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Course Code: CIT 445

Course Title: Principles & Techniques of Compilers

Credit Unit: 3

Time: 2½ hours

Instruction: Answer any five (5) questions. Each question carries 14 marks

- 1.(a) Define the term parsing (3 marks)
(b) State and discuss four examples of analytic grammar formalisms (8 marks)
(c) Given the grammar G with the following production rules, $S \rightarrow a \mid aS \mid bS$, determine whether the string ***babbaa*** can be generated by the grammar (3 marks)
- 2.(a) What is the difference between a translator and a compiler (6 marks)
(b) State and describe four components of the structure of a compiler (8 marks)
- 3.(a) With the aid of a diagram describe the functions of a T.diagram (8 marks)
(b) State the Roles of a Parser (6 marks)
- 4.(a) State four difficulties with Top-down parsing (6 marks)
(b) State five benefits of LR Parsing (7 marks)
5. With the aid of illustrative diagram describe the phases of a compiler (14 marks)
- 6.(a) State and describe the three main techniques for loop optimisation (6 marks)
(b) State any six qualities of a compiler (8 marks)
7. Consider the grammar G below:
$$G: E \rightarrow E + T / T$$
$$T \rightarrow T * F / F$$
$$F \rightarrow (E) / i$$
 - (a) Generate the non-left recursive version of the grammar (5 marks)
 - (b) Find FOLLOW of all the nonterminal symbols in the non-left recursive version of the grammar (9 marks)