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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2016
UNIX Systems Programming

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

**Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, selecting
atleast TWO questions from each part.**

PART – A

- 1 a. Compare and explain : ANSI C and K and R C with examples. (08 Marks)
 b. List and explain feature test macros in POSIX systems. (08 Marks)
 c. Compare : execution of an API with execution of C library function. Also list any four error status codes with their meaning. (04 Marks)
- 2 a. What is file? Explain types of files with command examples. (06 Marks)
 b. Explain UNIX Kernel support for files with a neat sketch. (08 Marks)
 c. Write any three differences between :
 i) Hard links and soft links ii) C steam pointer and file descriptor. (06 Marks)
- 3 a. Explain file and record locking with C/C++ program. (08 Marks)
 b. Explain the following API's with their prototypes :
 i) open ii) read iii) write iv) close. (08 Marks)
 c. Write a C/C++ program to rename a file [use mv command /link and unlink APIs]. (04 Marks)
- 4 a. With a neat diagram, explain about termination ways for a process. Also write a C/C++ programs to display :
 i) Command line arguments ii) Environment variables. (10 Marks)
 b. Explain setjmp and longjmp functions with their prototypes. (06 Marks)
 c. With neat sketch, explain memory structure/ layout of a C/C++ program that is to be executed. (04 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. What is race condition? Mention and explain routines to avoid race condition. (06 Marks)
 b. Explain the following :
 i) orphaned process ii) zombie process iii) terminal login iv) network login. (10 Marks)
 c. Explain : i) process group ii) session. (04 Marks)
- 6 a. What is daemon? Explain characteristics and coding rules. (10 Marks)
 b. Write a C/C++ program to show the use of alarm API. (06 Marks)
 c. Define and explain : i) SIGCHLD signal ii) waitpid function. (04 Marks)
- 7 a. What is inter-process communication? List any 4 mechanisms (IPC). Also write a C/C++ program that creates a child process to print a message. (08 Marks)
 b. Write a C/C++ program(s) to implement inter-process communication using FIFO file. (06 Marks)
 c. Explain briefly with examples : i) Message queues ii) semaphores. (06 Marks)
- 8 a. Explain shared memory as an inter-process mechanism (IPC). (08 Marks)
 b. What are steam pipes? Explain passing of file descriptors. (06 Marks)
 c. Briefly explain client-server functions. (06 Marks)