

MCA/D-12
COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE AND PARRELEL
PROCESSING
Paper-MCA-503

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 80

Note: Attempt five questions in all. Question no. 1 is compulsory. In addition to this,
 Attempt four more questions selecting one question from each unit.

Compulsory Question

1. Answer the following questions in brief:

- (a) What is hypercube? Give an example.
- (b) What is perfect shuffle function? Explain it with a suitable diagram.
- (c) What is Branch problem? Explain with time space diagram of the pipeline.
- (d) What are characteristics of VLIW architecture?
- (e) Explain pipeline processing of Load/Store instruction.
- (f) Distinguish between Concrete and Abstract architecture of a computer
- (g) Define microoperation, Microinstruction, Macroinstruction and Control memory.
- (h) What are the limitations of sign-magnitude representation over 2's complement Representation used in addition/subtraction algorithm?

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Unit-I

2. (a) What is hardwired control? Explain one-hot method to design a hardwired control. 7
- (b) What are horizontal and vertical microinstruction formats? Also discuss their pros And cons. 7
3. (a) Design a 4-bit by 3-bit array multiplier. 7
- (b) Devise an algorithm in flow chart form to multiply two floating point numbers. Also Discuss register configuration to implement this algorithm. 7

Unit-II

4. (a) What is computational models? Explain Von Neumann computational model. 7
- (b) What is computer architecture? Explain multilevel hierarchical framework of Computer architecture. 7
5. (a) Explain data dependencies among instructions with the help of examples. 7
- (b) Explain global scheduling technique used in ILP processors. 7

Unit-III

6. (a) What is delayed branch handling technique? Explain it with the help of time-space Diagram of the pipeline. 7
- (b) What is multiway branching? Explain its merits and demerits. 7
7. (a) What is shelving? Discuss layout of shelving buffers. 7
- (b) What are the different types of rename buffers? Explain operand fetch policies Used in rename buffers. 7

Unit-IV

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| 8. (a) What is Multicomputer? Discuss its general architecture. | 7 |
| (b) What are direct interconnection network? Explain 4x4 Wraparound 2D mesh.
Also compute node degree, network diameter and bisection width for the network | 7 |
| 9. (a) What is Cache coherence problem? Explain snoopy cache coherence protocol. | 7 |
| (b) Write short note on CC-NUMA model. | 7 |