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**GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**ME - SEMESTER- • EXAMINATION – WINTER 2014**

**Subject Code: 3715302**

**Date:07/01/2015**

**Subject Name: OS Programming**

**Time:02:30 pm to 05:00 pm**

**Total Marks: 70**

**Instructions:**

- 1. Attempt all questions.**
- 2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.**
- 3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.**

- Q.1 (a)** Explain the various states of a process with a suitable diagram of process life cycle. **07**  
**(b)** Explain the significance of context switching. List out the reasons for context switching with brief description. **07**
- Q.2 (a)** Write a short note on scheduling in Linux operating system. **07**  
**(b)** Write a short note on fork, waitpid system calls with an example of child process creation. **07**
- OR**
- Q.2 (a)** List out the various subsystems of an operating system with brief listing of services under each subsystem. **07**  
**(b)** What are system calls? Explain the flow of invoking and handling a system call in brief. **07**
- Q.3 (a)** Explain the problem of race conditions with suitable examples. **07**  
**(b)** What is a semaphore? Explain how semaphores can be used to achieve mutual exclusion with an example. **07**
- OR**
- Q.3 (a)** Differentiate between mutex and semaphore? Explain the usage of pthread API for mutex handling. **07**  
**(b)** List out the steps in writing a shell script with an example of checking type of triangle. **07**
- Q.4 (a)** Explain the occurrence of a deadlock with a suitable example. Explain any one technique for preventing deadlocks. **07**  
**(b)** What is paging? Explain the flow of logical to physical address mapping with the help of page tables. **07**
- OR**
- Q.4 (a)** What is a page fault? Explain the steps in handling a page fault exception in detail. **07**  
**(b)** Explain the following terminology in brief **07**  
i) fragmentation ii) thrashing iii) demand paging
- Q.5 (a)** List out and explain the system calls used for basic file handling. **07**  
**(b)** List out various types of files recognized by an unix/linux based file system with a brief description **07**
- OR**
- Q.5 (a)** Explain the significance of an inode in a file system. Write a short note on lstat system call with brief usage. **07**  
**(b)** Explain the usage of named, unnamed pipes in inter process communication. **07**

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