> <p>i) ls → display files &amp; directories in specified dirn<br/> <math>\\$ ls, \\$ ls -l, \\$ ls -a</math>.</p> <p>ii) cat → display content of a file.<br/> <math>\\$ cat filename.txt</math></p> <p>iii) cp → copy file/directory to other location<br/> <math>\\$ cp source.txt destination.txt</math><br/> <math>\\$ cp -r /home/r1/a /home/r1/b</math></p> <p>iv) mv → move/rename file/directory<br/> <math>\\$ mv oldname.txt newname.txt</math><br/> <math>\\$ mv abc.txt xyz.txt</math></p> <p>v) rm → delete file/directories<br/> <math>\\$ rm filename.txt</math><br/> <math>\\$ rm abc.txt</math>.</p> | 10m                |
| (b)             | <p>Explain any four silent features of UNIX</p> <p>i) portable    ii) multiuser system    iii) multitasking<br/>     iv) Networking    v) Building-Block Approach,<br/>     vi) UNIX Toolkit    vii) pattern matching    viii) language script</p>   | $2m \times 4 = 8m$ |
| (c)             | <p>file types or categories - explanation of below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* ordinary files    ↗ test file</li> <li>* Directory file    ↗ binary file</li> <li>* Device file    ↗ CP ROM drive, etc</li> </ul> $2m \times 3 = 6m$   | 6m                 |
| 3(g)            | <p><u>Module 2</u></p> <p>Chmod Relative permission → change the permission specified in the command line and leave other permission unchanged.</p> <p>Syntax → \$ chmod category operation permission filename(s)</p>   |                    |

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|                 | <p>user category (user, group, others)</p> <p>Operation (assign or remove permission)</p> <p>Type (read, write, execute)</p> <p><u>eg</u> \$ chmod u+r test # assign (+) * (execute) to u (user)</p> <p>\$ chmod ugo+r test # assign (+) * to ugo (user, group &amp; others)</p> <p>\$ chmod u+r test, test2, test3</p> <p><u>Absolute permission</u> :- Give permission explicitly<br/>String of three octal digits.</p> <p>Read permission - u (octal 100)</p> <p>Write w - 2 (octal 010)</p> <p>Execute x - 1 (octal 001)</p> <p><u>eg</u> \$ chmod 666 test</p> <p>\$ chmod 777 test</p> <p>\$ chmod 761 test</p> | 5M+2<br>= 10m   |
| (b)             | <p>ls + ls -l display all files &amp; directories</p> <p>Syntax \$ ls [option] [argument]</p> <p>options :-</p> <p>-a, -F, -u, -i, } write example of<br/>-d, -R, -t, -l } each (any file)</p> <p><u>eg</u> \$ ls -l chart</p> <p>\$ ls -x</p> <p>\$ ls -Fr</p> <p>-ls -a</p> <p>-ls -all</p>   | 2m x 5<br>= 10M |

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| U(a)            | <p>grep → display lines containing the pattern</p> <p>Syntax - \$ grep options pattern filename(s)</p> <p><u>e.g.</u> \$grep "sales" emp.list # display all lines containing sales in emp.list</p> <p>Ques file examples by using below option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <del>-i</del> → ignore case</li> <li>ii) -v → don't display lines.</li> <li>iii) -n → display line numbers along with lines</li> <li>iv) -l → display list of filenames only</li> <li>v) -e → exp specific expression with option</li> <li>vi) -x → file matches with patterns with entire line</li> <li>vii) -f → pattern from file</li> <li>viii) -E → treats pattern as an extended REG</li> <li>ix) -F → matches multiple fixed string.</li> </ul> <p><u>e.g.</u> \$grep -i "UNIX Programming" emp.list</p> | 10M             |
| (b)             | <p>Explanation of three standard files</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Standard Input → The file(stream) representing input connected to the keyboard(0)</li> <li>ii) Standard Output → The file(stream) representing output connected to display(1)</li> <li>iii) Standard Error → The file(stream) representing error message (2)</li> </ul>   | 2M+3<br>= 6M    |
| (c)             | <p>Shell Interpretive Cycle:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Shell sits between user &amp; OS acting as command interpreter.</li> <li>→ read input &amp; translate the command into action</li> <li>→ shell is analogous to Command in OS.</li> <li>- Every UNIX platform will either have Bourne shell</li> <li>- \$, #, %.</li> </ul>  | 4M              |

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| (a)             | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Module-3</u></p> <p>POSIX → a set of standardised specification to ensure compatibility between operating system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ process management - fork(), exec(), wait(),</li> <li>+ file I/O operation → open(), read(), write</li> </ul>   | 4M              |
| (b)             | <p>SUS (Single Unix Specification)</p> <p>→ It maintained by open group &amp; serves as a certification program for operating systems.</p> <p>shell utilities - ls, grep, find &amp; basic commands</p> <pre>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt; #include &lt;fcntl.h&gt; #include &lt;unistd.h&gt; #define BUFFER_SIZE 1024 int main() {     int ad;     char buf[BUFFER_SIZE];     ssize_t br;     ad = open("abtest.txt", O_RDONLY);     if(ad &lt; 0)     {         perror("Failed to open file");         exit(EXIT_FAILURE);     }     printf("file opened successfully, reading content");     while(br = read(ad, buf, sizeof(buf)-1) &gt; 0)     {         buf[br] = '\0';         printf("%s", buf);     }     if(br &lt; 0)     {         perror("Failed to read from file");         close(ad);         exit(EXIT_FAILURE);     }     close(ad);     printf("In file read &amp; closed successfully");     return 0; }</pre> | 10M             |

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| (c)                       | <p><code>mkdir()</code> → used to create a new directory</p> <p>Syntax - <code>int mkdir(const char *pathname, mode_t mode);</code></p> <pre> int main() {     const char *dir = "new_directory";     if (mkdir(dir, 0755) == 0)         printf("directory '%s' created successfully\n", dir);     else         perror("mkdir failed");     return 0; }</pre> <p><code>rmdir()</code> → delete an empty directory.</p> <p>Syntax <code>int rmdir(const char *pathname);</code></p> <pre> int main() {     const char *dir = "new_directory";     if (rmdir(dir) == 0)         printf("directory '%s', removed successfully\n", dir);     else         perror("rmdir failed");     return 0; }</pre>  | 6 m                       |                     |               |                    |       |                                   |             |                                 |          |                    |              |                    |           |              |     |
| 6 (a)                     | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="284 1400 479 1506">Character<br/>special file</th> <th data-bbox="479 1400 862 1506">Block special files</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1506 479 1586">Data transfer</td> <td data-bbox="479 1506 862 1586">One byte at a time</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1586 479 1665">Usage</td> <td data-bbox="479 1586 862 1665">Terminals, printer<br/>serial port</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1665 479 1744">Performance</td> <td data-bbox="479 1665 862 1744">Good for real-time input/output</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1744 479 1824">examples</td> <td data-bbox="479 1744 862 1824">/dev/hty, /dev/nul</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1824 479 1903">suitable for</td> <td data-bbox="479 1824 862 1903">Interactive device</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1903 479 2114">Buffering</td> <td data-bbox="479 1903 862 2114">No buffering</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Character<br>special file | Block special files | Data transfer | One byte at a time | Usage | Terminals, printer<br>serial port | Performance | Good for real-time input/output | examples | /dev/hty, /dev/nul | suitable for | Interactive device | Buffering | No buffering | 6 m |
| Character<br>special file | Block special files  |                           |                     |               |                    |       |                                   |             |                                 |          |                    |              |                    |           |              |     |
| Data transfer             | One byte at a time   |                           |                     |               |                    |       |                                   |             |                                 |          |                    |              |                    |           |              |     |
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| Buffering                 | No buffering   |                           |                     |               |                    |       |                                   |             |                                 |          |                    |              |                    |           |              |     |

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| (b)             | <pre> #include &lt;stdio.h&gt; #include &lt;unistd.h&gt; #define buf-size 1024  int main() {     char cwd[buf-size];     int fd;     if (getcwd(cwd, sizeof(cwd)) == NULL)         perror("getcwd failed");     exit(EXIT_FAILURE); }  printf(" current directory: %s\n", cwd);  if (chdir("/tmp") != 0)     perror("chdir failed"); exit(EXIT_FAILURE); }  printf(" changed directory to /tmp using chdir()\n"); fd = open(cwd, O_RDONLY); if (fd &lt; 0)     perror(" failed to Open previous directory"); exit(EXIT_FAILURE);  if (fchdir(fd) != 0)     perror("fchdir failed"); close(fd); exit(EXIT_FAILURE);  printf(" changed back to %s using fchdir()\n", cwd); close(fd);  if (getcwd(cwd, sizeof(cwd)) == NULL)     perror("getcwd failed"); exit(EXIT_FAILURE); }  printf(" current directory after fchdir(): %s\n", cwd); return 0; } </pre> | 10M             |

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| (C)             | <p>memory layout of c program includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Text (code) segment</li> <li>ii) Data segment</li> <li>iii) Heap segment</li> <li>iv) Stack segment</li> </ul> <p>v) Command line argument &amp; Environment variable</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Module - 4</u></p> <p>7(a)</p> <p>fork() → existing process can create a new one by calling the fork function.</p> <p><u>prototype:</u> - #include &lt;unistd.h&gt;<br/>   pid_t fork(void);<br/>   returns: 0 in child, process ID of child</p> <p>In Parent, 1 on error.</p> <p><u>ex</u> int main()   {     int a=10; pid;     if ((pid = fork()) &gt; 0)       {         printf(" error");         return -1;       }     else       {         a=a+1;         printf(" child process a=%d\n", a);       }     printf(" parent process a=%d\n", a);   }</p> <p>Vfork() → It has the same calling sequence &amp; return same return value as fork. The Vfork function organises with LIFO.</p> <pre>#include &lt;stro.h&gt; int main() {   int a=10; pid;   if ((pid = vfork()) &lt; 0)     {       printf(" error");     }   else     {       a=a+1;       printf(" child process a=%d\n", a);       printf(" parent process a=%d\n", a);     } }</pre> | 6m              |

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| 8(a)            | <p>Pipes are used for communicating between UNIX processes.</p> <p>Two limitations:- i) pipes are half duplex<br/>ii) pipe can be used to communicate only between two processes that have a common ancestor.</p> <p>(um)</p> <pre> int main() {     int n;     int fd[2];     pid_t pid;     char line[MAXLINE];     if(pipe(fd) &lt; 0)         printf("Error in creating pipe\n");     if((pid = fork()) &lt; 0)         printf("Error in creating process\n");     else if(pid &gt; 0)     {         close(fd[0]);         write(fd[1], "Hello world\n", 12);     }     else     {         close(fd[1]);         n = read(fd[0], line, MAXLINE);         write(1, line, n);         exit(0);     } } </pre> | 10M             |
| (b)             | <p>FIFOs another means of inter-process communication in UNIX. They are also called named pipes. Pipe can be used only between related processes when a common ancestor has created the pipe. With FIFOs, however, unrelated processes can exchange data.</p> <p>FIFO is to send data between client &amp; a server.</p>  |                 |

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| 9(a)            | <p>Explanation of above client server communication</p> <p><u>Modules</u></p> <p>Signals are software interrupts. Signals provide a way of handling asynchronous events.</p> <p>Ctrl + C<br/>Ctrl + Z<br/>Ctrl + V</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- 2 M</p> <p><u>Program</u></p> <pre> #include &lt; stdio.h&gt; #include &lt; signal.h&gt; #include &lt; setjmp.h&gt;  jmp_buf jump_buffer;  void handle_sigint(int sig) {     if (sig == SIGINT) {         /* Caught signal (signal id) jumping back to saved std */         siglongjmp(jump_buffer, 1);     } }  void handle_sigabrt(int sig) {     if (sig == SIGABRT) {         printf("caught sigabrt (signal id), program aborted"); sig;         exit(EXIT_FAILURE);     } } </pre> |                    |

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|                 | <pre> int main() {     signal(SIGINT, handle_sigint);     signal(SIGABRT, handle_sigabrt);     if (sigsetjmp(jmp_buffer, 1) == 0)         printf("Jump point saved from ctrl+c to trigger");     else         printf("Back to SIGINT"); }  while(1) {     char input;     printf("Enter 'q' to abort");     scanf(" %c", &amp;input);     if (input == 'q')         printf("Aborting the program via abort() \n");         abort();     else         printf("Continuing execution, press ctrl+c to Send SIGINT"); } return 0; } </pre> | 10m  |
| (b)             | <p>Daemon process is a background process that is not under the direct control of the user. This process is usually started when the system is booted &amp; it terminates with the system shut down.</p>   | — 2m |
|                 | <u>Program</u> <pre> #include&lt;sys/types.h&gt; #include&lt;sys/stat.h&gt; #include&lt;stdio.h&gt; #include&lt;unistd.h&gt; #include&lt;fcntl.h&gt;  int main() {     pid_t pid; } </pre>   |      |

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|                 | <pre> int i; pid = fork(); if (pid == -1)     return -1; else if (pid != 0)     exit(EXIT_SUCCESS); if (setsid() == -1)     return -1; if (chdir("/") == -1)     return -1; for (i=0; i&lt; NR_OPEN; i++)     close(i); open("/dev/null", O_RDWR); dup(0); dup(0); /* do something */ return 0; </pre>   | 8M              |
| 10(a)           | <p>sigprocmask() - block specific signals, unblock signals and check.</p> <pre> int sigprocmask(int how, const sigset(SIG_BLOCK, *set, sigset(SIG_BLOCK, *oldset)); siglongjmp() → restore the context same by sigsetjmp() void siglongjmp(sigjmp_buf env, int val); #include &lt;stdio.h&gt; #include &lt;unistd.h&gt; sigjmp_buf jmp-buffer; void sigint_handler(int sig) {     printf("caught signal");     siglongjmp(jmp-buffer, 1); } </pre> |                 |

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|                 | <pre> int main() {     sigset(SIG_BLOCK, new_mask, old_mask);     signal(SIGALRM, sigint_handler);     if(sigemptyset(&amp;new_mask) &lt; 0)         error("sigemptyset");     if(sigaddset(&amp;new_mask, SIGINT) &lt; 0)         error("sigaddset");     if(sigsetjmp(jump_buffer, 1) != 0)         printf("Jump point saved");     else         printf("back from sigint");     if(sigprocmask(SIG_SETMASK, &amp;old_mask, NULL) &lt; 0)         error("sigprocmask"); } </pre> <p>(b)</p> <p>Coding rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) fork process to create child</li> <li>ii) changing working directory to / (root)</li> <li>iii) close standard file descriptors.</li> <li>iv) set file permission using umask()</li> <li>v) create new session with setsid()</li> </ul> <p>Error Logging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) use syslog()</li> <li>ii) open the log using openlog()</li> <li>iii) use syslog for message reporting</li> <li>iv) close the log with closelog()</li> </ul> <p>any example program.</p> | 8 m             |
|                 | <pre> 2 error("sigprocmask"); exit(EXIT_FAILURE);  while(1);     pause(); }  return 0; } </pre>   | 8 m             |