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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**SIXTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION(R&S), MAY 2019**

**Course Code: AE308**

**Course Name: ADVANCED MICROPROCESSORS**

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

**PART A**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.*

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| 1 | a) Define and differentiate CISC and RISC. Give examples to each.  | (7) |
|   | b) Describe the evolution of ARM processors from Acorn RISC Machine to Advanced RISC Machine                           | (5) |
|   | c) What is the significance of letter 'T' in ARM7TDMI? Explain the features.   | (3) |
| 2 | a) What are the physical features that have driven the design of ARM processor?  | (3) |
|   | b) What are the privileged and un-privileged modes possible in ARM processor? Explain each mode with its significance. | (6) |
|   | c) Explain the core extensions found with the ARM core?  | (6) |
| 3 | a) Compare ARM Processor family  | (4) |
|   | b) What are the features that make the ARM instruction set different from the pure RISC definition?                    | (4) |
|   | c) Draw and explain the complete ARM register set.   | (7) |

**PART B**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.*

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| 4 | a) Write an ALP for swapping register contents.                                    | (7) |
|   | b) What are assembler directives AREA, RN and EQU? Give their syntax and examples. | (5) |
|   | c) What is the need for multiply long instructions in ARM, How it works?           | (2) |
| 5 | a) Let   | (5) |
|   | $r0 = 0x00000000$  |     |
|   | $r1 = 0x00009000$  |     |
|   | $mem32[0x00009000] = 0x01010101$   |     |
|   | $mem32[0x00009004] = 0x02020202$   |     |

Identify the index method and show the contents of r0 and r1 in each of the following.

- i. LDR r0, [r1, #4]
  - ii. LDR r0, [r1, #4] !
  - iii. LDR r0, [r1], #4
- b) Explain the basic data types in C (5)
- c) What are the program status register instructions? Give an example that enables IRQ interrupts. (6)
- 6 a) Write a C program for general purpose I/O. (10)
- b) How can we arrange a structure efficiently in a C program? (4)
- c) What is mean by loop unrolling? (1)

### PART C

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 20 marks.*

- 7 a) Explain the memory management unit of ARM. (12)
- b) Both the software interrupt and undefined instruction exceptions have the same priority. Why? (3)
- c) Draw the diagram that maps each exception with its corresponding mode. (5)
- 8 a) Draw the typical ARM based microcontroller and explain the significance of AMBA bus. (15)
- b) What is the significance of translation table base address? How it is obtained? (2)
- c) What is TLB? Explain its function. (3)
- 9 a) What are the different types of page tables? Give their features. (6)
- b) Draw and explain the page table walk that used for converting a 1MB page to a corresponding page frame. (6)
- c) What is the key function of FCSE? How it works? (8)

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