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Assignment - 01

Ans 1 Because OS provides essential services that hardware alone cannot like process scheduling, memory management, I/O handling, security & user interface. Even with advanced hardware, an OS is needed to manage resources efficiently & make the system usable by applications & users.

Ans-2

A real time operating system (RTOS) is most suitable because it provides fast & predictable response to time-critical events like heart rate monitoring. Reliability, low power usage & quick task switching are crucial in health devices.

Ans-3

I would avoid 2 layered kernel because the strict layer hierarchy increases overhead (each request passed through multiple layers) which reduces performance for performance critical environment.

Ans 4

Refuse - OS structure affects performance, security, scalability & maintainability. e.g. a monolithic OS may be faster but harder to maintain.

While a micro kernel is more modular and secure but slightly slower

Ans 1 PCB stores process state, program counter, CPU register memory info etc. by checking PCB value, we can detect if registers or process states were incorrectly saved or lost during context switching.

ii) Context switching saving the current process state (register, program counter etc) into its PCB & load the state of next process from its PCB, switching CPU control to the next process.

iii) Use a non-blocking asynchronous system call, because the process can continue execution without waiting for I/O, To finish improving performance and responsiveness.

Ans 2 Given

Save state 2ms
Load state 3ms
Schedule overhead 1ms

Q Total Context Switching time = Save time + Load time + Schedule overhead
 $= 2 + 3 + 1 = 6 \text{ ms}$

Context switching introduces overhead since CPUs spend time switching instead of executing user processes

- If switching takes too long or happens too frequently, CPU efficiency decreases

- In this case, 6ms is small compared to execution times, so the system can still multitask efficiently. But with many processes, frequent switching will reduce throughput

Ans

Thread efficiency check

- Total time in single threaded = 40 sec
8 threads per process (ideal conditions)

a) execution time (with 8 threads) = $\frac{40}{8} = 5 \text{ sec}$

b) Multithreading divides a process into smaller task that runs in parallel

- It reduces execution times by utilizing multiple CPU cores

- Improves CPU utilization, responsiveness & throughput