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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
Sixth semester B.Tech degree examinations (S), September 2020

**Course Code: AE308**

**Course Name: ADVANCED MICROPROCESSORS**

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

**PART A**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.*

Marks

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| 1 | a) Explain with neat sketch, the three stage pipeline mechanism in ARM. Also explain how the total execution time get reduced with pipelining | (10) |
|   | b) List the difference between RISC and CISC architectures.   | (5)  |
| 2 | a) What are the features that make the ARM instruction set different from the pure RISC?  | (5)  |
|   | b) Briefly explain ARM nomenclature.  | (5)  |
|   | c) Compare ARM Processor family.  | (5)  |
| 3 | a) Define CPSR and SPSR. Draw the format of CPSR and explain the contents in detail.  | (10) |
|   | b) Briefly explain the general purpose registers available in ARM.  | (5)  |

**PART B**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.*

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| 4 | a) Which are the basic data types used in C programming?  | (5)  |
|   | b) Write a C program to find the factorial of a number given by user.   | (10) |
| 5 | a) What are assembler directives AREA, RN and EQU? Give the syntax of each.   | (5)  |
|   | b) Draw the flow chart for transferring 128 bytes of data from register to memory. Write an assembly language program to perform this transfer. | (5)  |
|   | c) Explain different looping structures used in C programming.  | (5)  |
| 6 | a) Write an assembly language program for swapping register contents and explain it with flow chart.  | (5)  |
|   | b) Explain the instruction set of ARM in detail. Support your answer with suitable examples.  | (10) |

**PART C**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 20 marks.*

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| 7 | a) How mapping a task in virtual memory to physical memory is done in ARMcore? | (10) |
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- b) Explain the concepts of page tables. What is its significance in multiprocessing? (10)
- 8 a) Explain the advanced microprocessor bus architecture system in detail with suitable sketches. (15)
- b) Explain the advantages of cache memory in ARM microcontroller. (5)
- 9 a) Define a TLB. Explain the function of TLBs. (5)
- b) What are the ARM exceptions and associated modes? (5)
- c) Explain the exception handling mechanism in ARM processor (10)

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