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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You should have the following for this examination:

Answer booklet;

8080/85 Microprocessor instruction set

Electronic calculator

Answer any FIVE of the EIGHT questions in this paper.

All questions carry equal marks.

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

This paper consists of 7 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) Draw a labelled block diagram of a microcomputer and state the function (s) of each block. (10 marks)
- (b) With the aid of a timing diagram, describe a memory read cycle. (7 marks)
- (c) State the function of each of the following microprocessor registers; (3 marks)
- (i) program counter;
 - (ii) instruction register;
 - (iii) stack pointer
2. (a) Table 1 shows a program listing in 8085 hexadecimal code.
- (i) di-assemble the program into mnemonic form;
 - (ii) create the program execution trace table and determine the contents of HL at the end of program execution;
 - (iii) explain what the program accomplishes. (12 marks)

Table 1

Location (Hex)	Instruction (Hex)
1800	11
1801	0C
1802	00
1803	21
1804	00
1805	00
1806	06
1807	03
1808	19
1809	05
180A	C2
180B	08
180C	18
180D	76

- (b) For each of the 8085 instructions in table 2.
- (i) identify the addressing mode;
 - (ii) state the size, in bytes, of the instruction machine code. (8 marks)

Table 2

I.	LDA	1900H
II.	MOV	M,A
III	ADI	3EH
IV	CMA	

3. (a) Define the following as applied to memories:

- (i) volatile;
- (ii) random access. (2 marks)

(b) A 4K x 8 memory is to be implemented using 1K x 4 memory chips.
Determine the number of:

- (i) 1k x 4 memory chips required.
- (ii) address lines required to address:

- I each chip;
- II the whole memory.

(iii) draw a schematic block diagram of the memory implementation. (8 marks)

(c) (i) Define the following as applied to hard disk:

- I boot sector;
- II platter.

(ii) A hard-disk drive has 10 surfaces available for recording. Each surface consists of 120 concentric tracks and the disk rotates at 1500 rpm. Each track is divided into 16 blocks of 256 bytes. There is one read/write head per surface and it is possible to read 10 tracks of a given cylinder. Determine the:

- I total capacity of the disk drive, in kilobytes;
- II maximum data transfer rate, in bits/sec.

(10 marks)

4. (a) (i) With the aid of a flowchart, write an assembly language sub-routine that does the division of two 8-bit numbers by successive subtraction.
- (ii) Write a main program that utilizes the subroutine in a (i) to divide the decimal number 99 by 7, then store the quotient in memory location 2000H and the remainder at memory location 2001H. (12 marks)
- (b) (i) State the **three** methods of parameter passing in sub-routine programming.
- (ii) Write a series of stack operations to exchange data between register pairs BC and HL.
- (iii) state any **one** disadvantage of programming using sub-routines. (8 marks)
5. (a) State any **two** internal conditions that may cause interrupts to a microprocessor. (2 marks)
- (b) (i) With the aid of a flowchart, enumerate the sequence of events that occur after a maskable interrupt.
- (ii) State **three** methods of implementing priority to an interrupt system. (9 marks)
- (c) With reference to Figure 1.

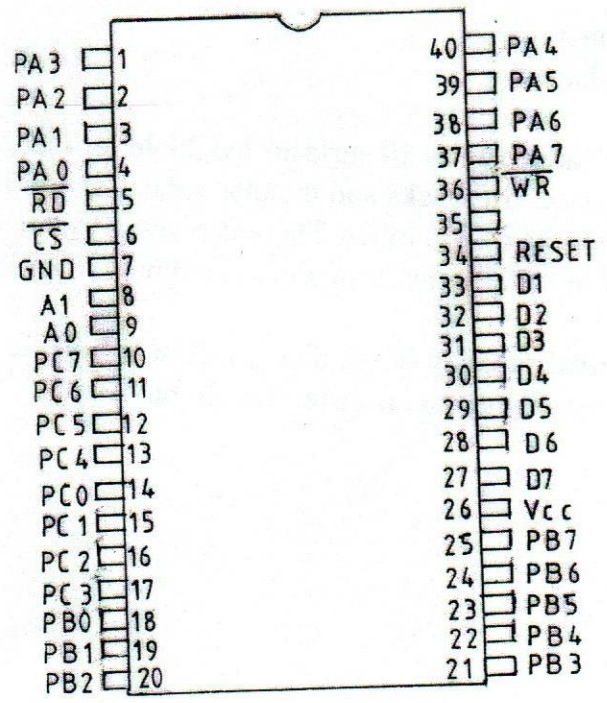


Fig. 1

- (i) identify the device;
- (ii) explain its function in a microcomputer.
- (iii) For the signals \overline{CS} , RESET, PA0– PA7:

- I. state the function of each;
- II. list the device/signal EACH signal would typically be connected to in a system. (9 marks)

6. (a) State any **three** concepts which define the sequential computer architecture. (3 marks)

(b) Table 3 shows the listing of a delay program.

Determine:

- (i) program delay time, if the clock frequency is 5MHz;
- (ii) number of memory locations occupied by the program machine code. (10 marks)

Table 3

Mnemonic	8088 T- states
LX1B, 1000H	10
LOOP: DCX B	6
XTHL	16
XTHL	16
NOP	4
NOP	4
MOV A, B	4
ORA C	4
JNZ LOOP	10/7

- (c) (i) State any **one** advantage of memory-mapped input/outputs.
- (ii) Write an assembly language program that alternatively tests the status register of two devices as follows: when bit 0 of the status register is found to be 1, then a byte of data is brought in from the corresponding device. If bit 0 of either status register is zero, the inputting process ceases. The status registers have port addresses 24H and 36H and the corresponding buffer registers have addresses 26H and 38H respectively. The input data is to be stored into memory buffers beginning at BUFF1 and BUFF2 respectively. (7 marks)

7. (a) (i) Develop a flowchart to outline the sequence of steps followed in developing a modern microprocessor based system.
- (ii) Distinguish between a laptop computer and an embedded computer. (10 marks)
- (b) An 8-bit micro-processor-based system is used to measure system temperature changes. The temperature sensor has a sensitivity of $5\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$. The 8-bit analogue-to-digital converter (ADC) has two control lines labelled SC (start conversion) and EOC (end-of-conversion). The ADC has an input range of 0 - 5V.
- (i) for the ADC, determine its maximum detectable input temperature;
- (ii) draw a block schematic diagram to show how the temperature sensor, the ADC, and any extra hardware can be connected to provide the required data acquisition system.
- (iii) develop a flowchart to control the data acquisition system in b(ii). (10 marks)
8. (a) Develop a flowchart, to outline the logical method of tracing a fault in a microprocessor based system. (8 marks)
- (b) A RAM BOARD has address range:
4000 H – BFFFH.
- (i) determine the amount of RAM on the board;
- (ii) write an assembly language segment to test the RAM. (9 marks)
- (c) List any **three** equipment used to fault diagnose a modern microprocessor. (3 marks)

