

**B.Tech. – VIEP – COMPUTER SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING (BTCSVI)**

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Term-End Examination

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**BICS-026 : UNIX INTERNALS AND SHELL
PROGRAMMING**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : *Attempt any seven questions. Each question carries equal marks.*

1. Discuss the characteristics of the UNIX operating system. Draw the architecture of UNIX system and describe each layer. 4+6

2. How are the blocks of file system organised in four categories ? Explain each of them. What are the different ways of setting file permission ? Explain. 5+5

3. Explain the following : 5+5
 - (a) Why is UNIX more portable than any other operating system ?
 - (b) "UNIX views everything in the form of file." Justify this statement with example.

4. What is a process ? Explain how a process is created using the three primitives : fork, exec and wait. 10

5. List the sequence of events that occur when one turns on the computer. Give the syntax and uses of the following utilities : 4+6
- (a) df
 - (b) cron
 - (c) mkfs
6. Write short notes on the following : 5+5
- (a) Shell and environmental variables
 - (b) Shells in UNIX
7. Write a shell program which displays the number of occurrences of string2 in string1. 10
8. Write following shell scripts : 5+5
- (a) Write a shell script that accepts the file name on the command line if the file is readable, then counts the number of lines, words and characters in this file.
 - (b) Write a shell script to reverse a number.
9. Discuss the following IPC (Inter Process Communication) mechanisms : 5+5
- (a) Message Passing
 - (b) Pipes (both named and unnamed)
10. What do you mean by a 'Daemon' ? Explain the function of INIT daemon. How will you kill a daemon ? 10
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