

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
University Village, Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Jabi, Abuja
FACULTY OF SCIENCES
COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
2024 I EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: CIT 411

COURSE TITLE: Microcomputers and Microprocessors

TIME ALLOWED: 2Hours

CREDIT UNIT: 2

INSTRUCTION(S): Attempt Question 1 and any other two (2) questions

Question 1

- (a) Describe the operation of a coprocessor trap (5marks)
- (b) Identify and briefly explain the three fields in a coprocessor instruction (5marks)
- (c) Interpret the meaning of the following MOV instructions: (i) MOV R2, #80h, (ii) MOV R4, A (iii) MOV DPTR, #0F22Ch (iv) MOV R2, 80h (v) MOV 52h, 53h (10marks)
- (d) Describe Swap Instruction and explain the three (3) Program control instructions (10marks)

Question 2

- (a). with appropriate illustration, describe the design principle of von Neumann architecture (10marks)
- (b). Explain the concept of stored-program computer (5marks)
- (c). enumerate on the set-back of von Neumann model (5marks)

Question 3

- a. Identify the classes of instructions and their respective functions (10marks)
- b. Explain the term DMA? Mention any five devices that make use of DMA (10 marks)

Question 4

- a. Describe how computer performs an Addition and Subtraction operation (12marks)
- b. Explain the rules required when considering interrupt priorities (8marks)

Question 5

- a. Explain the organization of memory using 80386 system (10marks)
- b. Why do we need DMA and outline its benefits (10marks)