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

Course Code: IT306

Course Name: Distributed Systems

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

PART A

Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.

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| 1 | a) What are the advantages of mobile agents in distributed system? | (3) |
| | b) Compare synchronous distributed systems with asynchronous distributed systems. | (4) |
| | c) What are the two key examples of kernel design? Compare them. | (8) |
| 2 | a) Describe any two external data representation methods | (8) |
| | b) Explain the working of RPC with neat diagram. | (7) |
| 3 | a) What is the role of proxy and skeleton in RMI. | (4) |
| | b) What is an execution environment? Explain two independent aspects of creating a new process. | (8) |
| | c) What are the various threading architectures? | (3) |

PART B

Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.

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| 4 | a) Describe about file service architecture with a neat diagram. | (8) |
| | b) Explain how Berkeley algorithm helps in internal synchronization. | (7) |
| 5 | a) Compare logical clocks and vector clocks. | (5) |
| | b) Define events, process states and clocks. | (3) |
| | c) State the responsibilities of DNS name server and DNS queries. | (7) |
| 6 | a) State the importance of safety and liveness in global state predicates. | (4) |
| | b) Explain how process states are collected. | (3) |
| | c) Explain the industry standard for securing intranet servers against unauthorised access and imposter attack. | (5) |
| | d) List file system modules. | (3) |

PART C

Answer any two full questions, each carries 20 marks.

- 7 a) Explain Maekawa's voting algorithm for mutual exclusion. (10)
b) Differentiate message passing and DSM (10)
- 8 a) Explain problem of consensus. (10)
b) Explain the concept of CORBA RMI. (10)
- 9 a) Summarize how release consistency reduce distributed shared memory overheads. (10)
b) What are the different categories of failure detectors? Compare detection mechanisms. (10)
