

III B.Tech II Semester Supplementary Examinations, Aug/Sep 2008
ADVANCED UNIX PROGRAMMING
(Common to Computer Science & Engineering, Information Technology
and Computer Science & Systems Engineering)

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks

1. (a) Explain the two methods of altering file access permissions of a file. [4+4=8]
(b) What are the main functions of kernel? Explain each of them in detail. [3+5]
2. What is meant by a command? Explain different types commands with syntax. [3+13]
3. Explain the following system calls with syntax:
 - (a) chmod()
 - (b) chown()
 - (c) unlink()
 - (d) link() [4×4=16]
4. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Process control
 - (b) Process identifiers. [8+8]
5. (a) What is signal function? Write and explain about the structure of signal function. [3+5]
(b) What is meant by signal catching function? What are the advantages of signal functions. [3+5]
6. (a) What is region lock? What are the rules about the specification of the region to be locked or unlocked? [3+5]
(b) Write about file locking versus Record Locking. [8]
7. Explain in detail about the System V IPCs. [16]
8. (a) Explain, How to place "Data in shared memory". [8]
(b) What is the use of destroying a shared memory segment? Explain the process of "destroying a shared memory segment". [3+5]

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2. Explain the following commands with syntax
 - (a) cat
 - (b) tail
 - (c) head
 - (d) uniq. [4×4=16]
3. (a) Briefly explain the file directories.
(b) Write in detail about Device drivers. [8+8]
4. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Process termination
 - (b) Zombie process. [8+8]
5. (a) What are the phases in signaling process? Explain what is meant by the lifetime of a signal. [3+5]
(b) Explain about the five possible signal default actions. [8]
6. (a) Explain in detail about the requirement of file locking mechanism.
(b) Explain in detail about fcntl() function. [8+8]
7. (a) Explain in detail about file locking with semaphores.
(b) Explain about simple semaphore operation. [8+8]
8. What is shared memory? What is the importance of it? Explain in detail about the process of “Allocating a shared memory segment”. [3+5+8]

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1. Explain the following commands with syntax
 - (a) ftp
 - (b) date
 - (c) arp
 - (d) rlogin. [4×4=16]

2. What is the purpose of Stream editor? Explain which option should be used to place the contents of a file f1 after line. [4+12]

3. Write a program to a single command-line argument that specifies a file descriptor and prints a description of the file flags for that descriptor. [16]

4. What is the problem with returning an error from the 'exec' system call? How can the kernel handle this problem? [8+8]

5. (a) Write in detail about the interrupted system calls. [8]
(b) Write about the kill and raise functions. [4+4]

6. (a) Explain in detail about the requirement of file locking mechanism.
(b) Explain in detail about fcntl() function. [8+8]

7. (a) Draw and explain about the "Kernel data structure for a semaphore set". [8]
(b) Write about the semaphore adjustment on "exit". Explain about the importance of SEM_UNDO [4+4]

8. (a) Explain in detail about the "Kernel structure of the shared memory segment".
(b) Explain about the "shmflag values for shmget system call". [8+8]

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2. Explain the following commands with syntax

- (a) awk
- (b) cpio
- (c) comm
- (d) tee.

[4×4=16]

3. Explain the following functions with syntax:

- (a) ioctl()
- (b) lseek()
- (c) stat()
- (d) fstat()

[4×4=16]

4. Write short notes on the following:

- (a) Process termination
- (b) Zombie process.

[8+8]

5. (a) Write about the signals implementation. Write about “sigpending”, “sigsuspend”.

- (b) What is meant by reinstalling a signal handler?
- (c) Write about phase function.

[6+5+5]

6. (a) What is region lock? What are the rules about the specification of the region to be locked or unlocked?

[3+5]

- (b) Write about file locking versus Record Locking.

[8]

7. (a) Explain, “about the events occurred, when you call the popen() and pclose() functions”?
(b) Explain about the semget(), semctl() and semop() functions. [7+9]
8. (a) Explain, “How to control a shared-memory segment”. [8]
(b) Explain, “How to attach and detach a shared memory segment”. [4+4]
