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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2019/Jan.2020

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. ANSI C supports function pointer to be used without dereferencing? Justify. (04 Marks)
 - b. Discuss how to ensure an user program conforming to POSIX standard. Also write the structure of a POSIX program. (06 Marks)
 - c. Write POSIX compliant C++ program to check the following runtime limits :
 - i) Max number of open files ii) max number of links iii) Max number of real time signals
 - iv) Max number of characters in the filename. (05 Marks)
 - d. What is an API? Explain the differences between API and library function. (05 Marks)
- 2
 - a. What are the file attributes? Some attributes are constant list them, also some are modifiable mention the commands and APIs used for the same. (08 Marks)
 - b. Discuss the differences between ln, ln -s and CP commands with suitable examples. (06 Marks)
 - c. Explain the differences between file stream pointer and file descriptor. (06 Marks)
- 3
 - a. Write a note on the following APIs : i) access ii) stat/fstat. (10 Marks)
 - b. Write C++ program to emulate UNIX CP command to copy the contents of an existing file ab.txt to the file b.txt. (04 Marks)
 - c. What are locks? How to set/get advisory locks in UNIX? Explain the API used for the same. (06 Marks)
- 4
 - a. What is an exit handler? How to set the exit handlers? Explain with an example. (06 Marks)
 - b. What is an Env list? Explain the APIs used for modifying the environment list. (08 Marks)
 - c. Discuss non-local goto statements in ANSI C with suitable example. (06 Marks)

PART – B

- 5
 - a. Explain the differences between fork() and exec() APIs. (06 Marks)
 - b. What is race condition? Write a program to avoid race condition, by allowing parent to execute first, also mention the different ways to avoid race condition. (08 Marks)
 - c. Write a note on process groups and session. (06 Marks)
- 6
 - a. What is signal mask? Explain also write a program using C++ to mask the signal SIGINT. (08 Marks)
 - b. What is a Interval timer? Explain briefly the different ways of setting the interval timers. (06 Marks)
 - c. With neat diagram explain the error logging facility. (06 Marks)
- 7
 - a. With suitable example explain popen() and pclose() functions. (08 Marks)
 - b. What is message queue? Explain the different APIs used for handling message queues. (09 Marks)
 - c. Explain the limitations of pipe. (03 Marks)
- 8
 - a. Explain the different APIs used for handling shared memory. (10 Marks)
 - b. Write a note on client-server connection functions. (06 Marks)
 - c. Explain stream pipes with suitable diagram. (04 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.