

**II Semester M.C.A. Degree Examination, June/July 2015**  
**(CBCS)**  
**COMPUTER SCIENCE**  
**MCA-204T : Operating System**

Time : 3 Hours

Max Marks : 70

*Instructions :* Part – A : Answer any five questions.  
Part – B : Answer any four full questions.

**PART – A**

Answer any five questions . (5×6=30)

1. Briefly describe the objectives and functions of an operating system.
2. Define system call. Describe the system call related to process management.
3. What is critical section ? Explain Peterson solution to the 2-process critical section problem.
4. Describe the differences among short term, medium term and long term scheduling.
5. What is resource allocation graph ? How can you ascertain the presence of a deadlock from a graph ?
6. Explain FCFS and SJF scheduling algorithms.
7. Describe shortest seek time first and C-scan disk scheduling algorithms
8. What is domain protection ? Explain with an example

**PART – B**

Answer any four full questions : (4×10=40)

9. a) What are the characteristics of modern operating system ? Discuss 6  
b) Differentiate between user-level and kernel-level threads. 4
10. What is fragmentation ? Discuss how fragmentation is handled by the operating system. 10

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11. What are semaphores ? Explain how semaphores can be used to solve readers-writers problem. 10

12. Consider the following snap shot of the system.

Process	Allocation			Max			Available		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
P <sub>0</sub>	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	2
P <sub>1</sub>	1	0	0	1	7	5			
P <sub>2</sub>	1	3	5	2	3	5			
P <sub>3</sub>	0	6	3	0	6	5			

Answer the following using Banker's Algorithm.

- a) Is the system in a safe state ? If so identify the safe sequence. 4
- b) If a request from process P<sub>1</sub> arrives for (0, 5, 2) can the request be granted immediately ? 3
- c) What would be the new system state after the allocation ? 3
13. a) Discuss different directory storing mechanisms. 6
- b) How is security handled by the operating system ? 4
14. Write short notes on :
- a) Page replacement algorithms. 4
- b) PCB. 3
- c) Dining Philosophers problem. 3