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Seventh Semester, B.E. - Electronics and Communication Engineering
Semester End Examination; Dec. - 2015
ARM Processor

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 100

Note: Answer any **FIVE** full questions, selecting at least **TWO** full questions from each **part**.

PART - A

- 1 a. Explain how ARM instruction set differs from the pure RISC definition in several ways that make the ARM instruction set suitable for embedded application. 7
- b. Describe the function of CPSR. 7
- c. With respect to different ARM processor explain the stages involved during pipeline. 6
- 2 a. Explain Barrel shifter. Mention any five shift operation. 7
- b. Explain the operation of stack operation in thumb state, with an example. 7
- c. What is the role of following instructions? 6
- i) SWP ii) SWI iii) STRB
- 3 a. Show that do – while loop is more efficient than for loop. 8
- b. What is pointer aliasing? With example explain how it is over come. 7
- c. What is the significance of Bit fields? 5
- 4 a. Write a ‘C’ program and corresponding ARM assembly code generated to print the square of the integers from 0 to 9. 10
- b. With example explain scheduling of load instructions. 10

PART - B

- 5 a. With an example explain saturated and rounded arithmetic. 10
- b. Write the algorithm and corresponding ‘C’ code to find square root of a 32 – bit unsigned integer by Newton Raphson iteration. 10
- 6 a. With a suitable diagram explain nested interrupt handler. 10
- b. Write a note on interrupt latency. 4
- c. How to enable and disable IRQ and FIQ interrupts? 6
- 7 a. What is boot loader? Explain different stages of firmware execution flow. 10
- b. With an example explain sand stone code structure. 10
- 8 a. Mention the different rules to protect memory regions. 5
- b. Explain the basic operation of cache controller. 5
- c. What is cache thrashing? How to reduce frequency trashing? 10