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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER  
SCIENCE

COSC 0120: OPERATING SYSTEMS

STREAMS: DIP COMP SCI Y1S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 07/07/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer all in question **ONE** and **TWO** other questions
- Do not write anything on the question paper
- This is a **closed book exam**, no reference materials are allowed in the examination room
- There will be **NO** use of mobile phones or any other unauthorized materials
- Write your answers legibly and use your time wisely.

**SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTION IN THIS SECTION**

**Question one (30 marks)**

1. Define the Following Terms:

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|---|-----------|
| i. Operating System   | [2 marks] |
| ii. Paging  | [2 marks] |
| iii. Fragmentation in Memory  | [2 marks] |
| 2. Explain the Process Life Cycle of A Program                              | [5 marks] |
| 3. List Any Four Important Functions of a standard Operating System in PCs. | [4 marks] |
| 4. List and Explain Three advantages of multiprogramming                    | [6 marks] |
| 5. What is the Difference between a Job and a Process?                      | [2 marks] |

6. List and Explain AnyTWOwell-knownprogramme Threats to modern Operating Systems?

[4marks]

7. List Any THREE File Access Mechanisms you know.

[3 marks]

## **SECTION B (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS ONLY)**

### **Question TWO (20 marks)**

a. Give THREE reasons why Ubuntu is considered to be safe and not affected by viruses compared to Window Operating Systems. [6 marks]

b. LIST and Describe the THREE Primary components of LINUX Operating System.[6 marks]

c. What is the Banker's algorithm? Demonstrate how the Banker's algorithm solves deadlocks? [8 marks]

### **QUESTION THREE (20 marks)**

a. Provide FOUR situations/scenarios where, an OS decides an entire programme does not need to be fully loaded to main memory [8 marks]

b. List FOUR ATTRIBUTES of A PROCESS and THREAD [6marks]

c. Draw a diagram that shows the **MANY-TO-MANY** threading model where 5 user level threads are multiplexing with 5 kernel level threads [6 marks]

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)**

a. State and explain FIVE the differences between paging and segmentation [10 marks]

b. Explain the following allocation algorithms [10 marks]

i.First Fit

ii. Best fit

iii. Worst fit

iv. Buddy's system

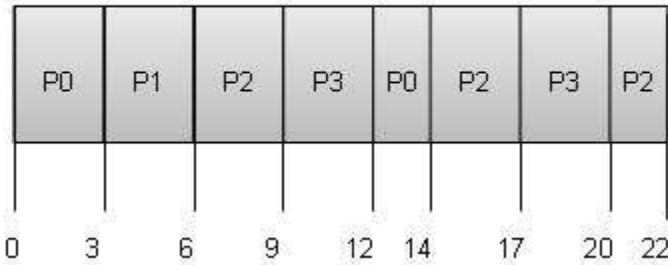
v. Next fit

**QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)**

a. The following are a list of jobs to be scheduled, using Round Robin scheduling, calculate the Wait time of each process and average wait time [10 marks]

NB:

Quantum = 3



b. List five differences between the Network Operating System and Distributed Operating System [10 marks]

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