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Instructions:

- You are required to attempt ALL Questions.
- This is a closed book/notes exam.
- Calculators are allowed,
- Return question paper with the answer sheet

Q. No	Questions	CLO	Marks
1	<p>A. Differentiate between the following with example</p> <p>a) Local and Global Labels b) Call and return function c) Loopnz and loopz d) Pusha and pushad</p> <p>B. MOV EAX, 0xFFFFF9B CDQ</p> <p>How EAX and EDX are affected after CDQ. If you were to divide EAX by 4 using the IDIV instruction, what values will EAX and EDX contain after the division?</p> <p>C. Describe how the XOR instruction can be used to toggle the case of an ASCII character stored in the AL register.</p> <p>D. How can the TEST instruction be used to check the state of specific bits in a register without modifying the original value? Provide a practical use case.</p> <p>E. Explain how the LOOP instruction works. What are its limitations, and how can nested loops be implemented efficiently in assembly language?</p>	1	30

- A. Write instructions that jump to label L2 when the signed integer in AX is greater than the integer in CX.
- B. Given the following assembly code, determine the values in the registers after each instruction is executed.

```
varA BYTE 10h, 20h, 30h, 40h, 50h, 60h
varB WORD 1234h, 5678h
varC DWORD 12345678h, 87654321h
```

```
mov ax, WORD PTR [varA+2] ; AX = ?
mov bl, BYTE PTR [varC+5] ; BL = ?
mov ax, WORD PTR [varB+2] ; AX = ?
mov eax, DWORD PTR [varC+4] ; EAX = ?
mov bx, WORD PTR [varA+4] ; BX = ?
```

- C. What will be the final value in EDX after this code executes?

```
mov edx, 1
mov eax, 7FFFh
cmp eax, 0FFFF8000h
jl L2
mov edx, 0
L2:
```

- D. Explain bit masking technique and how in assembly we convert the characters from lower case to upper case with that?

- A. Write an assembly program to implement the following pseudocode using x86 assembly language.

```
if (num1 > num2) {
    result = num1 - num2;
} else if (num1 < num2) {
    result = num1 + num2;
} else {
    result = num1 * 2;
}
```

- B. Write an assembly program to **encrypt** a string stored in memory using a single-byte encryption key and decrypt it back to its original form. The string, "SECURE", is stored in the .data section using **key (5Ah)**. Your program should process each character in a loop, stop at the null terminator, and overwrite the original message with the encrypted and decrypted results.

- C. Write assembly code to locate the first nonzero value in the array. If no nonzero value is found, the ESI register should point to the sentinel value.

.data

array SWORD 50 DUP(?)

sentinel SWORD 0FFFFh

.code

mov esi, OFFSET array ; Initialize ESI to the start of the array

mov ecx, LENGTHOF array ; Load the array length into ECX

L1: cmp WORD PTR [esi], 0

; (Fill in your code here in the answer sheet)

quit:

Complete the assembly code under the label L1

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