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CS202 – Operating System

(Repeat)

Answer all questions

Time: 2Hours

Q1.

- i. Provide definitions for the following terms:
 - a. Program
 - b. process
 - c. process state
- ii. What are the advantages of multiprogramming systems over non-multiprogramming systems?
- iii. What is PCB (Process Control Block)? Why is it used for?
- iv. Can a process make a transition from the Ready state to the Blocked state? Why or why not?
- v. What are race conditions? How can they be prevented?
- vi. Describe the operations P(s) and V(s) on a semaphore s.
 - a. What does P do?
 - b. What does V do?
 - c. What is special about the way P and V are performed that enable them to solve the “race conditions” problem?

Q2.

- i. Define/Describe the following terms:
 - a. Context switch
 - b. Scheduler
- ii. Discuss/explain the following scheduling methodologies:
 - ❖ First Come First Serve (FCFS)
 - ❖ Non preemptive Shortest Job First(SJN)
 - ❖ Round Robin(RR)
- iii. Explain the difference between preemptive and non preemptive scheduling.

iv. Suppose the following jobs are to be executed in a uniprocessor system

Job Number	Arrival Time	Service Time
1	0	4
2	1	8
3	3	2
4	10	6
5	12	5

Ignore process switching overhead. For each of the following scheduling methods determine the turnaround time for each process, and the average turnaround for all jobs.

- i. FCFS
- ii. SJN
- iii. RR, quantum = 3

Q3.

- i. Describe the necessary conditions under which a deadlock can occur in an operating system.
- ii. What condition for deadlock does the following solution attack?

“If a process must wait for a needed resource, it drops all of its previously held resources and tries to acquire all resources again.”

- iii. Consider a system consisting of four resources of the same type that are shared by three processes, each of which needs at most two resources. Show that the system is deadlock free.
- iv. Explain the Banker’s algorithm of deadlock avoidance.
- v. Suppose a system has four processes P0, P1, P2 and P3 and five types of resources R0, R1, R2, R3 and R4 that can be allocated to these processes. The current allocation and maximum needs are as follows:

Allocated:

Process	R0	R1	R2	R3	R4
P0	1	0	2	1	1
P1	2	0	1	1	0
P2	1	1	0	1	0
P3	1	1	1	1	0

Maximum:

Process	R0	R1	R2	R3	R4
P0	1	1	2	1	3
P1	2	2	2	1	0
P2	2	1	3	1	0
P3	1	1	2	2	1

Available resources are:

R0	R1	R2	R3	R4
0	0	X	1	2

Find out the smallest value of X for which this is a safe state.

