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**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD****B.Tech. II Year II Semester Examinations, October/ November- 2016****PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES****(Information Technology)****Time: 3 Hours****Max. Marks: 75****Note:** This question paper contains two parts A and B.

Part A is compulsory which carries 25 marks. Answer all questions in Part A.

Part B consists of 5 Units. Answer any one full question from each unit.

Each question carries 10 marks and may have a, b, c as sub questions.

**PART- A****(25 Marks)**

- 1.a) Explain the concept of virtual machine. [2]
- b) Is 'goto' a good programming language construct? How does it affect readability? [3]
- c) What is a variable? What are the attributes of a variable? Explain. [2]
- d) What is short circuit evaluation? What is the advantage of it? [3]
- e) Explain about the life time of a variable. [2]
- f) What are advantages and disadvantages of dynamic local variables? [3]
- g) What is semaphore? Explain. [2]
- h) Explain any three deficiencies of prolog with examples. [3]
- i) What are the key concepts of scripting languages? [2]
- j) How Meta Language differs from Haskell? Explain. [3]

**PART-B****(50 Marks)**

- 2.a) What are the factors influencing the writability of a language? How readability and writability contradict with each other? Give an example.
- b) Define axiomatic semantics. Comment on its applicability. [5+5]

**OR**

- 3.a) Give advantages and disadvantages of pure compilation and pure interpretation.
- b) What do you mean by static semantics? Give examples of static semantic rules that are difficult and impossible to describe with BNF. [5+5]

- 4.a) Write short notes on type error, type checking and strong typing.
- b) Explain in detail about counter-controlled loops. [5+5]

**OR**

- 5.a) Explain in detail multiple selection constructs.
- b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of allowing mixed-mode arithmetic expressions? [5+5]

- 6.a) Explain pass-by-value and pass-by-reference parameter passing techniques.  
b) How subprogram is overloaded? Explain with examples. [5+5]

**OR**

- 7.a) Explain how subprogram names are passed as parameters?  
b) What is a coroutine? Explain coroutine relationships between two procedures with an example. [5+5]

- 8.a) What are the language design requirements for a language that supports abstract data types? Discuss.  
b) What are the basic elements of Prolog? Explain. [5+5]

**OR**

- 9.a) What are the differences between private and limited private types in Ada?  
b) How cooperation synchronization is implemented using monitors? Explain. [5+5]

- 10.a) Explain various operations that can be performed on atoms and lists in LISP.  
b) Write a detailed note on Python. [5+5]

**OR**

- 11.a) What are the differences between functional and imperative languages? Explain.  
b) Describe briefly about expressions, functions and exceptions in Meta Language. [5+5]

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