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B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2012

Fourth Semester

Branch: Information Technology

IT 010 403—COMPUTER ORGANIZATION AND ARCHITECTURE (IT)

(Regular-2010 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Part A

Answer all questions. Each question carries 3 marks.

- 1. Explain functional components of a computer.
- 2. Discuss the importance of ALU and Control unit.
- 3. Differentiate SRAM with DRAM.
- 4. Discuss the importance of I/O ports.
- 5. What are issues of a deadlock? Explain.

 $(5 \times 3 = 15 \text{ marks})$

Part B

Answer all questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

- 6. Distinguish between autoincrement and autodecrement addressing mode.
- 7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of hardwired and microprogrammed control?
- 8. Briefly explain different address translation schemes.
- 9. Discuss the operation of any two output devices.
- 10. Write a short note on Interconnection Network.

 $(5 \times 5 = 25 \text{ marks})$

Part C

Answer either (a) or (b) section of each module. Each question carries 12 marks.

11. (a) Distinguish between RISC and CISC architecture.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on functional components of a computer.
- 12. (a) What is instruction hazard? Explain the methods for dealing with the instruction hazards.

Or

(b) What are the special registers in a typical computer? Explain their purposes in detail.

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13. (a) Briefly explain organization of a cache memory.

Or

- (b) Explain how the virtual address is converted into real address in a paged virtual memory system.
- 14. (a) Explain in detail about interrupt handling.

Or

- (b) Describe the functions of SCSI with a neat diagram.
- 15. (a) Discuss the design issues of pipeline architecture.

Or

(b) Explain the different issues of deadlock, and scheduling.

 $(5 \times 12 = 60 \text{ marks})$