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COMPUTER ORGANIZATION AND ARCHITECTURE PC-CS-307A

Time: Three Hours] [Maximum Marks: 75

Note: Attempt Five questions in all, selecting at least one question from each Unit. All questions carry equal marks.

Unit I

- (a) Describe the evolution of computer generations.
 Mention the key features of each generation.
 - (b) Explain the digital arithmetic algorithm for binary addition and subtraction. Illustrate with examples.
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- 2. (a) What are the various types of memory that comprise hierarchy and how do they differ in terms of speed, capacity and cost?
 - (b) What is cache memory? Explain its purpose and working mechanism.

Unit II

- 3. (a) Explain the common bus system in a computer. How does it help in connecting the computer's components?
 - (b) What is the role of timing and control in a computer system? Discuss the stages of the instruction cycle.
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- 4. (a) Compare hardwired control units and microprogrammed control units. Which is more efficient and why?
 - (b) Discuss the difference between horizontal and vertical microprogramming. Give examples of both types.

Unit III

- 5. (a) Describe the gen2eral register organization in CPU architecture. What are the advantages of using a general-purpose register set?
 - (b) Describe direct addressing mode. How does it differ from indirect addressing mode? Provide examples for both.

Discuss Flynn's taxonomy of computer architecture.
 Explain the differences between SISD, SIMD, MISD, and MIMD.

Unit IV

- 7. (a) Explain the process of CPU-IOP communication.

 How does this communication improve the efficiency of data transfer in a system?
 - (b) Explain, how are priority interrupts handled in a computer system?
- 8. Discuss the different modes of data transfer: Programmed I/O, interrupt-driven I/O and Direct Memory Access (DMA).

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