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Subject: LINUX INTRODUCTION

**AMIETE – CS/IT**

Time: 3 Hours

**JUNE 2013**

Max. Marks: 100

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR ROLL NO. AT THE SPACE PROVIDED ON EACH PAGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING THE QUESTION PAPER.**

**NOTE: There are 9 Questions in all.**

- Question 1 is compulsory and carries 20 marks. Answer to Q.1 must be written in the space provided for it in the answer book supplied and nowhere else.
- The answer sheet for the Q.1 will be collected by the invigilator after 45 minutes of the commencement of the examination.
- Out of the remaining EIGHT Questions answer any FIVE Questions. Each question carries 16 marks.
- Any required data not explicitly given, may be suitably assumed and stated.

**Q.1 Choose the correct or the best alternative in the following: (2×10)**

a. A process can influence the access mode of new files that have to be created via the system call \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) umask (B) setfsuid  
(C) chroot (D) none of these

b. Inodes contain information such as \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) file's owner (B) access rights  
(C) both (A) & (B) (D) none of these

c. A software interrupt is like a hardware interrupt, an event that can be activated which leads to the processing of the interrupt handling routine.

- (A) FALSE (B) TRUE

d. The linear addresses need to be converted into physical address by \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) the processor (B) a separate MMU  
(C) any of the above (D) None of these

e. Every Ethernet adapter has a completely unique address which is \_\_\_\_\_ bytes long

- (A) 2 (B) 4  
(C) 6 (D) 8

f. Which of the following is not a way for interprocess communication?

- (A) files (B) shared memory  
(C) pipes (D) DMA

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- g. Communication via \_\_\_\_\_ is the oldest way of exchanging data between programs,
- (A) data (B) files  
(C) pointers (D) folders
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ is an important factor for file system
- (A) random access (B) speed of access  
(C) None of these (D) Both (A) & (B)
- i. In the world of PnP, the concepts device and function are used to recognize \_\_\_\_\_ units.
- (A) hardware (B) software  
(C) flowchart (D) Both (A) & (B)
- j. Through \_\_\_\_\_ it is possible to use modems and telephone lines to set up network links to anywhere in the world
- (A) SLIP (B) PPP  
(C) PLIP (D) none of these

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- Q.2** a. What are the characteristics of LINUX? (8)
- b. "New Kernel is generated in 3 steps". What are those 3 steps? Explain in detail. (8)
- Q.3** a. What is the main advantage and drawback of using micro kernel architecture? (8)
- b. Can the process be reactivated once it is interrupted? (8)
- Q.4** a. Describe in detail how the virtual Address Space for a Linux Process is used. (8)
- b. Describe the process of "Converting the Linear address into a physical address" through a diagram. (8)
- Q.5** a. Discuss how Shared Memory is used for inter process communication. (8)
- b. Explain how ptrace is used by debuggers. (8)

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- Q.6** a. Describe the opening of a file operation of the textbook. (8)  
b. What is Superblock? What does it contain? (8)
- Q.7** a. What is the difference between character and block devices? (4)  
b. Discuss the method to create a Kernel Driver for the PC Speaker. (12)
- Q.8** a. Describe the socket structure with the help of a diagram, draw the socket and the relationship to its substructure. (9)  
b. Discuss the network devices: PLIP and the dummy device in Linux. (7)
- Q.9** a. What are modules? Describe how data mapping takes place between modules. (10)  
b. What are the problems with multiprocessor systems? How are they overcome in UNIX-like systems? (6)