Examination, May 2019

Choice Based Grading System (CBGS) Advanced Computer Architecture

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: i) Attempt any five questions.

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- ii) All questions carry equal marks.
- 1. a) Define the computer architecture. Explain Flynn's classification with the help of diagram.
 - Differentiate between static interconnection networks and dynamic interconnection networks. Give example.
- 2. a) What are the various performance measures available to evaluate the performance of processor? How do each of these relate to the ultimate measure of performance? Explain.
 - b) What are the different classes of parallelism and parallel architectures that are available.
- a) Explain the basic VLIW approach for exploiting ILP, using multiple access.
 - List out the basic differences between RISC and CISC scalar processors.

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- a) What are the major hurdles of pipelining? Illustrate the data Hazard and methods to minimize data Hazard with example.
 - b) Explain how Tomasulo's algorithm can be extended to support speculation?
- 5. a) Explain the classic five stage pipeline for RISC processor with neat diagram.
 - b) Explain snoopy with respect to cache-coherence protocol.
- a) With neat diagram, explain the basic structure of a centralized shared memory and distributed shared memory multiprocessor.
 - b) Discuss the issues involved in multithreading and how are they resolved?
- 7. a) Give a brief note on vector super computer.
 - b) Explain shared variable model.
- 8. a) Discuss the language features for parallelism.
 - b) Write short notes:
 - Message pricing model
 - ii) Parallel programming environment
 - iii) Deadlock



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