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2ND YEAR 1ST SEMESTER 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

MAIN CAMPUS (REGULAR)

COURSE CODE: ICT 3224

COURSE TITLE: OPERATING SYSTEMS

EXAM VENUE: STREAM: (BSc. Information and Communication Technology)

DATE: APRIL 2017

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other two questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room**

QUESTION ONE [30 MARKS]

- a) Explain in brief any FOUR , functions of an operating system [8marks]
- b) What are the differences between trap and interrupt [4marks]
- c) Explain different states of a process with the help of state diagram [8marks]
- d) Consider a system with a set of processes P_1 P_2 and P_3 and their CPU burst times, priorities and arrival times being mention as below:

Process	CPU burst time	Arrival time	Priority
P_1	5	0	2
P_2	15	1	3
P_3	10	2	1

Assuming 1 to be the highest priority, calculate the following: [10marks]

- i. Average waiting time using FCFS, SJF (Preemptive and Non-preemptive) and priority (Preemptive and Non-preemptive) scheduling mechanism.
- ii. Average turn around time using FCFS, SJF (Preemptive and Non-preemptive) and priority (Preemptive and Non-preemptive) scheduling mechanism.
- iii. Assume time quantum to be 2 units of time. Calculate average waiting time and average turn around time using Round-Robin scheduling.

QUESTION TWO [20 MARKS]

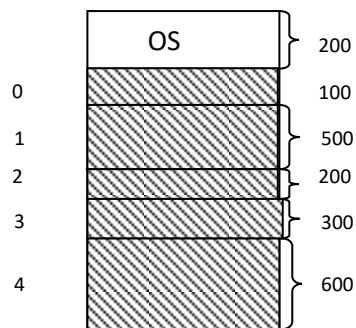
- a) Define the following terms as used in Operating Systems.
- i. Multitasking and Multiprogramming. [4 marks]
 - ii. Batch processing and multiprocessor [4 marks]
- b) Distinguish between the following terms
- i. Critical sections and Race conditions [4 marks]
 - ii. Process and thread [4 marks]
- c) Discuss inter-Process Communication (IPC) [4marks]

QUESTION THREE [20 MARKS]

- a) Compare demand paging and segmentation? [4 marks]
- b) What are the three main purposes of an Operating System? [6 marks]
- c) List three examples of deadlocks that are not related to a computer system environment. [6 marks]
- d) List any FOUR reasons for termination of a process. [4 marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20 MARKS]

- a) Explain Virtual memory [2 marks]
- b) Compare paging and segmentation with respect to how much memory the address translation structures require to convert virtual addresses to physical addresses [4 marks]
- c) What is process synchronization? [4 marks]
- d) What is a CPU Scheduler? [4 marks]
- e) For the partitions of 100K, 500K, 200K, 300K and 600K (in-order) as shown in the figure below, place the processes of size 212K, 417K, 112K and 426K (in-order) according:
 - i. Best fit Algorithm [2marks]
 - ii. First fit algorithm [2marks]
 - iii. Worst fit algorithm [2marks]



QUESTION FIVE [20 MARKS]

- a) What are the FIVE major activities of an operating system in regard to process management? [4 marks]
- b) State four characteristics of a suspended process. [8 marks]
- c) Explain the following terms [8 marks]
 - i. Throughput
 - ii. Turnaround time
 - iii. Waiting time
 - iv. Response time