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EXAMINATIONS

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**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
COMPUTER SCIENCE**

COURSE CODE: COMP 321

COURSE TITLE: UNIX AND C PROGRAMMING

STREAM: Y3S2

DAY: TUESDAY

TIME: 8.30 - 10.30 A.M.

DATE: 16/12/2008

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **question one** and **any** other **two** questions

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Question One: (30 Marks)

- a) Explain the importance of using the shell as a programming language. [3 Marks]
- b) Differentiate between the following redirection operations. [3 Marks]
 - i. \$ Command>filename
 - ii. \$ Command<filename
- c) Describe the architecture of a UNIX OS. [7 Marks]
- d) Differentiate between the following commands: [4 Marks]
 - i) Umount and Mount
 - ii) talk and write
- e) Write a program in C language using the FOR loop to calculate the average of the numbers stored in an array. The function takes the array and number of elements as arguments. [5 Marks]
- f) Illustrate the basic vi- editor text deletion commands in Unix. [5 Marks]
- g) Define a shell script, together with its syntax and an example. [3 Marks]

Question Two: (20 Marks)

- a) Shell scripting is a core issue in UNIX operating system. Discuss its importance. [5 Marks]
- b) Differentiate between the following terms.
 - i) Hard links and Symbolic links. [2 Marks]
 - ii) Absolute pathname and relative pathname. [3 Marks]
- c) State and explain the factors that are considered when designing an operating system [4 Marks]
- d) Write a program in C that will enable us to award marks in an exam using the if-else statement. Draw a flowchart for the same. [6 Marks]

Question Three: (20 Marks)

- a) Write a program in C using recursive functions to display a Fibonacci series. [5 Marks]
- b) Discuss the two dominant UNIX versions of 1990,s. [3 Marks]
- c) Illustrate the basic format of compiling and executing a C program in the UNIX operating systems. [4Marks]
- d) Describe this sample output in Unix operating system.
-rwx-r-r-- 10 ecs4005 1400 Aug 20 11:59 kabu.out [6 Marks]
- e) Describe the two unformatted output statements in C programming. [2 Marks]

Question Four: (20 Marks)

- a) Describe all Unix utilities [6 Marks]
- b) Write down the significance of the following statements: [4 Marks]
- i. cp-I file1 file2
 - ii. cp-p file1 file2
 - iii. cp-r Dir1 Dir2
 - iv. cp-u file1 file2
- c) Write the output of the following program and give its explanation. [6 Marks]
- ```
void main()
{
 int const*p=5;
 printf(“%d”,++(*p));
}
```
- d) There are many UNIX editors in existence but the vi-editor is the commonly used one. Explain. [4 Marks]

**Question Five: (20 Marks)**

- a) Write a program in C that accepts the number and reverses it using unconditional statements. [5 Marks]
- b) Describe the vi-editor’s commands that you can use to modify text. [3 Marks]
- c) Describe the Unix user file permissions. [6 Marks]
- d) Describe the modes of the vi-editor. [6 Marks]