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Answer Questions 1 and any two others

Question 1 is worth 40 marks, all the rest are worth 30.

1

a) Given the following arrival times and CPU time for 4 processes determine the average turnaround time for:

- i. A Round Robin schedule algorithm with a time slice of 6 ms. **(4 marks)**
- ii. *The Shortest Remaining Time.* **(4 marks)**

Arrival Time	0	1	2	3
Job	A	B	C	D
CUP cycle time	8	4	9	5

b) Explain, using a suitable example, how the little man computer (LMC) carries out an instruction cycle: the fetch and execute cycle. **(4 marks)**

c) Explain, using a suitable example, the steps required to insert a node onto an empty queue. **(8 marks)**

d) Explain, using suitable examples, the steps required to delete a node to an ordered linked list. **(10 marks)**

e) What will be the output the following code (delete function) if the stack has 2 nodes and this delete function is called twice? Clearly, explain your reasoning **(10 marks)**

The function call and the parameters passed to the delete function are:

```
StackNode* stackPtr = NULL; // initialise to Null an empty stack
int value; // int input by user
```

```
if (stackPtr != NULL)
{
    printf("The popped value is %d.\n", pop(&stackPtr));
}
```

The code for the delete function is:

```
// remove a node from the stack top
int delete(StackNode* *topPtr)
{

    StackNode* tempPtr = *topPtr;

    int popValue = (*topPtr)->data;

    topPtr = (*topPtr)->nextPtr;

    free(tempPtr);

    return popValue;
}
```

2

a) Distinguish between single and multi-threading processes. **(4 marks)**

b) In C, a thread is created using the following code:

```
int pthread_create(pthread_t *tidp, pthread_attr_t *attr, *start_rtn, void * arg)
```

Clearly explain what each of the arguments in the thread create function mean.

(8 marks)

c) Explain, in your own words, the following code:

(10 marks)

```
#include<pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

int value;
void *my_thread(void *param);          /* the thread */

main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    pthread_t tid;          /* thread identifier */
    int retcode;

    if (argc != 4) {
        printf ("program exiting: incorrect number of command line arguments\n");
        exit(0);
    }
    /*create Thread */
    retcode = pthread_create(&tid,NULL,my_thread,argv[3]);
    if (retcode != 0) {
        fprintf (stderr, "Unable to create thread\n");
        exit (1);
    }

    pthread_join(tid,NULL);

    printf("The value returned by the thread is %d",value);
    printf ("\nThe end of the program\n");

    pthread_exit(0);
}

/* explain that this thread does */
void *my_thread(void *param)
{
    int i = atoi(param);
    printf("I am the child thread passed the value %d \n",i);

    value = i*i*i*i;

    pthread_exit(0);
}
```

d) What would be the output of the code in part c if the following are input at the command prompt? **(6 marks)**

(a.) `./thread`

(b.) `./thread 3 2 4`

(c.) `./thread 3 5 7`

e) What would be the two outcomes in the above program if the `pthread_join` command was removed and the command line input was `./thread 6 5 7`? Explain the reason for your answer. **(2 marks)**

3:

a) Explain, using an example, why it is critical to ensure that concurrency is carefully controlled for processes accessing the same data item; in other words the *race* problem. (6 marks)

b) Two ways to prevent the race problem are Test and Set and Wait and Signal. Distinguish between each approach. (4 marks)

c) Explain, in detail, what the following two threads are doing: (12 Marks)

assume t-count =4, count = 0 and COUNT_LIMIT = 6

```
void *signal_fnt(void *t)
{
    int i;
    long my_id = (long)t;

    for (i=0; i < TCOUNT; i++) {
        pthread_mutex_lock(&count_mutex);
        count++;

        if (count == COUNT_LIMIT) {
            printf("inc_count(): thread %ld, count = %d Threshold reached. ",
                my_id, count);
            pthread_cond_signal(&count_threshold_cv);
            printf("Just sent signal.\n");
        }
        printf("inc_count(): thread %ld, count = %d, unlocking mutex\n",
            my_id, count);
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);

        sleep(1);
    }
    pthread_exit(NULL);
}
```

```

void *wait_fnt(void *t)
{
    long my_id = (long)t;

    printf("Starting watch_count(): thread %ld\n", my_id);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&count_mutex);
    while (count < COUNT_LIMIT) {
        printf("thread %ld Count= %d. Going into wait...\n", my_id, count);

        pthread_cond_wait(&count_threshold_cv, &count_mutex);
        printf("thread %ld Condition signal received. Count= %d\n", my_id, count);
        printf("thread %ld Updating the value of count %ld...\n", my_id, count);

        count += 200;

        printf("thread %ld count now = %d .\n", my_id, count);
    }

    printf("thread %ld Unlocking mutex.\n", my_id);

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);
    pthread_exit(NULL);
}

```

d) If *main()* has the following thread create calls:

```

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int i, rc;
    long t1=2, t2=7, t3=8;
    pthread_t threads[3];
    pthread_attr_t attr;

    pthread_mutex_init(&count_mutex, NULL);
    pthread_cond_init (&count_threshold_cv, NULL);

    pthread_create(&threads[0], NULL, wait_fnt, (void *)t1);
    pthread_create(&threads[1], NULL, signal_fnt, (void *)t2);
    pthread_create(&threads[2], NULL, signal_fnt, (void *)t3);
}

```

Give a sample output of this multithread program and explain your reasoning.

(8 marks)

a) Identify the *four* conditions necessary for *Deadlock* to occur. **(4 Marks)**

b) Deadlock detection / recovery is another way of handling deadlock; explain, using an example the steps involved to reduce a deadlock detection directed resource graphs. **(8 Marks)**

c) A possible consequence of deadlock prevention is starvation. What is starvation and how operating systems prevent starvation? **(4 marks)**

d) A second method of dealing with deadlock is deadlock prevention. Using deadlock prevention Bankers algorithm answer the following:

	Allocation	Max	Need	Available
				3 2 2 1
	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D
P0	4 0 0 1	7 0 2 1		
P1	1 1 0 0	1 6 5 0		
P2	1 0 4 5	3 3 4 6		
P3	0 4 2 1	1 5 6 2		
P4	0 3 1 2	2 4 3 2		

i. How many resources of type A, B, C and D are there? **(2 marks)**

ii. What are the contents of the *Need* column? **(2 marks)**

iii. Is the system in a safe state? Provide reasoning for your answer. **(5 marks)**

iv. If a request from process P2 arrives for additional resources of {0, 2, 0, 0}, will the system be in a safe state? Provide reasoning for your answer. **(5 marks)**