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FACULTY OF SCIENCES

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Course Code: CIT 381

Course Unit: 3

Course Title: File Processing and Management

Instruction: Answer Question One and Any Four Other Questions

Time allowed: 2 1/2 hrs

1a. Define the following terms

i. File ii. Field iii. Record
6 marks

b. List and explain four attributes a file could possess.
8 marks

c. differentiate between Pre-Allocation and Dynamic allocation policy.
4 marks

d. Write a program in C that opens a file named sample.txt, writes a string of characters to the file, and then closes it.
4 marks

2a. Discuss how to name a file and give examples of valid and invalid filenames.
3 marks

b. What types of file extensions will the following contain?

- i. A movie in a Video CD
- ii. A word-processed file

- iii. A file in a Musical CD
 - iv. A Scanned image
4 marks
 - c. What are the important issues to consider when selecting a file organization?
2 marks
 - d. Make a diagrammatic representation of the pile/serial and the sequential file organization method.
3 marks
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- 3a. Explain the Indexed Sequential File Organization method
3 marks
 - b. List and Explain two objectives of File Management Systems
4 marks
 - c. Enumerate any five typical operations supported by File Management System
2½ marks
 - d. Draw a diagram to represent the file system software architecture
2½ marks
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- 4a. What is a path name?
2 marks
 - b. differentiate between relative and absolute path names
2 marks
 - c. Explain three types of operation that can be performed on a file
6 marks
 - d. Enumerate four access rights that can be assigned to a particular user for a particular file

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- 5a. Enumerate three methods of record blocking
3 marks
- b. Explain Free Space Management
4 marks
- c. Write a short note on the different techniques that can be used in improving system performance
5 marks

6a. Define the following terms

- i. Backup ii. Full dump iii. Incremental Dump iv. Trojan horse v. Virus
2½ marks

b. Define Data Validation
2 marks

c. What is a check digit in Data Validation?
2 marks

d. Briefly explain data corruption
3 marks

e. List five different sorting techniques.
2½ marks