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2018/2019 CSC 2111 CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT #1

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ALL questions. **DURATION:** 1 HOUR

QUESTION ONE

- i. Distinguish between computer architecture and computer organisation. [5]
- ii. Distinguish between input-output and data communication process. [5]
- iii. Explain the significance of viewing a computer as a hierarchical system. [5]

QUESTION TWO

ENIAC is an important case example in the history of computing. [15]

- i. What does the acronym ENIAC stand for?
- ii. To which generation did it belong?
- iii. What type of computer was ENIAC believed to be?
- iv. When and where was it invented, and by whom?
- v. What was the primary disadvantage of the ENIAC?

QUESTION THREE

Consider a computer M_2 with the following CPIs for instructions:

Type A CPI = 1.3; Type B CPI = 1.7; Type C CPI = 2.1; Type D CPI = 2.4;
and Type E = 2.7

- i. Given a Program P_1 with the following mix of instructions:

Type A = 15 %; Type B = 25%; Type C = 27 %; Type D = 3 %;
and Type E = the remaining instructions.

30%

- a. Calculate the average CPI of Machine M_2 (10 marks)
- b. Calculate the execution time of P_1 on M_2 if $I_C = 21,131$ and clock rate is 3.4 GHz. (10 marks)