

2013 (A)

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 70

Instructions :

- (i) The marks are indicated in the right-hand margin.
- (ii) There are **TEN** questions in this paper.
- (iii) Attempt any **FIVE** questions.

1. (a) Define operating system. What are the duties performed by an operating system?
(b) What are the main advantages of time sharing systems?
(c) What are system calls? Explain their importance. 6+4+4
2. (a) Differentiate between a file and a Directory. Justify for the need of file system.
(b) Explain the main features of general graph directory structure. 7+7

3. (a) What do you understand by deadlock? Discuss the methods to avoid deadlock in an operating system.
(b) Explain the working of resource allocation graph. 8+6
4. (a) What is the difference between physical and logical address space?
(b) What are semaphores? How can they be used to handle the process synchronization problem? 6+8
5. (a) What are the benefits of segmentation?
(b) Explain the segmentation technique with the help of a diagram. +10
6. (a) Explain the following terms :
(i) Turnaround time
(ii) Waiting time
(iii) Response time
(iv) Throughput
(b) Consider the following page replacement string :
7, 0, 1, 2, 0, 3, 0, 4, 2, 3, 0, 3, 2, 1,
2, 0, 1, 7, 0, 1
Find the number of page faults using the following algorithms for a memory of three frames :
(i) FIFO algorithm
(ii) LRU algorithm 4+10

7. (a) What do you understand by fragmentation? Explain the difference between external and internal fragmentations.
- (b) What is a thread? Explain the benefits of using threads. 7+7
8. (a) What do you understand by address binding? Explain the various address binding schemes.
- (b) Explain the importance of virtual memory. 8+6
9. (a) What do you understand by disk scheduling? Describe seek time and rotational latency.
- (b) Describe SCAN scheduling. How is C-SCAN different from SCAN? 6+8
10. Write short notes on (any three) : 14
- (a) Micro kernel
 - (b) Bankers Algorithm
 - (c) Process control block
 - (d) Paging
 - (e) Indexed allocation