

## ASSIGNMENT BRIEF

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## Assignment Brief

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Assignment Title	Advanced Computer Architecture Assignment
Assignment Ref No.	Assignment 1
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Submission Date	Part 1: 27/01/2022      Part 2: 31/01/2022
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### Submission Format

This assignment consists of two parts where the submission of the assignment should be:

#### **For part 1:**

A hard copy of an individual word-processed report that should:

- be written in a concise, formal business style using single spacing and font size 12 with use of headings, paragraphs and subsections as appropriate.
- be supported with research and referenced using the Harvard referencing system.

#### **For part 2:**

- In-class closed book, closed notes examination

Your answer should be clear and coherent. Providing final answers without showing detailed steps is not accepted. If the tasks are completed over multiple pages, ensure that your name and student number are present on each sheet of paper.

### Unit Learning Outcomes

- LO1** Investigate the functions of computer system components.
- LO2** Examine the design and organization of basic computer.
- LO3** Discuss how data and programs can be represented within computer systems.
- LO4** Investigate advanced computer architectures and performance.

## Assignment Brief and Guidance

### Part1:

- 1) Identify the main components of the Basic Computer (BC) and explain their functionality and how they are organized and connected.

- 2) Consider the following truth table:

a	b	c	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

a. derive the Boolean expression for the output F

b. Simplify the function F to a minimum number of literals using Boolean algebra

c. Draw the logic diagram from the simplified expression

- 3) Examine how the DMA affects computer performance stating benefits and drawbacks.

**4)** Explain in detail how the interrupt is handled by the Basic Computer.

**5)** An 8-bit register contains the binary value 01010110.

**a.** What is the register value after arithmetic shift right?

**b.** Starting from the initial value 01010110, determine the register value after an arithmetic shift left.

**6)** Build a full adder using only a 3x8 Decoder and a minimum number of basic gates.

**7)** Implement  $G(a,b,c) = \sum(1,2,3,7)$  using a 4x1 multiplexer

**8)** Construct a common bus system for five registers where each register has seven bits.

**9)** Convert the hexadecimal number ABCD to octal.

**10)** Perform the arithmetic operations  $(+77) + (+90)$  and  $(-77) + (-90)$  with binary numbers in signed-2's complement representation. Use eight bits to accommodate each number together with its sign. Verify your answer.

**11)** Write an assembly program that multiplies two 8-bit numbers A and B and stores the result in Z. For simplicity neglect the sign bit and assume positive numbers. Explain in detail how your program works and provide a flowchart that shows the step by step procedure for programming the multiplication operation.

**12)** Compare and contrast the RISC and the CISC architectures and show their advantages and disadvantages.

**13)** Critically evaluate, with illustrations, computer performance improvements with MIMD architectures.

**Part2:**

An in-class exam on Monday 31/01/2022 01:00 PM.

## Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass		Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Investigate the functions of computer system components			
<b>P1</b> Identify the main subsystems of a computer and explain how they are organized and connected.		<b>M1</b> Illustrate how adder circuits are used to add binary numbers.	<b>D1</b> Examine how the DMA affects computer performance stating benefits and drawbacks.
<b>P2</b> Carry out Boolean logic operations.			.
<b>LO2</b> Examine the design and organization of basic computer			
<b>P3</b> Examine the structure of instruction set for a basic digital computer		<b>M2</b> Analyze digital components used in the organization of digital computers	<b>D2</b> Create a design of control logic circuits for Basic Computer components
<b>P4</b> Identify the sequence of events in carrying out the Instruction cycle		<b>M3</b> Examine the structure of the common bus system	
<b>LO3</b> Discuss how data and programs can be represented within computer systems			
<b>P5</b> Investigate how different types of data can be converted and stored in computer systems.		<b>M4</b> Create a low-level program which includes decision making, branching, subroutine, and I/O operations.	<b>D3</b> Examine the content of memory and registers of the Basic Computer while executing low-level programs
<b>P6</b> Examine different types of addressing modes			
<b>LO4</b> Investigate advanced computer architectures and performance			
<b>P7</b> Examine the general register organization and the stack organization		<b>M5</b> Compare and contrast the RISC and the CISC architectures and show their advantages and disadvantages.	<b>D4</b> Critically evaluate, with illustrations, computer performance improvements with MIMD architectures.
<b>P8</b> Assess how pipelining improves the performance of a computer system			

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**Date:**