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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

SCO 107: OPERATING SYSTEMS

DATE: 5/6/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Questions ONE and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss any two roles played by operating system while implementing the following functions associated with computer based systems.
 - i. Programs and subroutines loading (2 marks)
 - ii. Processor Management (2 marks)
 - iii. Main Memory Management (2 marks)
- b) Critically discuss any three reasons that would cause an executing process to terminate i.e. relinquish the CPU. (6 marks)
- c) Explain how priority scheduling algorithm deals with the problem of indefinite blocking process with lower priority. (2 marks)

- d) Suppose we have 4 processes that arrived in the order P3, P1, P4 and P2 and their burst times is as provided.

Process	Burst Time
P1	5
P2	8
P3	4
P4	1

Considering the First Come First Served (FCFS) scheduling algorithm,

- i. Draw the Gantt chart or the schedule (3 marks)
 - ii. Calculate the waiting time for each process (1 mark)
 - iii. Calculate the waiting time for the four processes (2 marks)
- e) While preventing deadlock from happening, explain how the hold and wait condition can be eliminated. (2 marks)
- f) With reference to variable partition, discuss any two techniques which can be employed by Operating System to handle external Fragmentation. (4 marks)
- g) Explain two ways through which one-time password can be implemented by systems. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) With the help of a diagram, explain the various process states. (8 marks)
- b) Operating system employs a number of strategies to determine where to place incoming process. Critically discuss any two memory placement strategies that can be employed to achieve this. (4 marks)
- c) Priority scheduling algorithm is both pre-emptive and non-preemptive. Explain how this is achieved. (4 marks)
- d) Explain any two queues associated with system processes. (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Suppose we have 4 processes with the following their burst times.

Process	Burst Time
P1	8
P2	9
P3	5
P4	2

Considering the round robin scheduling algorithm with a Quantum time of 3,

- Draw the Gantt chart for the schedule (3 marks)
 - Critically discuss any three conditions that must exist for a deadlock to hold (8 marks)
- b) Differentiate between contiguous and non-contiguous memory allocation. (4 marks)
- c) Explain any two limitations associated with Shortest Job First(SJF). (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Critically discuss any three types of operating systems that have been in existence since the emergence of the first generation computers. (6 marks)
- b) Suppose we have 5 jobs in the ready queue and their required CPU cycles are as follows:

Jobs	Arrival Time	CPU Cycles
A	0.0	5
B	1.1	2
C	1.3	4
D	1.5	2
E	2.0	4

Considering the Shortest Job First (SJF) scheduling algorithm,

- Draw the Gantt chart for the schedule. (4 marks)
- Calculate the average turn around for the five Jobs. (2 marks)

- c) Critically discuss the two major categories of scheduling algorithms giving an example for each. (4 marks)
- d) List any TWO program threats and TWO system Threats as used with Operating systems. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Critically discuss any three page replacement techniques used by operating system to determine which page needs to be allocated. (6 marks)
- b) Each process which is executing in a system is represented by operating system using the Process Control Block (PCB). Discuss three major contents found in the PCB and their role. (6 marks)
- c) Critically discuss how the Round Robin (RR) scheduling algorithm works. (8 marks)