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Seventh Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2019/Jan.2020 UNIX System Programming

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.

Module-1

- List the differences between ANSI C and K&R(K & R)C. Discuss any two differences in detail. (08 Marks)
- What is the necessity of `sysconf()`, `pathconf()` and `fpathconf()` functions? Write a C/C++ programme to illustrate the same. (08 Marks)

OR

- What is error status code? List and explain the meaning of any 4 error status codes. (06 Marks)
 - List the common functions performed by UNIX APIs. (04 Marks)
 - Write a C program to illustrate the following using C preprocessor symbols.
 - to check whether the compiler is ANSI C compliant
 - to get the physical line number of a source file
 - to get file name
 - to get date and time. (06 Marks)

Module-2

- List any four differences between hardlink and soft link (symbolic link). (04 Marks)
 - Find the actual file permission if `open()` is called to create a file `/usr/names.txt`. Assume default file permission is 0666 and umask of the calling process is : `umask(S_IWOTHIS — IXOTH IS IWGRP)`. (04 Marks)
 - Discuss the working of 'seek' system call. Explain all the parameters in detail. (08 Marks)

OR

- Discuss how 'link' and 'unlink' system calls can be used to implement 'my' command in UNIX. (06 Marks)
 - Using suitable diagram show the process's FDT (File Descriptor Table), FT (File Table) IT (Inode Table) contents after the operation : "A process has opened 3 files — 'xyz' for read only, 'abc' for read write and 'abc' again for write only". Discuss the same in detail. (10 Marks)

Module-3

- Discuss how a C program is started and terminated in various ways along with suitable diagram. (10 Marks)
 - Write a C program to avoid Zombie process by forking twice. (06 Marks)

OR

- What is the use of 'setjmp' and 'longjmp' function? Write a C program to illustrate the same. (08 Marks)
 - What is Job control? List the 3 forms of support needed for Job control. (05 Marks)
 - Compare 'fork' and 'vfork' system call. (03 Marks)

Module-4

- 7 a. Define signal. Categorize the ways in which a process can handle the signals. (05 Marks)
b. Discuss the working of 'sigprocmask' API. Explain all the parameters in detail. (08 Marks)
c. Mention any 3 Daemon characteristics. (03 Marks)

OR

- 8 a. Write a C program that checks whether SIGINT signal is present in a process signal mask and adds it to the mask if it is not there. It should clear SIGSEGV signal from the process signal mask. (08 Marks)
b. Discuss how error logging is done by a Daemon process with suitable diagram. (08 Marks)

Module-5

- 9 a. Define IPC. List the IPC types supported in UNIX system. (05 Marks)
b. How to create a pipe in UNIX programming? List the limitations of pipe. (04 Marks)
c. Develop a code snippet that the parent sends "Hello world" message to the child process through the pipe. The child on receiving this message should display it on standard output. (07 Marks)

OR

- 10 a. Illustrate how FIFO is useful in client server communication. (08 Marks)
b. Define message queue. Discuss how it is useful in inter-process communication. (08 Marks)

