GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

BE - SEMESTER-VII EXAMINATION - SUMMER 2025

Subject Code:3170721 Date:27-05-2025

Subject Name:Parallel and Distributed Computing

Time:02:30 PM TO 05:00 PM Total Marks:70

Instructions:

- 1. Attempt all questions.
- 2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
- 3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 4. Simple and non-programmable scientific calculators are allowed.

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| Q.1 | (a) | What are the potential benefits of parallel computing? | 03 |
| | (b) | Explain Scope and issues of parallel and distributed computing. | 04 |
| | (c) | How does Flynn's Taxonomy classify parallel architectures? | 07 |
| Q.2 | (a) | What are the types of Decomposition techniques? | 03 |
| | (b) | Explain Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA). | 04 |
| | (c) | Draw and explain Systolic architecture. | 07 |
| | | OR | |
| | (c) | Draw and explain Dataflow architecture. | 07 |
| Q.3 | (a) | What is load balancing in parallel computing? | 03 |
| | (b) | How does the Map and Reduce pattern work? | 04 |
| | (c) | Discuss in detail the various performance metrics in parallel computing. OR | 07 |
| Q.3 | (a) | Differentiate between synchronous and asynchronous Communication. | 03 |
| | (b) | Difference between Shared Memory Model and Message Passing Model. | 04 |
| | (c) | How Scalability and cache coherence work in multiprocessor systems. | 07 |
| Q.4 | (a) | What is a Distributed System, and why is it important? | 03 |
| | (b) | How can atomicity be achieved in a distributed system? | 04 |
| | (c) | Explain divide and conquer algorithm with suitable example. | 07 |
| | | OR | |
| Q.4 | (a) | Define terms: Scheduling and Contention. | 03 |
| | (b) | Explain various types of Distributed System Models. | 04 |
| | (c) | Explain Pipeline Architecture. | 07 |
| Q.5 | (a) | What are POSIX threads | 03 |
| | (b) | Explain difference between CUDA and Open MP. | 04 |
| | (c) | Draw and explain Multi processor architecture. | 07 |
| | | OR | |
| Q.5 | (a) | Explain Difference between Thread and Process. | 03 |
| | (b) | What is the role of pthread_create() and pthread_kill() functions in POSIX threads, | 04 |
| | (c) | | 07 |
