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Seventh Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2016

Storage Area Networks

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

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

PART – A

1.
 - a. What is a data center? Explain key characteristics of data center elements. (10 Marks)
 - b. Explain the various components of disk drive. (06 Marks)
 - c. Consider a disk I/O system in which an I/O request arrives at the rate of 80IOPS. The disk service time is 6 ms. Compute the following:
 - i) Utilization
 - ii) Response time
 - iii) Average queue size
 - iv) Time spent by a request in a queue. (04 Marks)
2.
 - a. Explain the various techniques on the basis of which RAID levels are defined. (09 Marks)
 - b. An application has 1000 heavy users at a peak of 2 IOPS each and 2000 typical users at a peak of 1 IOPS each, with a read/write ratio of 2:1. It is estimated that the application also experiences an overhead of 10 percent for other workloads. Calculate the IOPS requirement for RAID1, RAID5 and RAID6. (06 Marks)
 - c. With a neat diagram, differentiate between write through and write back cache. (05 Marks)
3.
 - a. Explain fibre channel with respect to protocol stack, zoning and login types. (10 Marks)
 - b. Write a note on SCSI-3 architecture. (10 Marks)
4.
 - a. What is NAS? Explain the benefits of NAS. (10 Marks)
 - b. Differentiate between Native and Bridged iSCSI connectivity. (06 Marks)
 - c. Write a note on iSCSI PDU. (04 Marks)

PART – B

5.
 - a. With neat diagrams, explain the concept of object storage and retrieval in CAS systems. (10 Marks)
 - b. What is storage virtualization? Differentiate between block level and file level virtualization with neat diagrams. (10 Marks)
6.
 - a. What is business continuity? Explain BC planning life cycle with a neat diagram. (10 Marks)
 - b. Explain the reasons for which backup is performed. (10 Marks)
7.
 - a. Describe the various storage array based local replication technologies. (10 Marks)
 - b. What is storage array based remote replication? Differentiate between synchronous and asynchronous replication mode in it. (10 Marks)
8.
 - a. Explain the four security attributes which are under threat. (04 Marks)
 - b. Write a note on risk triad. (06 Marks)
 - c. Describe the categories on the basis of which storage management is classified. (05 Marks)
 - d. Write a note on accessibility monitoring. (05 Marks)

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