

III B. Tech I Semester Regular Examinations, November - 2015
PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

(Computer Science and Engineering)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

- Note: 1. Question Paper consists of two parts (**Part-A** and **Part-B**)
 2. Answering the question in **Part-A** is compulsory
 3. Answer any **THREE** Questions from **Part-B**

PART -A

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| 1 | a) What constitutes a programming environment? | [3M] |
| | b) What mixed-mode assignments are allowed in C and Java? | [4M] |
| | c) What is an alias? What are the problems associated with it? | [4M] |
| | d) What is attribute grammar? Explain how attribute grammar is use for evaluation of the expressions. | [4M] |
| | e) What is type inferencing used in ML? | [3M] |
| | f) What is the difference between checked and unchecked exception in java? | [4M] |

PART -B

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| 2 | a) What is the difference between a sentence and a sentential form in a CFG? | [4M] |
| | b) Explain with an example how the weakest precondition for a logical pretest loop is derived. | [8M] |
| | c) A concise and understandable description of a programming language is essential to the language's success. Comment on this. | [4M] |
| 3 | a) What are the merits of sub range types? | [3M] |
| | b) Explain in detail various design issues of character string types. | [8M] |
| | c) What is a variable and what are the attributes of a variable? Elaborate on address of a variable. | [5M] |
| 4 | a) Discuss the following term:
i) Dangling pointers, ii) Tail recursion elimination. | [10M] |
| | b) Explain associative arrays, their structure and operations. | [6M] |
| 5 | a) What is the difference between the way original C and C89 deal with an actual parameter whose type is not identical to that of the corresponding formal parameter? | [8M] |
| | b) Discuss in detail overloaded operators. | [8M] |
| 6 | Discuss how producer-consumer problem and Dining philosopher's problem are solved using concurrency in ADA. | [16M] |
| 7 | a) For what sort of application logic programming is useful? Briefly explain. | [8M] |
| | b) What are existential queries? Briefly explain. | [8M] |

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- 1 a) What do you mean by a general purpose language? Is C a general purpose language? [3M]
 b) Give an example of left recursive rule in CFG. What is the significance of left recursive rule? [4M]
 c) What do you mean by binding? Give examples of some of the bindings and their binding times. [4M]
 d) Consider the following C program: [4M]

```
int fun(int _ i) {
    *i+=5;
    return 4;
}
void main {
    int x=3;
    x=x+fun (&x)
}
```

 What is the value of x after assignment statement in main method assuming i. operands are evaluated left to right?
 e) What are advantages and disadvantages of dynamic local variables? [3M]
 f) What is type inferencing used in ML? [4M]

PART -B

- 2 a) Explain the process of compilation in each phase of a compiler. [8M]
 b) Give some reasons why computer scientists and professional software developers should study general concepts of language design and evaluation. [8M]
- 3 a) Discuss about Context-free grammar and regular expression? Give the parse tree of a following statement: $A = (B+C) * (D / E)$. [8M]
 b) Consider the following pseudo code. [8M]

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Procedure P (A, B: real)
X: real
Procedure Q (B, C: real)
Y: real
...
Procedure R (A, C: real)
Z: real
... (*)
...
```

 Assuming static scope, what is the referencing environment at location marked by (*)?

- 4 a) Explain in detail arrays, indices, subscript bindings, and array categories. [8M]
b) What are the problems posed by managing a heap of single-size cell and variable-size cell? Explain in detail various methods for reclaiming garbage. [8M]
- 5 a) Discuss precedence and associativity rules of different programming languages. [8M]
b) Explain in detail multiple selection constructs. [8M]
- 6 a) What are the characteristics of co-routine feature? List the languages which allow co-routines. [8M]
b) How to implement generic functions in C++? [8M]
- 7 a) Define monitor? Explain how cooperation synchronization and competition synchronization are implemented using monitors. [8M]
b) Write a prolog description of your family tree (based only on facts), going back to your grandparents and including all descendants. Be sure to include all relationships. [8M]

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PART -A

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| 1 | a) | Differentiate between Hybrid Interpretation and Pure Interpretation. | [3M] |
| | b) | Write short notes on Short Cut evaluation. | [4M] |
| | c) | What are the design issues for exception handling in JAVA? | [3M] |
| | d) | Differentiate In mode and Out Mode parameter passing mechanisms. | [4M] |
| | e) | With respect to the object oriented programming, briefly explain virtual functions. | [3M] |
| | f) | What are the three features of Haskell that makes very different from schema? | [4M] |

PART -B

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| 2 | a) | What are the main features of the programming paradigm with examples? | [8M] |
| | b) | Define CFG? What does it mean for CFG to be ambiguous? | [8M] |
| 3 | a) | (i) Explain Dijkstra's selection construction and loop structure. | [8M] |
| | | (ii) Explain with examples user-located loop control mechanisms provided by various languages. | |
| | b) | What is meant by type checking? Differentiate between static type checking and dynamic type checking and give their relative advantages. | [8M] |
| 4 | a) | Discuss the significance of holes in the records. Why they do and what problem do they cause? | [8M] |
| | b) | Explain the difference between virtual and non-virtual methods. | [8M] |
| 5 | a) | Describe three alternative means of allocating co-routine stacks. What are their relative strengths and weaknesses? | [8M] |
| | b) | What is dangling-else problem? Discuss How it can be handled by the programming language. | [8M] |
| 6 | | Explain the following terms : | |
| | a) | Message passing | [6M] |
| | b) | Concurrency in Ada | [5M] |
| | c) | Monitors. | [5M] |
| 7 | a) | For what sort of application logic programming is useful? Briefly explain. | [8M] |
| | b) | Write a LISP function fib(n) that computes nth Fibonacci number. | [8M] |

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| 1 | a) Briefly write about Virtual Machines. | [3M] |
| | b) What are the advantages of user-defined data types? | [4M] |
| | c) How does C support relational and Boolean expressions? | [3M] |
| | d) Explain with example how operand-evaluation order interacts with functional side effects. | [4M] |
| | e) Write a short note on 'this' pointer in C++. | [3M] |
| | f) Explain about LISP interpreter. | [4M] |

PART -B

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| 2 | Explain language evaluation criteria and the characteristics that affect them. | [16M] |
| 3 | a) Define syntax and semantics. | [5M] |
| | b) The levels of acceptance of any language depend on the language description. Comment on this. | [5M] |
| | c) Define grammars, derivation and a parse tree. | [6M] |
| 4 | a) What are dangling pointers and lost heap-dynamic variables? How are they created? | [8M] |
| | b) What are the problems posed by managing a heap of single-size cell and variable-size cell? Explain in detail various methods for reclaiming garbage. | [8M] |
| 5 | Discuss about the various attributes of a good language and explain the process of evaluating attributes with example. | [16M] |
| 6 | a) Write an analysis of the similarities and differences between java packages and C++ namespaces. | [8M] |
| | b) Explain how information hiding is provided in an ADA package. | [8M] |
| 7 | a) Discuss about basic elements of prolog. Give examples. | [8M] |
| | b) Explain how data abstraction is implemented in ADA. | [8M] |

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