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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

EED 312: MICROPROCESSOR SYSTEMS

DATE: 17/12/2021

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION 1 IN SECTION A AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B

SECTION A: ANSWER QUESTION 1 IN THIS SECTION

1.
 - (a) Draw a labeled block diagram of a typical digital microcomputer and explain the function of the main components. (9 marks)
 - (b) A certain microcomputer has a RAM semiconductor memory chip with 3072 words. Each word is 16 bits wide. Determine;
 - (i) Number of address lines
 - (ii) Capacity in kilobytes
 - (iii) Number of hexadecimal digits needed to state an address value. (6 marks)
 - (c) Explain the need of each of the following Intel 8085 microprocessor pins;
 - (i) ALE
 - (ii) INTR
 - (iii) HOLD (6 marks)
 - (d) Explain the meaning of the following assembly instructions and for each case state the addressing modes used;
 - (i) MOV B,C
 - (ii) STA 6000_H
 - (iii) MVI M,45H (9 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

2. (a) Explain the function of each of the following microprocessor registers.
- (i) Instruction Register
 - (ii) Program counter
 - (iii) Stack Pointer
 - (iv) Accumulator
- (8 marks)
- (b) Write an assembly language program for the following algorithm:
- move data 32H to register B
 - load register A with immediate value 96H
 - move data 1900H to register pair BC
 - transfer content of accumulator to memory address 2000h
 - move data in memory address 7000h to register C
 - move content of H and L to memory starting at address 8000h
 - exchange content of register pair DE to that of HL
 - transfer content of memory address 2000h and 2001h to register pair HL
 - move content of accumulator to register C
 - processor halt
- (12 marks)
3. (a) Table 1 shows Intel 8085 assembly program.
- (i) Draw the program trace table
 - (ii) Write its equivalent machine code program.
- (10 marks)

Table 1

Assembly Mnemonic
ORG 2000H
MVI B, 18H
MVI A, 12H
ADD B
LXI H, 3000H
MOV M, A
HLT

- (b) With an aid of a labeled block diagram explain how a prototype microprocessor is tested using In-Circuit Emulator.
- (10 marks)

4. (a) Describe FIVE software tools in the development of a microcomputer.(10 marks)
- (b) Determine the condition of the flags after each of the following CPU operations.
- (i) $B7_H + A2_H$
- (ii) $45_H - 37_H$. (10 marks)
5. (a) (i) Outline the sequence of events when a CPU receives an interrupt signal.
- (ii) Describe a non-maskable interrupt citing an example in Intel 8085 CPU. (8 marks)
- (b) Draw a labeled block diagram showing the connection of three devices to a microprocessor using the Daisy Chain prioritization method. Explain the working of your diagram. (12 marks)