Module 1: Introduction to Distributed Systems

- 1. What are various issues in distributed systems? (repeated 3 times)
- 2. Explain minimum 5 issues. Each issue carries 1 mark.
- 3. What is distributed computing? Explain various system models of distributed computing? (repeated 2 times)
- 4. What are the goals of a distributed system? Explain various system models.
- 5. What is group communication? Explain 1:M and M:1 group communication.
- 6. Identify and explain five issues in distributed systems.

Module 2: Communication

- 1. Explain the message communication model: transient synchronous, transient asynchronous, persistent synchronous, and persistent asynchronous in detail. (repeated 3 times)
- 2. What is RPC? Explain the working of RPC in detail with the help of a diagram. (repeated 4 times)
- 3. Difference between RMI and RPC?
- 4. Define Remote Procedure Call (RPC). Explain the working of RPC in Detail.
- 5. Differentiate between message-oriented and stream-oriented communication. (repeated 2 times)
- 6. Explain the architecture and performance of the Andrew File System (AFS) compared to Network File System (NFS). (partially overlaps with DFS in Module 6)

Module 3: Synchronization

- 1. Explain Suzuki-Kasami Broadcast Algorithm of mutual exclusion. (repeated 4 times)
- 2. Justify how Ricart-Agrawala's algorithm optimized the message overhead in achieving mutual exclusion. (repeated 4 times)
- 3. Explain the process of synchronization w.r.t. physical and logical clocks.
- 4. What is a logical clock? Why are logical clocks needed in a distributed system? Explain Lamport algorithm.
- 5. Explain the election algorithm. (repeated 2 times)
- 6. Explain Maekawa's algorithm in detail and also specify properties of Quorum Set. (repeated 3 times)
- 7. Compare various client-centric consistency models. (overlaps with Module 5)
- 8. Describe the need of a coordinator. Also explain any one algorithm for coordinator selection.

Module 4: Resource and Process Management

- 1. What are desirable features of global scheduling algorithm? (repeated 2 times)
- 2. Compare process and thread. (repeated 2 times)
- 3. Compare load sharing to task assignment and load balancing strategies in a distributed system. *(repeated 3 times)*
- 4. Explain the difference between data-centric and client-centric consistency models.

5. Describe code migration and its techniques. (repeated 2 times)

Module 5: Consistency, Replication, and Fault Tolerance

- 1. Explain different data-centric consistency models in detail. (repeated 2 times)
- 2. What is the difference between data-centric and client-centric consistency models? Explain one model of each.
- 3. Discuss the various client-centric consistency models.
- 4. What is fault tolerance? Explain various types of failure models.
- 5. Discuss the need of the coordinator. (Linked to reliability and coordination in distributed systems)

Module 6: Distributed File Systems and Name Services

- 1. Write a note on code migration. (linked with Module 4, but also mentioned under DFS context)
- 2. Explain the features of DFS and draw and explain Model file service architecture. (repeated 2 times)
- 3. Explain Andrew File System (AFS) in detail. (repeated 2 times)
- 4. Explain Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS).
- 5. Compare the Andrew File System (AFS) and Network File System (NFS).