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Seventh Semester, B.E. - Computer Science and Engineering

Semester End Examination; Jan. / Feb. - 2021

Multi-Core Architecture and Parallel Programming

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 100

Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting ONE full question from each unit.

UNIT - I

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| 1 a. | Explain Amdahl's law applied to HT technology. | 7 |
| b. | Write a note on Gustafson's law. | 5 |
| c. | Discuss with a neat figure the flow of threads in an execution environment. | 8 |
| 2 a. | List the four types of problems to be addressed when multithreading is used in programs. | 4 |
| b. | Distinguish between runtime virtualization and system virtualization. | 8 |
| c. | Briefly describe about ILP. | 8 |

UNIT - II

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| 3 a. | Discuss the basic working steps of Floyd and Steinberg's algorithm and give the C-language implementation. | 8 |
| b. | Describe the different types of synchronization primitives. | 12 |
| 4 a. | What is a condition variable? Briefly describe the use of a condition variable for the producer-consumer problem. | 8 |
| b. | Discuss the various lock types. | 5 |
| c. | Explain message passing model. | 7 |

UNIT - III

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| 5 a. | What is pthread? Explain with an example, how to create and use threads with pthreads? | 10 |
| b. | With C / C# code, describe briefly waking two threads through a broadcast to condition variables in pthreads. | 10 |
| 6 a. | With a program in C# language, illustrate a simple creation of a thread in the Microsoft .NET framework. | 8 |
| b. | Explain user level threading package offered by windows called fibers. | 12 |

UNIT - IV

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| 7 a. | State the ways in which memory can be declared as private in OpenMP. Give examples. | 10 |
| b. | Write a short notes on the following: | |
| i) | Interleaving single thread and multithread execution | 10 |
| ii) | Protecting updates of shared variables | |

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- 8 a. Explain the task queuing executing model. 8
- b. List the factors that threaded application performance with OpenMP is largely depended upon. 4
- c. Describe the four most heavily used OpenMP library functions. 8

UNIT - V

- 9 a. Explain the different features of message passing interface. 6
- b. Describe briefly about topologies and embedding. 8
- c. Explain the six golden MPI functions. 6
- 10 a. Write a note on blocking Non-Buffered communication. 8
- b. Enlist the different MPI data types. 4
- c. Describe briefly about overlapping communication with computation. 8

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