

## ALCCS

Time: 3 Hours

**FEBRUARY 2014**

Max. Marks: 100

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**NOTE:**

- Question 1 is compulsory and carries 28 marks. Answer any FOUR questions from the rest. Marks are indicated against each question.
- Parts of a question should be answered at the same place.

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- Q.1** a. Explain any four characteristics of embedded systems. (7×4)
- b. Describe the functioning of microcontroller.
- c. Discuss the features of write ability and storage performance of memory.
- d. Explain the process of A/D and D/A converters.
- e. Explain concurrent process model. Give an example with illustration.
- f. Explain the role of debuggers and emulators in embedded systems.
- g. Give the advantages of networked embedded systems.
- Q.2** a. Discuss the functioning of Application-Specific Instruction-Set Processors (ASIPs) and Digital Signal Processors (DSPs) in embedded systems. (6)
- b. Describe the basic architecture of general-purpose processor. Explain the features of data sub-system and control sub-system. (6)
- c. Explain the features of System-on-Chip (SoC) and give the relevant block diagram. (6)
- Q.3** a. Compare the characteristic features of ROM, Mask-Programmed ROM and One-Time Programmable ROM. (6)
- b. Explain the features of the following: (6)
- (i) Memory hierarchy
- (ii) Cache-Replacement Policy
- (iii) Processor and memory interface

- c. Draw the architecture of DRAM. Mention various types of DRAMs and give their respective features. (6)
- Q.4** a. Compare the strobe and handshake control protocols used in interfacing. Draw the respective waveforms. (6)
- b. Explain interrupt driven I/O for the following: (6)
- (i) Fixed ISR location
  - (ii) Vectored interrupt
- c. Explain briefly the process of parallel communication and serial communication in embedded systems. (6)
- Q.5** a. Explain how the program optimization improves the performance of embedded system. (6)
- b. Explain the features of Real-Time Operating Systems (RTOS) in detail. (6)
- c. Explain any three interprocess communication methods used in embedded system design. (6)
- Q.6** a. Describe the features of the following wired protocols used in embedded systems: (9)
- (i) I<sup>2</sup>C
  - (ii) Controller Area Network (CAN)
  - (iii) PCI bus protocols
- b. Describe the features of the following wireless protocols used in embedded systems: (9)
- (i) IrDA
  - (ii) Bluetooth
  - (iii) IEEE 802.11
- Q.7** a. Explain the design development tools used in embedded systems. (6)
- b. Write short notes from any **FOUR** of the following. (4×3)
- (i) Performance design metrics in embedded system
  - (ii) Power management in embedded system
  - (iii) Fault tolerance in embedded system
  - (iv) Process control applications of embedded system
  - (v) Multimedia applications of embedded system