

QUESTION 1.

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- 3 (a) The 245th page frame from the start of memory
// the 245th page frame from some base address

(b) Flash memory // magnetic disk // hard drive

(c) (i) Time of entry (NOT time in memory)

[1]

(ii)

Page	Presence Flag	Page frame address	Additional data
4	1	542	12:07:34:49

[1 + 1 + 1]

(iii) Number of times the page has been accessed

[1]

(iv)

Page	Presence Flag	Page frame address	Additional data
3	1	132	0

[1 + 1 + 1]

Accept only zero for 'additional data'

(d) For example:

Longest resident: page in for lengthy period of time may be being accessed often
... so not a good candidate for being removed

[1]

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so likely to be a candidate for immediately being swapped out

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- 3 (a) The page is present in memory
Loaded at / stored / present in page frame 542 // its memory address is 542

- (b) (i) Next instruction is first instruction in Page 6
Page 6 is not present in memory
Instruction can only be executed if present in memory
Program cannot continue until Page 6 is loaded

[1]
[1]
[1]

[Max 2]

- (ii) When there is an attempt to load an instruction for a page not in memory
A page fault occurs // Page 5 finishes ...
this generates an interrupt
ISR code is executed
Causes the OS to load page 6 into memory

[1]
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[Max 3]

- (c) (i) Time of entry (NOT time in memory)

[1]

(ii)

Page	Presence Flag	Page frame address	Additional data
6	1	221	12:07:34:49

[1 + 1 + 1]

- (iii) When the procedure call is made – Page 1 is swapped out and Page 3 is swapped in [1]
At the end of the procedure call – Page 3 is swapped out and Page 1 is swapped in [1]
Page 1/3 is always in memory shortest amount of time [1]
The entire sequence is repeated for every iteration [1]

[Max 3]

- (iv) Thrashing // continually swapping pages

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QUESTION 4.



Question	Answer		
6(a)(i)	Control system		
6(a)(ii)	Use of actuators means that the system is controlling		
6(b)	System wastes processor time checking for values that are not changing Some sensor input needs to be acted upon immediately	1 1	2
6(c)(i)	Interrupts need to be disabled so that the process of dealing with an interrupt is itself not interrupted		1
6(c)(ii)	After handling the interrupt interrupts need to be enabled so that further interrupts can be dealt with		1
6(c)(iii)	Content of <u>registers</u> Placed on stack	1 1	2
6(c)(iv)	Changing sensor value dealt with as soon as it happens Processor needs to check sensor only when an <u>interrupt occurs</u>	1 1	2
6(c)(v)	AND #B00000001000000000 // AND #0200 // AND #512 Op code Operand	1 1	2

QUESTION 5.



Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	1 mark per bullet point: • Running process is halted • Process moves to blocked state	2



Question	Answer	
5(a)(ii)	1 mark per bullet point max 2: • Running process is halted // another process has use of the processor • Process moves to ready state • ... Until next time slice allocated	
5(b)(i)	1 mark per bullet point: • Current process no longer running // processor is available • Process was at the head of the ready queue // process has highest priority	2
5(b)(ii)	1 mark per bullet point: • The only • Required resource becomes available // event is complete	2
5(c)	1 mark per bullet point to max 3: • to allow multiprogramming • to give each process a fair share of the CPU time • to allow all processes to complete in a reasonable amount of time • to allow highest priority jobs to be executed first • to keep the CPU busy all the time • to service the largest possible number of jobs in a given amount of time • to minimize the amount of time users must wait for their results • to maximise the use of peripherals	3

QUESTION 6.



	• Dictionary	
6(a)	1 mark per bullet point Page: • Virtual Memory is divided into blocks of a fixed size Page frame: • the main memory is divided into page frames of the same size as a page Page table: • the Page (Map) table shows the mapping of pages to page frames	3



Question	Answer	
6(b)	1 mark per bullet point to max 3 • To allow multiprogramming / multitasking to take place • To ensure fair usage of the processor • To ensure fair usage of peripherals • To ensure fair usage of memory • To ensure higher priority tasks are executed sooner • To ensure all processes have the opportunity to finish	
6(c)	A signal from a software source or hardware device seeking the attention of the processor	1
6(d)	1 mark per bullet point in the order given • JOB32 • JOB42 • JOB42	3

QUESTION 7.



Question	Answer	
4(a)	1 mark per bullet point to max 2 • Disk / secondary storage is used to extend the RAM / memory available • ... so CPU can access more memory space than available RAM • Only part of program / data in use needs to be in RAM • Data is swapped between RAM and disk	
4(b)(i)	1 mark per bullet point to max 4 • Divide memory / RAM into frames • Divide virtual memory into blocks of same size called pages • Frames / pages are a fixed size • Set up a page table to translate logical to physical addresses • Keep track of all free frames • Swap pages in memory with new pages from disk when needed	4
4(b)(ii)	First-in-first-out // least-recently-used page // least-used-page	1
4(b)(iii)	1 mark per bullet point to max 2 • Pages are required back in RAM as soon as they are moved to disk • There is continuous swapping (of the same pages) • No useful processing happens // deadlock • ... (because) pages that are in RAM and on disk are inter-dependent • ... (nearly) all processing time is used for swapping pages	2