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First Semester

Part III — Computer Science / Computer Applications /  
Information Technology / Computer Technology /  
Software System / Multimedia and Web Technology

**DIGITAL FUNDAMENTALS AND COMPUTER  
ARCHITECTURE**

Time : Three hours                            Maximum : 75 marks

Answer ALL questions.

SECTION A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Choose the Correct answer:

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ gate has two or more input signals but only output signal.  
(a) NAND                            (b) AND  
(c) OR                                (d) NOR

2. A full-adder is a combinational circuit that forms the arithmetic sum of \_\_\_\_\_ input bits.
- (a) Three                      (b) Six  
(c) Two                        (d) Four
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ map is a visual display of the fundamental products needed for a sum-of-products solution.
- (a) Associative                (b) Direct  
(c) Karnaugh                 (d) None of the above
4. A flip-flop is a binary cell capable of storing \_\_\_\_\_ bit of information.
- (a) One                         (b) Two  
(c) Four                        (d) Eight
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ command is used to test various status conditions in the interface and the peripheral.
- (a) Control                    (b) Status  
(c) I/O                         (d) Data output
6. Data transfer between an interface and an I / O device is commonly controlled by a set of \_\_\_\_\_ lines.
- (a) Data valid                 (b) Data accepted  
(c) Relay                        (d) Handshaking

7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a system that establishes a priority over the various sources to determine which condition is to be serviced first when two or more requests arrive simultaneously.

- (a) Priority Interrupt
- (b) Polling
- (c) Program Status Word
- (d) Vector Address

8. When the IOP terminates the execution of its program, it sends an \_\_\_\_\_ request to the CPU.

- (a) Information            (b) Active
- (c) Interval                (d) Interrupt

9. Devices that provide backup storage are called \_\_\_\_\_ memory.

- (a) Main                    (b) Auxiliary
- (c) Cache                  (d) Virtual

10. The part of the computer system that supervises the flow of information between auxiliary memory and main memory is called the \_\_\_\_\_ system.
- (a) Data management
  - (b) Information management
  - (c) Memory management
  - (d) I/O management

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

11. (a) Convert the following binary numbers to decimal: 101110; 110110100

Or

- (b) Write a note on Half Adder with suitable diagram.

12. (a) What is Karnaugh map? How do you simplify K map?

Or

- (b) Narrate about JK flip-flop.

13. (a) Write short notes on Input-Output Interface.

Or

- (b) Explain briefly about Strobe Control with appropriate sketch.

14. (a) Summarize about Priority Interrupt.

Or

(b) Make a note on Direct Memory Access (DMA)

15. (a) Briefly discuss about the importance of Main Memory.

Or

(b) What do you mean by cache memory? Explain.

SECTION C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

16. (a) Convert the hexadecimal number F3A7C2 to binary and octal.

Or

(b) Discuss about NAND and XOR gates with its truth table.

17. (a) Explain in detail about Product-of-Sums simplification with suitable example.

Or

(b) Elaborate about Multiplexers with neat diagram.

18. (a) Explain about I/O bus and Interface modules with suitable illustration.

Or

(b) With suitable diagram, discuss the concept of Handshaking.

19. (a) Describe about Daisy-chain priority interrupt with a neat sketch.

Or

(b) Explain in detail about CPU-IOP communication with suitable illustration.

20. (a) Give a detailed note on Memory Hierarchy.

Or

(b) Compare and contrast, Associative Mapping with Direct Mapping.

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