MCA (Revised)

Term-End Examination

December, 2021

MCSE-011 : PARALLEL COMPUTING

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note: Question no. 1 is compulsory. Attempt any three questions from the rest.

| 1. | (a) | Briefly discuss the following levels of |
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| | | parallel processing. Give suitable examples |
| | | for each. $4 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 10$ |
| | | (i) Instruction level |
| | | (ii) Loop level |
| | | (iii) Procedure level |
| | | (iv) Program level |
| | (b) | Explain Flynn's classification of computers |
| | | in detail, with diagrams. 10 |
| | (c) | Explain the concept of Permutation |
| | | network. Give suitable example. 10 |
| | (d) | Discuss the term 'pipeline processing'. How do Instruction pipelines differ from |
| | | Arithmetic pipelines ? 10 |
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- 2. (a) What are superscalar processors ? Briefly discuss the problems of superscalar architecture. How do VLIW architectures solve the problem of superscalar architectures ?
 - (b) Write the Bitonic Sort algorithm to sort a bitonic sequence. Apply the algorithm to sort the unsorted list given below : 10 {3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 20, 95, 90, 60, 40, 35, 23, 18, 0}

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- **3.** (a) Explain Gustafson's Law with suitable example. 10
 - (b) Compare Grid computing and Cluster computing. 10
- 4. (a) What is a Parallel Virtual Machine (PVM)? Explain the steps for compiling and running the PVM program. 10
 - (b) What is grain size ? What are the different categories of grain size ? How do we classify Parallelism on the basis of grain size ?
- **5.** Write short notes on the following : $4 \times 5 = 20$
 - (a) Hyper Cube
 - (b) PRAM
 - (c) Shared Memory Programming
 - (d) Handler's Classification

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