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**M.E./M.Tech. I Semester**  
 Examination, June 2017  
**Advanced Computer Architecture**  
**Time : Three Hours**

Maximum Marks : 70

**Note:** i) Attempt any five questions out of eight.  
 ii) All questions carry equal marks.

1. a) Explain Flynn's classification based on the multiplicity of instruction streams and data streams in a computer system with the neat diagram. 7  
 b) Discuss Handler's classification of parallel computing structures. 7
2. a) Compare static interconnection networks and dynamic interconnection networks. 7  
 b) Discuss pipelining and vector processing. 7
3. a) Prove that a  $k$ -stage linear pipeline can be at most  $k$  times faster than that of a non-pipeline serial processor. 7  
 b) Explain the possible hazards between read and write operation in an instruction pipeline. 7
4. a) Explain the following terminologies associated with SIMD computers: 7  
 i) Lock-step operations  
 ii) Barrel-shifting functions  
 iii) Mashing of processing elements

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- b) Draw the functional structure of a modern pipeline computer with scalar and vector capabilities. 7
  5. a) Consider the following pipeline reservation table: 7
- |       | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $S_1$ |   |   | X |   | X |   |   |
| $S_2$ |   | X |   | X |   |   |   |
| $S_3$ |   |   | X |   |   |   | X |
| $S_4$ | X | X |   | X |   | X |   |
- i) What are the forbidden latencies?
  - ii) Draw the state transition diagram.
  - iii) List all simple cycles and greedy cycles.
  - b) Explain about data and control hazards and internal forwarding and register tagging. 7
  6. a) Discuss the characteristics of MIMD multiprocessor that distinguish them from multiple computer systems. 7  
 b) Explain the array processing. 7
  7. a) Write an algorithm for associative search. 7  
 b) Discuss about deterministic scheduling models for multiprocessor systems. 7
  8. Write short notes on the following (any four): 14  
 a) SIMD matrix multiplications  
 b) Instruction pipeline  
 c) Multilevel cache coherence  
 d) Multistage Omega network  
 e) Parallel search algorithms

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