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ADVANCED OPERATING SYSTEMS

(DIGITAL SYSTEMS & COMPUTER ELECTRONICS)

Time: 3hours

Max. Marks: 60

Answer any five questions
All questions carry equal marks

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1. Describe briefly the UNIX architecture explaining the role played by the Kernel and shell in sharing the work load. [12]
2. Create a file friend. How do you assign permissions to the owner and remove all permissions from others using
 - i) Symbolic assignment
 - ii) absolute assignment
 Do you need to make any assumptions about friend's default permissions? [12]
3.
 - a) Explain the difference between system calls and library functions. What happens in the CPU when a system call is involved?
 - b) What is a file descriptor and what is it used for? Name the system calls that call that use a file descriptor. [12]
4.
 - a) Explain Pipes in detail. Give relevant diagrams to explain
 - i) Pipes in a single process.
 - ii) Pipes between three processes in a shell pipe line. [12]
 - b) Explain the rules for reading and writing a pipe.
5. Compare the use of UNIX domain stream sockets and message queues. If you had to write a server to handle multiple client requests on a single host, which would you use and why. [12]
6. Explain the criteria for the design of any operating system in general.
7. In Linux, shared libraries perform many operations central to the operating systems. What is the advantage of keeping this functionality out of the Kernel? Are there any drawbacks? Explain your answer. [12]
8. Explain in detail, the three main bodies of code that Linux system is composed of
 - a) Kernel
 - b) System libraries
 - c) System utilities [12]
