**RTOS Principles and Semaphores**

1. Which of the following is not a feature of an RTOS?  
   a) Preemptive multitasking  
   b) Deterministic behavior  
   c) Batch processing  
   d) Priority-based scheduling
2. A semaphore is primarily used for:  
   a) Memory management  
   b) Process synchronization  
   c) File system access  
   d) Device driver communication
3. In a binary semaphore, the value can be:  
   a) Any integer  
   b) Only 0 or 1  
   c) Negative integers  
   d) Floating point
4. A counting semaphore:  
   a) Is always initialized to 0  
   b) Tracks the number of resources available  
   c) Cannot be negative  
   d) Is non-deterministic
5. Priority inversion occurs when:  
   a) A lower-priority task preempts a higher-priority task  
   b) A higher-priority task waits for a lower-priority task holding a resource  
   c) Tasks run in round-robin fashion  
   d) A task is blocked by I/O operations

**Queues in RTOS**

1. Queues in RTOS are used for:  
   a) Memory allocation  
   b) Inter-process communication  
   c) Debugging  
   d) Interrupt handling
2. A circular queue in an RTOS is preferred because:  
   a) It is easier to implement  
   b) It prevents memory fragmentation  
   c) It allows dynamic resizing  
   d) It improves power efficiency
3. What happens when a message queue overflows in an RTOS?  
   a) The oldest message is discarded  
   b) The newest message is discarded  
   c) The queue expands  
   d) System crashes
4. Which of the following methods is used to avoid queue overflow?  
   a) Priority queue  
   b) Dynamic memory allocation  
   c) Semaphore synchronization  
   d) Increasing buffer size

**Hard Real-Time Scheduling Considerations**

1. Which scheduling algorithm is most suitable for hard real-time tasks?  
   a) Round-robin  
   b) Earliest Deadline First (EDF)  
   c) First Come First Serve (FCFS)  
   d) Shortest Job Next (SJN)
2. Rate Monotonic Scheduling (RMS) assigns priority based on:  
   a) Task deadline  
   b) Task arrival time  
   c) Task period  
   d) Task execution time
3. The schedulability test for RMS ensures:  
   a) 100% CPU utilization  
   b) Task deadlines are always met  
   c) Optimal resource sharing  
   d) Preemption is minimized
4. A hard real-time system requires:  
   a) Deadlines to always be met  
   b) Efficient memory utilization  
   c) Power saving modes  
   d) User-friendly interfaces

**Memory and Power Considerations**

1. In embedded systems, saving memory is critical because:  
   a) Memory is costly  
   b) It reduces power consumption  
   c) It improves software performance  
   d) All of the above
2. Dynamic memory allocation in RTOS:  
   a) Is preferred for real-time tasks  
   b) Increases memory fragmentation  
   c) Ensures deterministic behavior  
   d) Is always thread-safe
3. Which power-saving technique involves putting the processor in a low-power state?  
   a) Clock gating  
   b) Dynamic voltage scaling  
   c) Sleep mode  
   d) Code optimization
4. RTOS memory management typically uses:  
   a) Virtual memory  
   b) Static allocation  
   c) Paging  
   d) Overlays

**Embedded Software Development Tools**

1. The main role of a linker in embedded development is to:  
   a) Compile the source code  
   b) Resolve memory references  
   c) Load the software onto the target system  
   d) Manage interrupts
2. A target machine in embedded systems is:  
   a) The development environment  
   b) The system on which software runs  
   c) A simulation tool  
   d) A compiler
3. Which of the following tools is used for debugging embedded software?  
   a) Logic analyzer  
   b) JTAG debugger  
   c) Oscilloscope  
   d) All of the above

**Debugging Techniques**

1. Debugging on a host machine requires:  
   a) Emulator  
   b) Cross-compiler  
   c) Logic analyzer  
   d) In-system programming
2. A breakpoint in debugging refers to:  
   a) A specific line of code where execution stops  
   b) A tool for measuring execution time  
   c) A hardware fault  
   d) A code optimization technique
3. A real-time trace tool is used to:  
   a) Monitor RTOS kernel activities  
   b) Compile embedded code  
   c) Debug hardware faults  
   d) Reduce task latency
4. The most common issue when debugging embedded systems is:  
   a) Syntax errors  
   b) Timing-related bugs  
   c) Memory leaks  
   d) Incorrect compiler settings

Would you like the remaining questions from these sections? Let me know!

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Here are the remaining questions:

**RTOS Principles and Semaphores (Continued)**

1. In RTOS, task switching is triggered by:  
   a) Semaphore signal  
   b) Task priority change  
   c) Timer interrupts  
   d) All of the above
2. Which of these is a major issue resolved by semaphores?  
   a) Task starvation  
   b) Race conditions  
   c) Fragmentation  
   d) Latency
3. What is the effect of priority inheritance in RTOS?  
   a) It lowers the priority of a high-priority task  
   b) It temporarily raises the priority of a low-priority task  
   c) It prevents priority inversion  
   d) Both b and c
4. A deadlock can occur if:  
   a) Tasks wait indefinitely for a semaphore  
   b) There are insufficient queue buffers  
   c) The system memory is exhausted  
   d) An interrupt handler fails

**Queues in RTOS (Continued)**

1. The size of a message queue is usually defined at:  
   a) Compile time  
   b) Runtime  
   c) System initialization  
   d) Both a and b
2. A task waiting on an empty queue is typically:  
   a) Blocked until data is available  
   b) Terminated  
   c) Scheduled for I/O  
   d) Moved to the ready state
3. Message queues are considered thread-safe because:  
   a) Only one task accesses the queue at a time  
   b) They use semaphores for synchronization  
   c) They prevent race conditions  
   d) All of the above

**Hard Real-Time Scheduling Considerations (Continued)**

1. Which of the following tasks would most likely require hard real-time scheduling?  
   a) File system backup  
   b) Airbag deployment in a car  
   c) Video playback  
   d) Printer queue management
2. In EDF scheduling, the task with the:  
   a) Shortest execution time is prioritized  
   b) Longest deadline is prioritized  
   c) Earliest deadline is prioritized  
   d) Highest priority is prioritized
3. A task is said to be schedulable if:  
   a) It runs without preemption  
   b) Its deadline is always met  
   c) It utilizes 100% of the CPU  
   d) It runs without blocking other tasks
4. Which of the following improves schedulability in hard real-time systems?  
   a) Increasing task periods  
   b) Reducing task deadlines  
   c) Using dynamic priority scheduling  
   d) Both a and c

**Memory and Power Considerations (Continued)**

1. In embedded systems, static memory allocation is preferred because:  
   a) It ensures determinism  
   b) It reduces memory overhead  
   c) It is simpler to implement  
   d) All of the above
2. The stack overflow in embedded systems is often caused by:  
   a) Poor power management  
   b) Recursive function calls  
   c) Semaphore contention  
   d) Large message queues
3. Power consumption can be minimized by:  
   a) Lowering the clock speed  
   b) Using sleep modes  
   c) Optimizing code execution  
   d) All of the above
4. Which technique helps reduce memory fragmentation?  
   a) Defragmentation tools  
   b) Fixed-size memory blocks  
   c) Dynamic resizing of queues  
   d) Task prioritization

**Embedded Software Development Tools (Continued)**

1. Which tool is essential for downloading embedded software onto a target machine?  
   a) Compiler  
   b) Linker  
   c) Programmer or Loader  
   d) Assembler
2. Cross-compilers are used because:  
   a) They produce faster code  
   b) The target system is different from the host  
   c) They eliminate bugs during development  
   d) They improve debugging
3. A locator in embedded development:  
   a) Assigns physical addresses to program variables  
   b) Loads code into the target system  
   c) Optimizes task scheduling  
   d) Measures power consumption
4. An RTOS kernel is often tested on:  
   a) Host simulators  
   b) Target hardware  
   c) Both a and b  
   d) None of the above

**Debugging Techniques (Continued)**

1. Which of the following debugging tools is most suitable for monitoring hardware signals?  
   a) Logic analyzer  
   b) JTAG debugger  
   c) Kernel profiler  
   d) Cross-compiler
2. A watchpoint is used to:  
   a) Stop execution when a variable changes  
   b) Log task execution times  
   c) Trace message queue operations  
   d) Detect power usage anomalies
3. Which laboratory tool can measure task execution timing?  
   a) Oscilloscope  
   b) Logic analyzer  
   c) Performance profiler  
   d) None of the above
4. The first step in debugging an embedded system is:  
   a) Analyze hardware connections  
   b) Compile the source code  
   c) Verify the bootloader  
   d) Test with sample inputs
5. An in-circuit debugger (ICD) allows:  
   a) Real-time code execution monitoring  
   b) Post-mortem analysis of failures  
   c) Kernel-level debugging  
   d) Improved scheduler performance
6. Timing-related bugs in RTOS are typically caused by:  
   a) Improper queue sizing  
   b) Incorrect task prioritization  
   c) Race conditions  
   d) All of the above
7. A kernel panic in RTOS debugging indicates:  
   a) An unhandled exception  
   b) A hardware fault  
   c) An overflow in the message queue  
   d) Inefficient power utilization

**RTOS Principles and Semaphores**

1. **c) Batch processing**  
   *(RTOS is designed for real-time tasks, not batch processing.)*
2. **b) Process synchronization**  
   *(Semaphores manage shared resources between tasks.)*
3. **b) Only 0 or 1**  
   *(Binary semaphore only has two states: locked (1) and unlocked (0).)*
4. **b) Tracks the number of resources available**  
   *(Counting semaphores track the number of free instances of a resource.)*
5. **b) A higher-priority task waits for a lower-priority task holding a resource**  
   *(This is the definition of priority inversion.)*
6. **b) Inter-process communication**  
   *(Queues transfer data between tasks in an RTOS.)*
7. **b) It prevents memory fragmentation**  
   *(Circular queues reuse memory efficiently.)*
8. **a) The oldest message is discarded**  
   *(This is the common behavior unless specified otherwise.)*
9. **c) Semaphore synchronization**  
   *(Semaphores help control access, preventing overflow.)*
10. **b) Earliest Deadline First (EDF)**  
    *(EDF is optimal for hard real-time systems.)*

**Hard Real-Time Scheduling Considerations**

1. **c) Task period**  
   *(RMS assigns priority inversely proportional to task period.)*
2. **b) Task deadlines are always met**  
   *(The schedulability test ensures deadlines are met under load.)*
3. **a) Deadlines to always be met**  
   *(Hard real-time systems must meet deadlines under all conditions.)*
4. **d) All of the above**  
   *(Memory optimization is critical for cost, power, and performance.)*
5. **b) Increases memory fragmentation**  
   *(Dynamic allocation can cause fragmentation and non-deterministic behavior.)*
6. **c) Sleep mode**  
   *(Sleep mode significantly reduces processor power consumption.)*
7. **b) Static allocation**  
   *(Static memory allocation avoids runtime overhead and fragmentation.)*

**Queues in RTOS**

1. **b) Resolve memory references**  
   *(Linkers map symbolic references to physical addresses.)*
2. **b) The system on which software runs**  
   *(The target machine is the actual embedded device.)*
3. **d) All of the above**  
   *(All tools help with debugging in different contexts.)*
4. **b) Cross-compiler**  
   *(Host debugging often requires compiling for the target system.)*
5. **a) A specific line of code where execution stops**  
   *(Breakpoints halt execution for inspection.)*
6. **a) Monitor RTOS kernel activities**  
   *(Real-time trace tools provide kernel-level insights.)*
7. **b) Timing-related bugs**  
   *(Timing is often a critical issue in real-time systems.)*
8. **d) All of the above**  
   *(Task switching can occur due to semaphores, priority changes, or interrupts.)*
9. **b) Race conditions**  
   *(Semaphores prevent tasks from accessing shared resources simultaneously.)*
10. **d) Both b and c**  
    *(Priority inheritance avoids priority inversion by temporarily raising priority.)*
11. **a) Tasks wait indefinitely for a semaphore**  
    *(Deadlocks happen when tasks hold resources indefinitely.)*

**Memory and Power Considerations**

1. **a) Compile time**  
   *(Queue sizes are typically defined at compile time for determinism.)*
2. **a) Blocked until data is available**  
   *(Tasks waiting on empty queues are moved to the blocked state.)*
3. **d) All of the above**  
   *(Queues use synchronization techniques to ensure thread safety.)*
4. **b) Airbag deployment in a car**  
   *(This is a hard real-time task requiring strict timing guarantees.)*
5. **c) Earliest deadline is prioritized**  
   *(EDF assigns the highest priority to the task with the earliest deadline.)*
6. **b) Its deadline is always met**  
   *(Schedulability ensures tasks meet deadlines under all conditions.)*
7. **d) Both a and c**  
   *(Increasing task periods and dynamic priority scheduling improve schedulability.)*
8. **d) All of the above**  
   *(Static memory allocation is deterministic, simple, and efficient.)*
9. **b) Recursive function calls**  
   *(Recursive calls increase stack usage, risking overflow.)*
10. **d) All of the above**  
    *(Multiple techniques are used to minimize power consumption.)*
11. **b) Fixed-size memory blocks**  
    *(Fixed blocks reduce fragmentation by avoiding variable-sized allocations.)*

**Debugging Techniques**

1. **c) Programmer or Loader**  
   *(These tools load the program onto the target machine.)*
2. **b) The target system is different from the host**  
   *(Cross-compilers generate code for architectures different from the host system.)*
3. **a) Assigns physical addresses to program variables**  
   *(Locators handle memory mapping for embedded software.)*
4. **c) Both a and b**  
   *(Kernel testing can be performed in simulators or real hardware.)*
5. **a) Logic analyzer**  
   *(Logic analyzers capture and analyze hardware signals.)*
6. **a) Stop execution when a variable changes**  
   *(Watchpoints are used for variable state monitoring.)*
7. **a) Oscilloscope**  
   *(Oscilloscopes measure and visualize task timing.)*
8. **d) Test with sample inputs**  
   *(Testing ensures basic functionality before further debugging.)*
9. **a) Real-time code execution monitoring**  
   *(ICDs enable debugging without halting the target system.)*
10. **d) All of the above**  
    *(Timing bugs arise from multiple sources in real-time systems.)*
11. **a) An unhandled exception**  
    *(Kernel panics usually indicate critical unhandled issues.)*