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Third Semester B.E. Degree Examination, January 2013
UNIX and Shell Programming

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

**Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting
at least TWO questions from each part.**

PART – A

- 1 a. With a neat diagram, explain the architecture of UNIX. (06 Marks)
- b. List and briefly explain the features of UNIX. (06 Marks)
- c. Describe the organization of man documentation and a typical man page. How do you direct man to use a specific pager, say, less. (08 Marks)
- 2 a. What is a file? Describe different types of files in UNIX. (07 Marks)
- b. Clearly bring out the command structure, usage and behavior (with respect to absolute and relative pathnames) of the following commands with suitable examples: i) mkdir; ii) rmdir. (06 Marks)
- c. Explain the significance of *ls-l* output. (07 Marks)
- 3 a. How do you use *chmod* command to change file permissions? Explain with illustrative examples. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain the two commands for changing file ownership. (04 Marks)
- c. With illustrative examples, explain the three modes used by *vi* editor. (10 Marks)
- 4 a. What activities are typically performed by the shell in its interpretive cycle? (04 Marks)
- b. With suitable examples, discuss how wild-cards can be used for pattern matching in UNIX. (07 Marks)
- c. Explain the importance of three special files for redirection. How UNIX commands can be grouped based on their use of the standard input and standard output? (09 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. Define a process. Explain the mechanism of process creation. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain the following environment variables:
i) PATH ; ii) CDPATH ; iii) PS1 ; iv) TERM. (04 Marks)
- c. Explain the significance of the directory permissions. (06 Marks)
- d. Explain the *pr* command with its different options. (04 Marks)
- 6 a. What are hard links and soft links? Explain the difference between them with suitable examples. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain various options of *grep* with examples. (08 Marks)
- c. Explain line addressing and context addressing, using *sed*, each with an example. (06 Marks)
- 7 a. What is the purpose of test statement? Explain three ways of using test statement. (07 Marks)
- b. Write a note on the “here” document. (04 Marks)
- c. With syntax and suitable example, describe how *awk* works. (04 Marks)
- d. State and brief any five (05) built-in functions in *awk*. (05 Marks)
- 8 a. Explain the following functions with suitable examples: i) Split; ii) Join; iii) Splice. (06 Marks)
- b. Write a perl script that adds the numbers specified as command-line arguments and displays the result. (06 Marks)
- c. Explain how file handling is managed in perl. Write a perl script to copy contents of a source file, “sample.in” to a destination file, “sample.out”. (08 Marks)