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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
CPU 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			
	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					3	2	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)**