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JULY 2017 EXAMINATION

Course Code: CIT 752 **Time:** 3 hrs

Course Title: Operating System Concept

Course Credit Unit: 2

Instruction: Answer Question One (1) and other any four (4) questions.

1.
 - a) Distinguish between a program and a process. (4 marks)
 - b) What are the necessary and sufficient conditions for a deadlock to occur? (8 marks)
 - c) As a process executes, it changes state. With the aid of illustrative diagram, describe each of these states (10 marks)
2.
 - a) Briefly explain the concept of deadlock. (2 marks)
 - b) List four different types of system calls and their purposes. (10 marks)
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 - b) Define dynamic memory allocation (2 marks)
4.
 - a) Briefly state the activities of memory management (4 marks)
 - b) List and briefly describe any two ways of handling deadlock (4 marks)
 - c) What is thrashing? State three causes of thrashing. (4 marks)
5.
 - a) Write short note on Translation Lookaside buffer (6 marks)
 - b) State and describe the three memory partition selection algorithms (6 marks)
6.
 - a) Differentiate between preemptive scheduling and non-preemptive scheduling. (4 marks)
 - b) Write short notes on the following techniques for I/O operations:
 - i. Programmed I/O (4 marks)
 - ii. Interrupt-Driven I/O (4 marks)