



**P.E.S. College of Engineering, Mandya - 571 401**  
 (An Autonomous Institution affiliated to VTU, Belgaum)  
**Fifth Semester, B. E. - Computer Science and Engineering**  
**Semester End Examination; Dec. - 2015**  
**System Software**

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. | What is system software? Compare CISC and RISC machine architecture. | 6  |
| b.   | i) Registers   | 10   |
|      | ii) Instruction formats  |  |
|      | iii) Instruction set with reference to SIC/XE architecture.          |  |
| c.   | Write a SIC instructions to swap the values of ALPHA and BETA.       | 4  |
| 2 a. | Explain in detail SIC machine architecture.                          | 10   |
|      | b.   | Write SIC/XE assembly level program to exchange contents of two arrays elements. Assume that both arrays are having same length. |

**UNIT - II**

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| 3 a. | Explain any three machine independent feature of 2 pass SIC assembler with example.       | 10   |
| b.   | Write and explain the algorithm of pass – 1 assembler.                                    | 10   |
| 4 a. | Write the format for header record, list record, End record, define record, refer record. | 10   |
|      | b.  | Explain the following with respect to assembler design : |
|      | i) Expressions    ii) Symbol defining statements.   |  |

**UNIT - III**

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| 5 a. | Explain with an example, how the relocation is done using?                            | 10  |   |
|      | i) Bit mask    ii) Modification record.   |   |   |
| b.   | Explain how object program can be processed using linking loader and linkage editors. | 10  |   |
| 6 a. | Discuss boot strap loader with algorithm.   | 10  |   |
|      | b.  | Explain automatic library search with respect to loaders. | 6 |
|      | c.  | Write an algorithm for absolute loaders.                  | 4 |

**UNIT - IV**

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| 7 a. | What are the basic functions of macro processor? Explain the various data structures used in the implementation of one pass macro processor. | 10 |
| b.   | Discuss the following with an example each :   | 10 |
|      | i) Macro definition    ii) Macro invocation    iii) Macro expansion.   |    |

- 8 a. Explain the following with example : 10
  - i) Generation of unique labels    ii) Concatenation of macro parameter.
- b. Differentiate between macro and macro sub functions. 5
- c. Write a short note on ANSIC macro processing language. 5

**UNIT - V**

- 9 a. What are LEX and YACC tools? Explain. 10
  - b. With a YACC program to recognize the grammar  $\{a^n b^n \text{ where } n > 0\}$ . 10
- 10a. Explain shift/reduce parsing with example. 10
  - b. With a LEX program to count number of spaces, words, lines in a given input string. 10

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