

M.Sc. 3rd Semester Examination, 2018

PARALLEL COMPUTING

PAPER – COS-302

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer any two questions

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks
Candidates are required to give their answers in their
own words as far as practicable*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

1. (i) Name two network architectures prevalent in machine supporting the message passing paradigm.
- (ii) Explain with a neat diagram the message passing paradigm.
- (iii) Explain with a neat diagram the shared memory architecture.

(Turn Over)

(iv) Differentiate between the shared memory architecture and message passing architecture.

(v) What are the basic advantages of parallel programming over sequential programming.

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2. (i) How can we decompose a parallel task? Explain each of them with proper diagram.

(ii) How do we measure the performance of a parallel processor? If 5% of the total program is sequential then what will be the speedup for the parallel machine.

(iii) What is cache coherence?

(iv) Explain the hypercube interconnection with diagram. What is the diameter of an n -node hypercube? $(2+6) + (3+2) + 2 + (4+1)$

3. (i) Explain modern multiprocessor architecture with proper diagram.

(ii) Explain butterfly interconnection network with proper diagram.

(iii) Explain the execution model of open MP.

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4. Write short notes on :

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(i) Relaxed consistency model of open MP

(ii) n -dim grid interconnection

(iii) Fermi processor

(iv) Maspar process.

[*Internal Assessment* – 10 marks]
