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10CS62

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

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting atleast TWO questions from each part.

PART – A

- 1 a. ANSI C supports function pointer to be used without dereferencing? Justify. (04 Marks)
b. Discuss how to ensure a user program conforming to POSIX standard. Also write the structure of a POSIX program. (06 Marks)
c. Write POSIX compliant C++ program to check the following runtime limits :
i) Max number of open files ii) max number of links iii) Max number of real time signals
iv) Max number of characters in the filename. (05 Marks)
d. What is an API? Explain the differences between API and library function. (05 Marks)
- 2 a. What are the file attributes? Some attributes are constant list them, also some are modifiable mention the commands and APIs used for the same. (08 Marks)
b. Discuss the differences between `ln`, `ln -s` and `CP` commands with suitable examples. (06 Marks)
c. Explain the differences between file stream pointer and file descriptor. (06 Marks)
- 3 a. Write a note on the following APIs : i) `access` ii) `stat/fstat`. (10 Marks)
b. Write C++ program to emulate UNIX `CP` command to copy the contents of an existing file `ab.txt` to the file `b.txt`. (04 Marks)
c. What are locks? How to set/get advisory locks in UNIX? Explain the API used for the same. (06 Marks)
- 4 a. What is an exit handler? How to set the exit handlers? Explain with an example. (06 Marks)
b. What is an Env list? Explain the APIs used for modifying the environment list. (08 Marks)
c. Discuss non-local goto statements in ANSI C with suitable example. (06 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. Explain the differences between `fork()` and `exec()` APIs. (06 Marks)
b. What is race condition? Write a program to avoid race condition, by allowing parent to execute first, also mention the different ways to avoid race condition. (08 Marks)
c. Write a note on process groups and session. (06 Marks)
- 6 a. What is signal mask? Explain also write a program using C++ to mask the signal `SIGINT`. (08 Marks)
b. What is a Interval timer? Explain briefly the different ways of setting the interval timers. (06 Marks)
c. With neat diagram explain the error logging facility. (06 Marks)
- 7 a. With suitable example explain `popen()` and `pclose()` functions. (08 Marks)
b. What is message queue? Explain the different APIs used for handling message queues. (09 Marks)
c. Explain the limitations of pipe. (03 Marks)
- 8 a. Explain the different APIs used for handling shared memory. (10 Marks)
b. Write a note on client-server connection functions. (06 Marks)
c. Explain stream pipes with suitable diagram. (04 Marks)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and /or equations written eg, 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.