

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY MINNA, NIGERIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING  
SECOND SEMESTER 2017/2018 B.Eng. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
COURSE : MCE 323: Microprocessor Based Systems  
**INSTRUCTION: Answer Question one and any other two questions**  
TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

**Question One**

- a) Owing to the 2.8bn Naira released to Department of Mechatronics Engineering by the Federal Government of Nigeria, you have been contacted to add a visual effect to the departmental notice board. You are required to design a microcontroller based lighting system for the existing notice board using a 40Pin 8051 Microcontroller with the following specifications.
- i. The lighting system should consist of 3 different colours (Red, yellow and blue)
  - ii. The lighting system should also be a blinking system with each colour having a delay of about 60 seconds.

To this end, you are expected to do the following.

1. Design a circuit diagram showing how the 8051 will be connected other circuitries to form a complete blinking system. (10 marks)
  2. Write a PDL of the program to be encoded onto the microcontroller (5marks)
  3. Write a C program for the 8051 using the PDL developed (2) (10 marks)
- b) An Engineering firm has approached you due to your expertise in microcontrollers. The firm wants to produce a range of embedded systems using PIC 16F887 microcontrollers. Kindly, outline seven (7) features of the chip that could be of benefit to the firm. (7 marks)
- c) Differentiate between a microcontroller and a microprocessor.(5 marks)
- d) List 6 basic features of the general 8051 microcontroller.(4 marks)
- e) Identify the Ports on the 8051 and briefly describe their functions.(5 marks)
- f) Differentiate between the following:
- i.) RISC and CISC Instruction sets.
  - ii.) Harvard and Von-Neumann Architectures
- (4 marks)

**Question Two**

- a) Engr-A is currently working on an ADC Project and he is desirous of having an analogue input from is sensory station displayed using simple LEDs help with the use of a Simple C program code, attempt solving this problem for him. (Hint: use channel AN0 and Fosc/8) (10 marks)
- b) Name seven (7) areas of applications of embedded systems and give 2 examples in each area.(5 marks)
- c) List the functions of the following pin outs on the 8051: ALE, PSEN, WR, RD and EA.(10 marks)

**Question Three**

- a) The Nigerian Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has contacted you as a mechatronics engineer to work on NEMA-ALERT System to be used in flood prone areas. The system is expected to display 'HELP US' on a 7-segment display placed at the organization's office whenever, the alert button is pressed at the prone areas. Draw an

appropriate circuit diagram and write the corresponding C program for the system using the PIC 16F887. (10 marks)

- b) Briefly discuss the various types of Bus Architecture of the microcontroller.(8 marks)
- c) State the functions of the following registers on the PIC 16F887
  - a. ANSEL
  - b. TRIS
  - c. ADCON (7 marks)

#### **Question Four**

- a) SSS3 students of the FUTMX secondary school while studying Computer Hardware during their JETS club meeting discovered a device suspected to be memory/storage device with the following inscription. “**End address 0x2FF, start address 0x1F**” written on it. On seeing this, students became confused and ran to you for help saying: “we are desirous of saving 512Byte worth of data on this device but we do not know the capacity”. Can these students save such a data capacity on the device found?. Show all calculation as applicable. (9 marks)
- b) Describe the main Characteristic features of the following software construction techniques:
  - i. Monolithic Technique ; Modular Technique ; Independent Technique (6 marks)
  - ii. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the above techniques? (4 marks)
- c) State 5 basic characteristic features of the PIC 16F887 (6 marks)