

MCA
(SEM IV) THEORY EXAMINATION 2017-18
ADVANCED COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt all Sections. If require any missing data; then choose suitably.

SECTION A

- 1. Attempt *all* questions in brief. **2 x 10 = 20****
- a. What do you mean by parallel processing?
 - b. Specify CPU performance equation.
 - c. Explain the concept behind pipelining.
 - d. What is ILP?
 - e. What is fine coarse multi-threading?
 - f. What do you mean by distributed memory?
 - g. What do you mean by prefix sums?
 - h. Define preorder traversal.
 - i. Define condition compilation.
 - j. What is sleep-wait protocol?

SECTION B

- 2. Attempt any *three* of the following: **10 x 3 = 30****
- a. Discuss various classifications of parallel processing mechanisms in uniprocessor computers.
 - b. Elaborate various types of hazards and indicate how each is controlled?
 - c. Write down parallel algorithms for SIMD matrix multiplication. Compare time complexities of SISD and SIMD matrix multiplication algorithms.
 - d. Devise a PRAM algorithm to sort a given array of an element using bubble sort.
 - e. Explain combined parallel work- sharing constructs.

SECTION C

- 3. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) Discuss static and dynamic dataflow architecture models.
 - (b) Elaborate Flynn's classification.
- 4. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) Discuss various advanced pipelined techniques.
 - (b) Discuss the superscalar and superpipelined processing. Also estimate the performance of superpipelined superscalar processor of degree (m, n).
- 5. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) Discuss the functional architecture of SIMD multi-processor systems.
 - (b) Explain array computers and pipeline computers.

6. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10**

- (a) Explain the Bidirectional Gaussian elimination for solving a set of linear algebraic equation.
- (b) Discuss various models of computation in PRAM model. Also explain how theoretically parallel algorithms are analysed.

7. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10**

- (a) Explain parallel execution environment routines.
- (b) Explain busy-wait versus sleep-wait protocols for sole access of a critical section associated with fast and efficient synchronization schemes on a shared memory multiprocessor.