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AND MICROPROCESSOR SYSTEMS**

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(INSTRUMENTATION OPTION)**

**MODULE III**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Answer booklet;*

*Non-programmable scientific calculator;*

*Drawing instruments;*

*Intel 8080/8085 microprocessor instruction set;*

*Intel 8051 microcontroller instruction set.*

*This paper consists of EIGHT questions in TWO sections, A and B.*

*Answer any THREE questions from section A, and any TWO questions from section B  
in the answer booklet provided.*

*All questions carry equal marks.*

*Maximum marks for each part of a question are as indicated.*

*Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

**This paper consists of 10 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all  
the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**



## SECTION A: MICROPROCESSOR SYSTEMS

Answer **THREE** questions from this section

1. (a) Define each of the following with respect to microprocessors:
- (i) Bus;
  - (ii) word length. (2 marks)
- (b) Describe each of the following microprocessor registers:
- (i) program counter (PC);
  - (ii) accumulator. (4 marks)
- (c) With the aid of a timing diagram, describe an op-code fetch machine cycle. (8 marks)
- (d) Perform the following number system conversions:
- (i)  $(13.375)_{10}$  to binary;
  - (ii)  $(73.75)_{10}$  to octal. (6 marks)
2. (a) Define each of the following with respect to subroutines:
- (i) parameter passing;
  - (ii) nesting. (2 marks)
- (b) With the aid of a flow chart, describe the interrupt driven mode of data transfer. (8 marks)
- (c) Four bytes of data are stored in consecutive memory locations 3500 H to 3503 H. Write an assembly language program to add the data and store the result at memory location 3504 H to 3505 H, starting with the lower byte. (6 marks)
- (d) The accumulator contains data C4H. Determine the contents of the accumulator after each of the following shift operations:
- (i) arithmetic right shift;
  - (ii) logical right shift. (4 marks)
3. (a) Describe each of the following microprocessor addressing modes citing an example in each case:
- (i) implicit;
  - (ii) register indirect;
  - (iii) page zero. (6 marks)

- (b) Table 1 shows instruction listing of a delay program. The clock frequency is 5 MHz.

Table 1

Label	Mnemonic	T-states
LOOP:	LX1 B, 1000 H	10
	DCX B	6
	XTH L	16
	XTH L	16
	NOP	4
	NOP	4
	MOV A, B	4
	ORA C	4
	JNZ LOOP	10/7
	HLT	5

Determine the:

- (i) program delay time;  
(ii) number of memory locations occupied by the machine code program. (11 marks)
- (c) State three CPU signals used in Direct Memory Access (DMA) data transfer technique. (3 marks)
4. (a) State three advantages of assembly language-over machine language-programming. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain each of the following microprocessor system development tools:  
(i) compiler;  
(ii) cross-assembler. (4 marks)
- (c) With the aid of a flowchart, describe 'handshaking' input/output data transfer. (6 marks)



- (d) Figure 1 shows an interfacing of 8085 microprocessor to a seven-segment display.

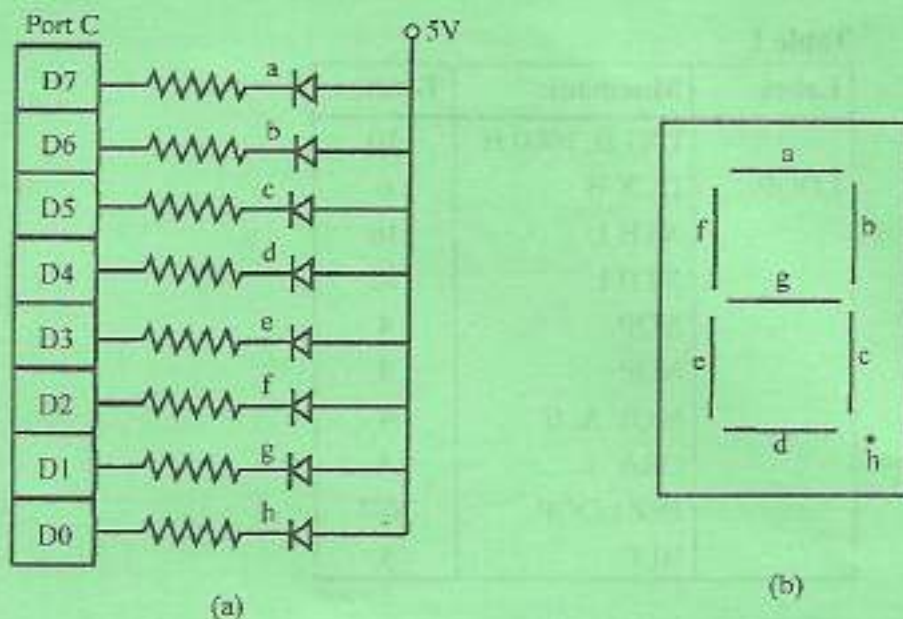


Fig. 1

- state with reason the logic level that turns on a segment;
- determine the binary word that will display digit 4;
- write an assembly language program to display the digit in d (ii).

(7 marks)

5. (a) Table 2 shows a machine code program.

Table 2

Address (Hex)	OP-code(Hex)
8000	21
8001	00
8002	25
8003	7E
8004	23
8005	96
8006	23
8007	77
8008	76

- translate the machine code into 8085 mnemonics;
- explain what the program accomplishes.

(8 marks)

- State **two** reasons of disabling buffers when not in use.
- With the aid of a diagram, describe the operation of a tri-state data buffer.

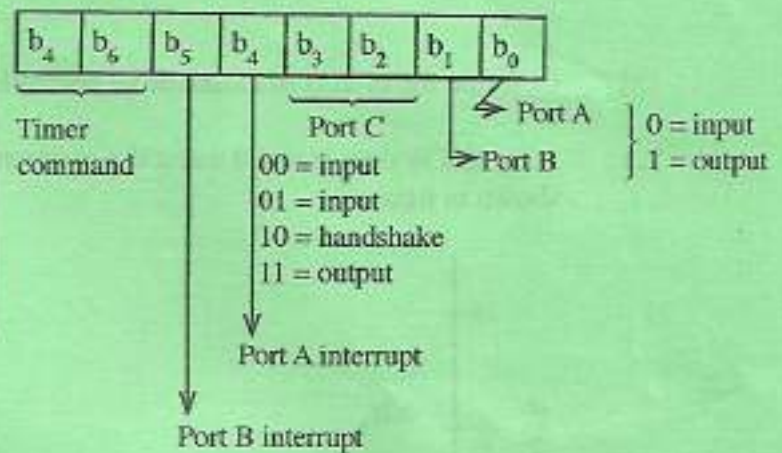
(7 marks)

- (c) Table 3 A and 3 B shows an intel 8155 programmable input/output (PIO)port register addresses and the command status bits respectively.

Table 3A

Port Register	Address
CSR	40 H
PORT A	41 H
PORT B	42 H
PORT C	43 H
High order timer	44 H
high order time	45 H

Table 3B



Write a program segment to configure:

- port A as an input port;
- port B as an output port;
- port C as a handshake port.

(5 marks)

### SECTION B: MICROCONTROLLER TECHNOLOGY

Answer TWO questions from this section.

6. (a) With the aid of a memory map, describe the intel 8051 microcontroller register banks. (7 marks)
- (b) Write an 8051 assembly language program to compute,  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 15$ , and store the sum at memory location 70 H. (7 marks)
- (c) Explain each of the following intel 8051 microcontroller instructions, stating the addressing mode in each case:
- MOV A, 60H;
  - MOVC A, @A + PC;
  - ADD A, @RI.

(6 marks)



7. (a) Define each of the following with respect to process controllers:

- (i) tuning;
- (ii) lag time.

(2 marks)

(b) Describe the effects of a derivative controller on a process control system. (4 marks)

(c) A control system is tuned using the reaction curve method. The resulting output is shown in figure 2.

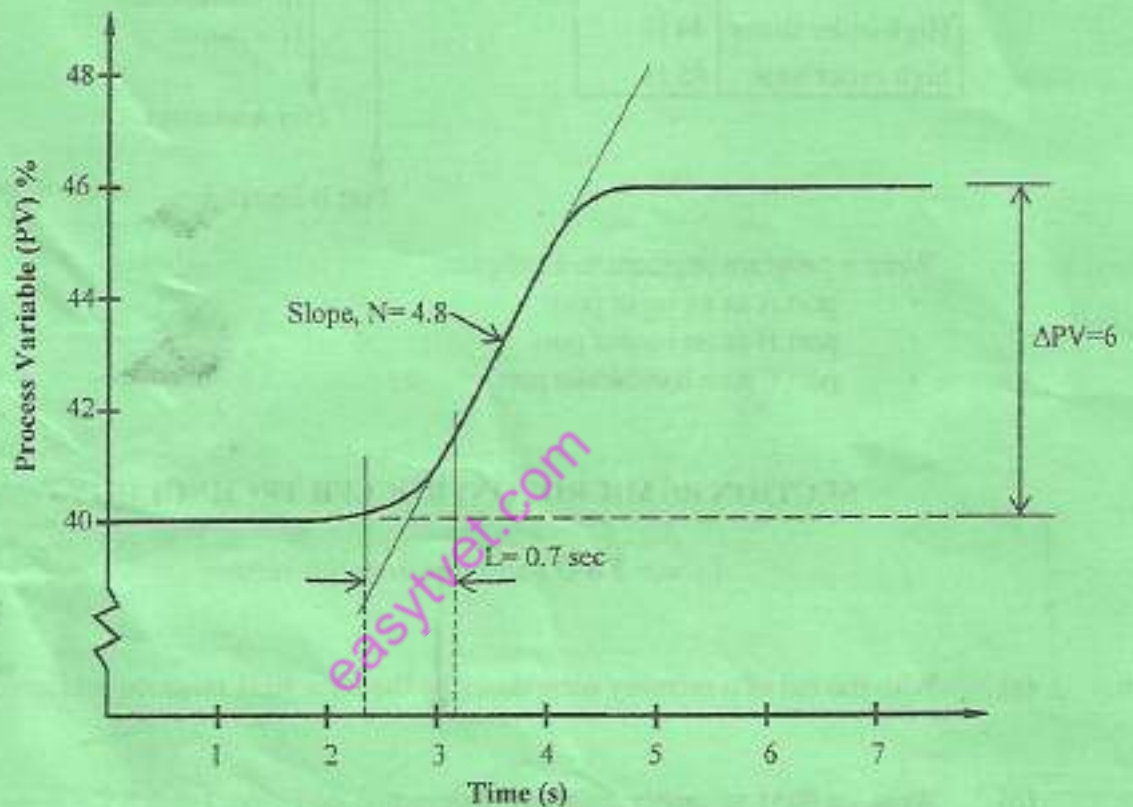


Fig. 2

Determine the:

- (i) proportional gain,  $K_p$ ;
- (ii) integral gain  $K_i$ ;
- (iii) derivative gain,  $K_D$ .

(6 marks)

- (d) Figure 3 shows a diagram of a PLC-controlled pick and place robot that picks up parts from one conveyer belt and places them on another belt. When a part moving on the lower conveyer belt activates switch 1, the motor turns in anticlockwise direction to move the gripper to the pick-up position. When the gripper reaches switch 2, the motor stops and the solenoid powered gripper clamps on the part. After 2 seconds, the motor turns in the clockwise direction to move the gripper to the drop-point. When the gripper reaches switch 3, the gripper's solenoid is de-energized to drop the part onto conveyer 2.

Draw a ladder diagram program for this operation.

(8 marks)

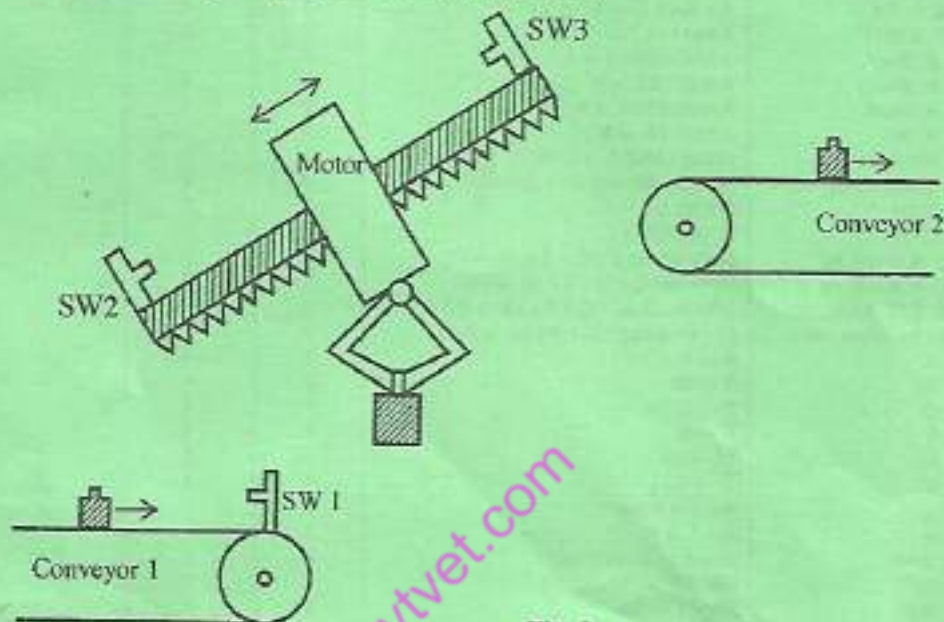


Fig. 3

8. (a) (i) Define aperture time with respect to data loggers.
- (ii) A data logger has an analog input signal of 40 KHz and a quantizer of 12-bits. Determine its aperture.
- (b) With the aid of a diagram, describe the operation of a counter-type analog-to-digital converter.
- (c) Describe the three rotational forces in a robotic arm.
- (d) Describe each of the following robot programming methods:
- (i) lead through;
- (ii) off-line.

(4 marks)