



M.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: MAY 2018

(Regulation 2015)

Second Semester

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

P15CST202: Parallel and Distributed Systems

COURSE OUTCOMES

CO1: Apply parallel program design techniques

CO2: Explain how to access remote objects

CO3: Understand how to work in the distributed environment

CO4: Explain synchronization of distributed events using common global clocks

CO5: Outline the issues involved in distributed transactions

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Assertion (A): Monolithic and Microkernel are the key examples of kernel design CO4 [K₂]
Reason (R): Monolithic and Microkernel design differ primarily in the decision as to what functionality belongs in the kernel and what is to be left to server processes that can be dynamically loaded to run on top of it
 - a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - c) A is true but R is false
 - d) A is false but R is true
2. Which of the following is not a component of file service? CO3 [K₂]
 - a) Flat file service
 - b) Client module
 - c) Directory service
 - d) Server module
3. Which of the following characteristics of the network are hidden by the TCP stream abstraction? CO3 [K₂]
 - i. Message sizes
 - ii. Lost messages
 - iii. Flow control
 - iv. Error control
 - v. Message blocking

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| a) Recursive | b) Exploratory | | |
| c) Hybrid | d) Speculative | | |
9. ----- parameter is not of primary interest when it comes to processing and transporting multimedia streams CO5 [K₂]
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| a) Bandwidth | b) Latency |
| c) Loss rate | d) Scaling |
10. Under active replication, the sequence of events when a client requests an operation to be performed is CO5 [K₂]
1. Request 2. Agreement 3. Response 4. Coordination 5. Execution
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| a) 1-2-3-4-5 | b) 1-5-4-2-3 |
| c) 1-4-5-2-3 | d) 1-4-5-3-2 |

PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

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| 11. Compare fine-grained and coarse-grained granularity | CO1 [K ₂] |
| 12. Give an example for Hybrid decomposition | CO1 [K ₂] |
| 13. What are thin clients? | CO2 [K ₂] |
| 14. Compare synchronous and asynchronous distributed systems | CO2 [K ₂] |
| 15. Compare marshalling and unmarshalling of data | CO3 [K ₂] |
| 16. Name the participants in distributed event notification | CO3 [K ₂] |
| 17. What do you mean by Copy-on-write? | CO4 [K ₂] |
| 18. Compare external and internal synchronization of clocks | CO4 [K ₂] |
| 19. What do you mean by video-on-demand services? | CO5 [K ₂] |
| 20. What are the main tasks of a group membership service? | CO5 [K ₂] |

PART C (6 x 5 = 30 Marks)

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| 21. Describe about the Blocking buffered send/receive mechanism | CO1 [K ₂] |
| 22. Explain any one fundamental model of distributed systems briefly | CO2 [K ₂] |
| 23. List down the distributed file system requirements | CO3 [K ₂] |
| 24. Compare Monolithic kernel and Microkernel | CO4 [K ₂] |
| 25. Compare Flat and Nested transactions with an example | CO5 [K ₂] |
| 26. Describe about the various characteristics of the tasks that have influence on the suitability of a mapping scheme | CO1 [K ₂] |

Answer any FOUR Questions

PART D (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

27. (i) List down the challenges faced in the design of distributed systems. (3) CO2 [K₂]
(ii) Prepare a multicast program using JAVA APIs where TCP is used for connection establishment, and UDP for data transfer among a group of 10 users. Priority should be allotted to any user who communicates within 3 minutes of getting connected. Assign a clock to check if a user joins the group, and remove users who do not communicate within 3 minutes of joining. (7) CO2 [K₃]
28. Illustrate the design issues and implementation of RMI (10) CO3 [K₂]
29. (i) Write and explain the Ricart and Agrawala's algorithm for implementing mutual exclusion with an example compare it with Maekawa voting algorithm. (8) CO4 [K₂]
(ii) Name the core OS components. (2) CO4 [K₂]
30. What do you mean by phantom dead lock? Describe about the edge-chasing algorithm for distributed deadlock detection. (10) CO5 [K₂]
31. Describe about Data decomposition with examples. (10) CO1 [K₂]
