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**COURSE CODE: ECE 414**

**COURSE TITLE: MICROPROCESSORS**

**DATE: 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**TIME: 12: 00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.  
QUESTION ONE CARRIES 30 MARKS AND ALL OTHERS 20 MARKS EACH.

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### QUESTION ONE

(a) Explain briefly the following parts of a microcomputer.

- (i) Input devices [2marks]
- (ii) Memory [2marks]
- (iii) Output devices [2marks]
- (iv) Arithmetic logic unit [2marks]

(b) Explain the sequence of operations in an arithmetic logic unit [5marks]

(c) Explain the any THREE key features and supported applications of the 7<sup>th</sup> generation microprocessors. [6marks]

(d) Explain briefly the functions of the following special purpose registers

- (i) Program counter [2marks]
- (ii) Stack Pointer [2marks]
- (iii) Flags registers [3marks]

(e) Write instructions for the following operations [4marks]

- i. Move the content of DX register into SS register
- ii. Subtract immediately 1000 from memory with offset address 0100H
- iii. Compare 16-bit immediately available data (4567H) from the AX register
- iv. Multiply the content of AX by the content of CX

### QUESTION TWO

[20marks]

(a) Explain any THREE addressing techniques in an 8086 microprocessor.

[6marks]

(b) Using 8085 instruction set, write an assembly language program to perform the following operations [5marks]

- i. Transfer data from accumulator to Register B respectively
- ii. Load FFH in Register C
- iii. Load HL register pair by the data 8150H
- iv. Load the content of memory location 8100H in the accumulator
- v. Store the content of accumulator in 8001H location

(c) Explain briefly the functions of the following in an 8086 microprocessor

- i. Bus interface unit [3marks]
- ii. Execution unit [3marks]

(d) Determine the physical address of an 8086 microprocessor when CS = 5300H and IP = 0200H. Write the starting and ending address of the code segment. [3marks]

### QUESTION THREE

[20marks]

(a) Determine the addressing modes of the following instructions: [6marks]

- i. MOV CX, BX
- ii. MOV BX, 1234

- iii. MOV AX, [SI]
- iv. MOV [Offset Address], 2345
- v. MOV CX, [BX+SI]
- vi. MOV AX, [BX+SI+1234]

(b) Differentiate between the following

- i. Machine language and assembly language [2marks]
- ii. Compiler and interpreter [2marks]

(c) By giving two examples in each case, explain the following types of instructions of an 8086 microprocessor.

- i. Data transfer instructions [2marks]
- ii. Arithmetic instructions [2marks]
- iii. Branch instructions [2marks]
- iv. Loop instructions [2marks]
- v. Flag manipulation instructions [2marks]

#### QUESTION FOUR

[20marks]

(a) Using the 8086 instruction set, write instructions for the following operations [7marks]

- i. Copy a byte from the port address 03 to the AL register
- ii. Push the content of AX register on to the stack
- iii. Add 2345 to the contents of the AX register
- iv. Subtract the content of the AX register from the AX register
- v. Increment the contents of the CX register by one
- vi. Output the content of accumulator to port address 01
- vii. Divide AX by the content of memory location represented by BX

(b) Explain briefly the functions of the following system buses in an 8086 microprocessor

- i. Data bus [2marks]
- ii. Control bus [2marks]
- iii. Address bus [2marks]

(c) Differentiate between Maximum and Minimum modes of 8086 Microprocessor

[6marks]

#### QUESTION FIVE

(a) State ANY FOUR advantages of memory segmentation

[4marks]

(b) The contents of different registers are AX=1000H, BX=2000H, SI=3000H, DI=4000H, BP=5000H, SP=6000H, CS=8000H, DS=1000H, SS=2000H, IP=7000H. Determine the 16-bit effective addresses and 20-bit physical address for the following addressing modes. Assume

Offset (displacement) = 0500H

- i. Direct addressing [2marks]
- ii. Register indirect addressing [2marks]
- iii. Based Indexed addressing [2marks]
- iv. Based Indexed with displacement addressing [2marks]

(c) By giving ANY TWO examples in each, explain briefly the following registers of an 8086 microprocessor

- i. Data registers [4marks]
- ii. Pointer and Index registers [4marks]

