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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Answer booklet;*

*8080/8085 micro processor instructions;*

*Non-programmable scientific calculator.*

*Answer any FIVE of the EIGHT questions in the answer booklet provided.*

*All questions carry equal marks.*

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

*Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

**This paper consists of 6 printed pages.**

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

1.

- (a) (i) Outline the steps involved in gray code to binary conversions.
- (ii) Perform each of the following conversions:

- I.  $403_{10}$  into excess - 3 code;
- II.  $9B2.1A_{16}$  into decimal.

(9 marks)

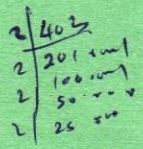
(b) Evaluate each of the following:

- (i)  $110.10_2 \times 10.1_2$ ;
- (ii)  $11110110_2 \div 110_2$ ;
- (iii)  $1A8_{16} + AF_{16}$ .

(9 marks)

(c) Draw a truth table for a 2-bit binary to gray code converter.

(2 marks)



(a) Perform each of the following using Boolean algebra:

- (i)  $A(\overline{A} + 1)$ ;  $= A\overline{A} + A$
- (ii)  $B(B + \overline{B})$ ;  $= B$

$A + 1 = 1$   
 $\overline{A} + 1 = 1$

(4 marks)

(b) (i) Simply the expression  $F = \overline{\overline{ABC} + \overline{C} \cdot \overline{D}}$  using Demorgan's theorem.

(ii) Convert the expression  $Y = AC + AB + BC$  into canonical SOP form.

(7 marks)

(c) (i) Simplify the Boolean function:

$f(x,y,z) = \sum (2,3,4,5)$  using a Karnaugh map.

(ii) Draw the logic diagram for the logic expression.

(9 marks)

(a) Define each of the following with respect to flip-flops:

- (i) propagation delay;
- (ii) hold time;
- (iii) set-up time.

(3 marks)

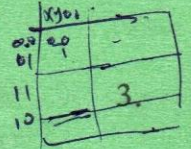
(b) Draw the symbol of a D-type flip-flop and its truth table.

(6 marks)

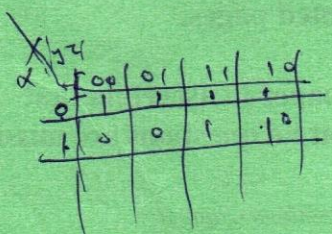
(c) (i) State the merit of synchronous counters.

2.

0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0
2	0	0	1
3	0	1	0
4	0	1	1
5	1	0	0
6	1	0	1
7	1	1	0
8	1	1	1
9	1	0	0
A	1	0	1
B	1	1	0
C	1	1	1
D	1	0	0
E	1	0	1
F	1	1	1



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1	0	0	1
2	0	1	0
3	0	1	1
4	1	0	0
5	1	0	1
6	1	1	0
7	1	1	1



(ii) I. Draw a table for the counting sequence of an asynchronous decade counter.

II. Implement the counter in (b)(ii) I using JK flip-flops. (9 marks)

(d) State two applications of counters. (2 marks)

(a) A burglar alarm system has three sensors (A, B and C). The alarm should sound if two or more sensors are activated, i.e logic 1.

- (i) Draw the truth table;
- (ii) Write the logic expression for the alarm;
- (iii) Simplify the expression in (b)(ii);
- (iv) Implement the simplified expression using logic gates. (10 marks)

(b) (i) Figure 1 shows a schematic block diagram of a successive approximation analog-to-digital converter (ADC). Describe its operation.

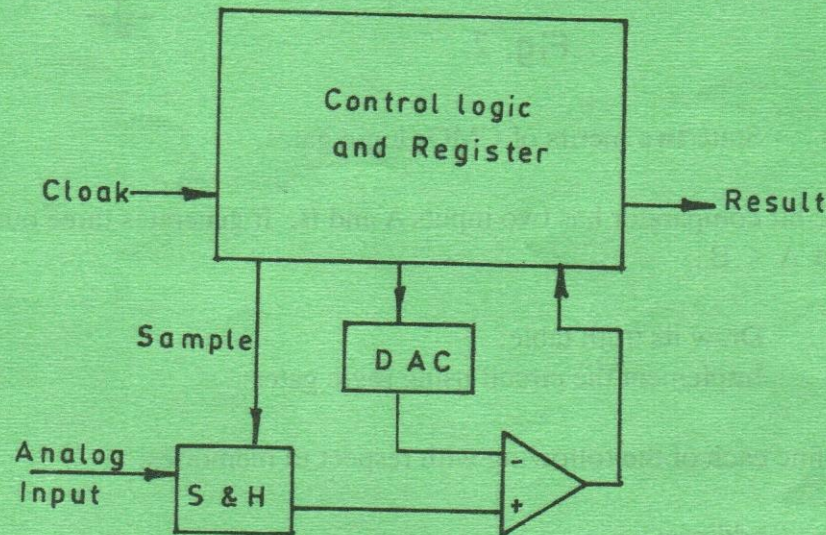


Fig.1

(ii)

An analogue to Digital Converter has a resolution of 5 mV and full scale voltage is 15 V. Determine the number of bits. (10 marks)

5. (a) Define each of the following with respect to logic families:

- (i) power dissipation;
- (ii) noise margin;
- (iii) fan in.

(3 marks)

- (b) (i) Figure 2 shows a circuit diagram of a CMOS gate. Describe its operation hence deduce the logic function it performs.

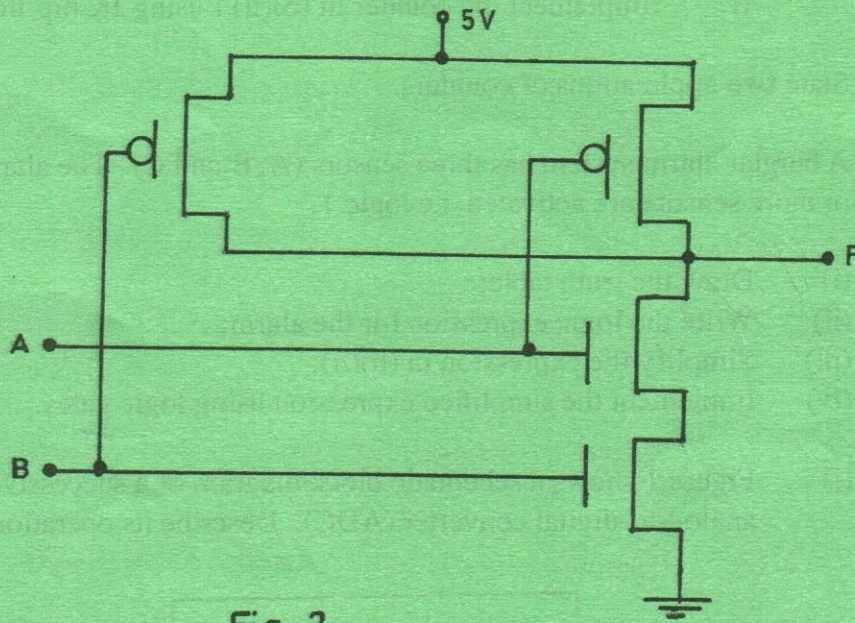


Fig. 2

- (ii) State **two** merits of CMOS logic gates. (7 marks)
- (c) A 2-bit comparator has two inputs A and B. It generates three outputs  $A > B$ ,  $A = B$  and  $A < B$ .
- (i) Draw its truth table;  
(ii) Implement the circuit using logic gates. (10 marks)
6. (a) Define each of the following with respect to memories:
- (i) address;  
(ii) capacity. (2 marks)
- (b) State the functions of each of the following pins of a memory IC:
- (i) address line;  
(ii) chip enable. (2 marks)
- (c) A 1 kilobyte RAM is to be implemented using 512 byte x 8 memory chips.
- (i) Determine the:
- I. number of chips required;  
II. number of address lines for each memory chip.
- (ii) Draw the memory implementation diagram. (8 marks)

$$n \log_2 = \log_{20000}$$

(d) With the aid of a diagram, explain the use of a logic analyser in microprocessor fault diagnosis. (8 marks)

7. (a) State the functions of each of the following components of a microprocessor:

- (i) instruction register;
- (ii) arithmetic logic unit;
- (iii) buffer register. (3 marks)

(b) Distinguish between hard wired and micro programmed control units. (2 marks)

(c) With the aid of a flowchart, describe the microprocessor instruction fetch-execute cycle. (8 marks)

(d) Write an assembly language program that multiplies by 10 the content of memory location 8000 H and transfers the result to memory location 6200 H. (7 marks)

(a) Explain the functions of each of the following in assembly language programming:

- (i) loader;
- (ii) debugger. (4 marks)

(b) Differentiate between a one pass assembler and a two pass assembler. (2 marks)

(c) Table 1 shows an assembly language program segment. Translate it into its equivalent hexadecimal machine code. (7 marks)

**Table 1**

ORG C000 H
XRA A
LHLD LIST
MOV A, L
NOP
ADD H
STA MEM
HLT
ORG D000 H
LIST: DB 2, 4;
MEM: ORG D00A H

- (d) (i) State **three** functions of I/O interfaces.
- (ii) Explain the operation of a direct memory access (DMA) controller. (7 marks)

OP CODE	MNEMONIC	OP CODE	MNEMONIC	OP CODE	MNEMONIC	OP CODE	MNEMONIC	OP CODE	MNEMONIC	OP CODE	MNEMONIC
00	NOP	2B	DCX H	56	MOV D,M	81	ADD C	AC	XRA I	D7	RST 2
01	LXI B,D16	2C	INR L	57	MOV D,A	82	ADD D	AD	XRA L	D8	RC
02	STAX B	2D	DCR L	58	MOV E,B	83	ADD E	AE	XRA M	D9	—
03	INX B	2E	MVI L,D8	59	MOV E,C	84	ADD H	AF	XRA A	DA	JC Adr
04	INR B	2F	CMA	5A	MOV E,D	85	ADD L	B0	ORA B	DB	IN D8
05	DCR B	30	SIM	5B	MOV E,E	86	ADD M	B1	ORA C	DC	CC Adr
06	MVI B,D8	31	LXI SPD16	5C	MOV E,H	87	ADD A	B2	ORA D	DD	—
07	RLC	32	STA Adr	5D	MOV E,L	88	ADC B	B3	ORA E	DE	SBI D8
08	—	33	INX SP	5E	MOV E,M	89	ADC C	B4	ORA H	DF	RST 3
09	DAD B	34	INR M	5F	MOV E,A	8A	ADC D	B5	ORA L	E0	RPO
0A	LDAX B	35	DCR M	60	MOV H,B	8B	ADC E	B6	ORA M	E1	POP H
0B	DCX B	36	MVI M,D8	61	MOV H,C	8C	ADC H	B7	ORA A	E2	JPO Adr
0C	INR C	37	STC	62	MOV H,D	8D	ADC L	B8	CMP B	E3	XTHL
0D	DCR C	38	—	63	MOV H,E	8E	ADC M	B9	CMP C	E4	CPO Adr
0E	MVI C,D8	39	DAD SP	64	MOV H,H	8F	ADC A	BA	CMP D	E5	PUSH I
0F	RRC	3A	LDA Adr	65	MOV H,L	90	SUB B	BB	CMP E	E6	ANI D8
10	—	3B	DCX SP	66	MOV H,M	91	SUB C	BC	CMP H	E7	RST 4
11	LXI D,D16	3C	INR A	67	MOV H,A	92	SUB D	BD	CMP L	E8	RPE
12	STAX D	3D	DCR A	68	MOV L,B	93	SUB E	BE	CMP M	E9	PCHL
13	INX D	3E	MVI A,D8	69	MOV L,C	94	SUB H	BF	CMP A	EA	JPE Adr
14	INR D	3F	CMC	6A	MOV L,D	95	SUB L	C0	RNZ	EB	XCHG
15	DCR D	40	MOV B,B	6B	MOV L,E	96	SUB M	C1	POP B	EC	CPE Adr
16	MVI D,D8	41	MOV B,C	6C	MOV L,H	97	SUB A	C2	JNZ Adr	ED	—
17	RAL	42	MOV B,D	6D	MOV L,L	98	SBB B	C3	JMP Adr	EE	ERI D8
18	—	43	MOV B,E	6E	MOV L,M	99	SBB C	C4	CNZ Adr	EF	RST 5
19	DAD D	44	MOV B,H	6F	MOV L,A	9A	SBB D	C5	PUSH B	F0	RP
1A	LDAX D	45	MOV B,L	70	MOV M,B	9B	SBB E	C6	ADI D8	F1	POP PSW
1B	DCX D	46	MOV B,M	71	MOV M,C	9C	SBB H	C7	RST 0	F2	JP Adr
1C	INR E	47	MOV B,A	72	MOV M,D	9D	SBB L	C8	RZ	F3	DI
1D	DRC E	48	MOV C,B	73	MOV M,E	9E	SBB M	C9	RET Adr	F4	CP Adr
1E	MVI E,D8	49	MOV C,C	74	MOV M,H	9F	SBB A	CA	JZ	F5	PUSH PSW
1F	RAR	4A	MOV C,D	75	MOV M,L	A0	ANA B	CB	—	F6	ORI D8
20	RIM	4B	MOV C,E	76	HLT	A1	ANA C	CC	CZ Adr	F7	RST 6
21	LXI H,D16	4C	MOV C,H	77	MOV M,A	A2	ANA D	CD	CALL Adr	F8	RM
22	SHLD Adr	4D	MOV C,L	78	MOV A,B	A3	ANA E	CE	ACI D8	F9	SPHL
23	INX H	4E	MOV C,M	79	MOV A,C	A4	ANA H	CF	RST 1	FA	JM Adr
24	INR H	4F	MOV C,A	7A	MOV A,D	A5	ANA L	D0	RNC	FB	EI
25	DCR H	50	MOV D,B	7B	MOV A,E	A6	ANA M	D1	POP D	FC	CM Adr
26	MVI H,D8	51	MOV D,C	7C	MOV A,H	A7	ANA A	D2	JNC Adr	FD	—
27	DAA	52	MOV D,D	7D	MOV A,L	A8	XRA B	D3	OUT D8	FE	CPI D8
28	—	53	MOV D,E	7E	MOV A,M	A9	XRA C	D4	CNC Adr	FF	RST 7
29	DAD H	54	MOV D,H	7F	MOV A,A	AA	XRA D	D5	PUSH D		
2A	LHLD Adr	55	MOV D,L	80	ADD B	AB	XRA E	D6	SUI D8		

D8 = constant, or logical/arithmetic expression that evaluates to an 8-bit data quantity. D16 = constant, or logical/arithmetic expression that evaluates to a 16-bit data quantity. Adr = 16-bit address.

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