

**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? **07**  
Explain the usage of pthread API for mutex handling.  
(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. **07**  
Explain any one technique for preventing deadlocks.  
(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. **07**  
Write a short note on lstat system call with brief usage.  
(b) Explain the usage of named, unnamed pipes in inter process communication. **07**

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