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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2014/Jan. 2015
UNIX System Programming

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

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

PART – A

- 1 a. What are POSIX standards? Explain different subsets of POSIX standards. Write a C or C++ program to check and display `_POSIX_VERSION`. (06 Marks)
- b. Write a C OR C++ program to check the following compile time limits, along with its minimum value. i) supplemental groups, ii) maximum number of links of a file, iii) number of simultaneous asynchronous I/O, iv) real time signals, v) maximum number of child processes. (08 Marks)
- c. List common set of APIs in UNIX system. Discuss the common characteristics of APIs along with their error status codes. (06 Marks)
- 2 a. Mention the different file types available in UNIX/ POSIX systems. (08 Marks)
- b. List out the common files of UNIX systems with their usage and general file attributes. (08 Marks)
- c. Differentiate between file stream pointer and file descriptor. (04 Marks)
- 3 a. Write the prototype and structure of APIs mentioned. Write a simple program for using these APIs. i) `utime` ii) `link`. (12 Marks)
- b. Describe the device file APIs along with a sample program. (08 Marks)
- 4 a. Outline the environment structure of a process and mention any FOUR environment variables. (06 Marks)
- b. Give reasons as to why shared libraries are better with an example. (06 Marks)
- c. Mention at least SIX resource limits and briefly explain the limits that they put on a process. (08 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. Explain various `exec` functions along with its prototypes and diagram that shows the relationships among them. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain the "system" function with its prototype. (04 Marks)
- c. Explain network login, with suitable diagram. (06 Marks)
- 6 a. Explain error handling for a Daemon process with a neat block diagram. Write the system library functions associated with error logging. (08 Marks)
- b. Write the timeline or program sequence of execution for `sigsetjmp` and `siglongjmp` handling. (08 Marks)
- c. Write the prototype of `ALARM` and `PAUSE` function and explain how they operate. (04 Marks)
- 7 a. Write the neat diagrammatic representation of a message queue with proper labeling. Write the data structure associated with message queue along with its elements detail. (08 Marks)
- b. Write the prototypes of system library calls available to manipulate shared memory and semaphores. (07 Marks)
- c. Write a simple C program to illustrate the concept of a co-process. (05 Marks)
- 8 a. Explain with a neat diagram, how `STREAM PIPES` can be used to implement client server model. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain `POPEN` and `PCLOSE` functions with prototypes and demonstrate its usage with a simple C program. (10 Marks)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and /or equations written eg, 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.