

CE1-R3: ADVANCED COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE

NOTE:

1. Answer question 1 and any FOUR questions from 2 to 7.
2. Parts of the same question should be answered together and in the same sequence.

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 100

1.

- a) What are the limitations of Instruction-level parallelism (ILP)? Also explain the design challenges of Pipeline processors.
- b) Explain the basic concept of CPU machine instruction and its types.
- c) Write short-note on Multiport Memory.
- d) What is significance of Virtual Memory in advance computer architecture?
- e) State the advantages and disadvantages of shared versus memory mapped I/O.
- f) How the performance of the processors is improved by using the Superscalar architectures?
- g) Explain the types of system performance factors in a parallel architecture.

(7x4)

2.

- a) In the pipeline organization, it is difficult to keep a large pipeline at maximum rate because of the pipeline hazards. Explain Control Hazards in pipeline hazards by taking suitable program.
- b) Explain the Flynn's classification for Computer Architectures based on the nature of the instruction flow executed by the computer with diagram.

(9+9)

3.

- a) Explain the basic terms related to Bus Protocols. Give reason for increasing bus bandwidth of Input/Output devices.
- b) Discuss the limitation factor of parallel execution by taking simple example.

(9+9)

4.

- a) What is a pipeline bubble? Deduce what is in a pipeline stage that is "executing" a bubble?
- b) What are the properties of the Vector Processors? Explain each component of Vector-Register Processors with diagram.

(8+10)

5.

- a) What is the need of VLIW architecture? Also compare its properties with Explicitly Parallel Instruction Computing (EPIC) model.
- b) In Program parallelism, what are the different issues of scheduling?
- c) How Cache memory performance is analyzed in advance processor architecture.

(6+5+7)

6.

- a) Give classification criteria for interconnection networks (INs).
- b) Explain Multiple-Instruction Multiple-Data streams (MIMD) parallel architectures model with diagram.

(8+10)

7.

- a) State network properties with respect to system architectures. Explain Dynamic Networks Bus Systems in detail.
- b) Vectorizing compilers generally detect loops that can be executed on a pipelined vector computer. Are the vectorization algorithms used by vectorizing compilers suitable for MIMD machine parallelization?
- c) What is meant by Cache-Coherency? Explain with the help of a suitable example.

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