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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) Define Syntax. [2]
- b) What is aliasing? [3]
- c) What is an access function for an array? [2]
- d) What are the two common problems with pointers? [3]
- e) What is parameter profile? [2]
- f) What are actual parameters? [3]
- g) What do you mean by friend function? [2]
- h) Why does Java not have destructors? [3]
- i) Define referential transparency. [2]
- j) What data types were parts of the original LISP? [3]

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

- 2.a) What are the three general methods of implementing a programming Language?
- b) In What fundamental way do operational semantics and denotational semantics differ? Discuss briefly. [5+5]

**OR**

3. Write EBNF descriptions for the following:
  - a) A Java Class definition header statement
  - b) A C *switch* statement. [5+5]

- 4.a) Give an overview of subscript bindings and array categories.
- b) Why reference variables in C++ better than pointers for formal parameters? Explain with an example. [5+5]

**OR**

- 5.a) Discuss about various attributes of a variable
- b) Give an illustration of 'assignment as an expression' and the disadvantages of the same. [5+5]

- 6.a) Distinguish between co routines and subprograms.  
b) Illustrate with examples static and stack-dynamic local variables. [5+5]

**OR**

- 7.a) Consider the following program written in C syntax:

```
void fun (int first, int second)
{
    first += first;
    second += second;
}
void main()
{
    int list[2] = {1, 4};
    fun(list[0], list[1]);
}
```

For each of the following parameter-passing methods, what are the values of the list array after execution?

- i) Passed by reference  
ii) Passed by value-result.

- b) What are the design issues for functions? Discuss briefly. [5+5]
8. What are the problems with semaphores for providing competition synchronization? Explain how monitors provide competition synchronization without these problems. [10]

**OR**

9. What is the difference between checked and unchecked exceptions in Java? Illustrate with an example. [10]

10. Write about the following Functional Languages:

a) HASKELL                      b) ML. [5+5]

**OR**

11. Explain the following with respect to Python:

- a) Data types  
b) Iterative commands  
c) Class. [3+3+4]

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