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**UNIT –I
OPERATING SYSTEMS OVERVIEW AND SYSTEM STRUCTURES**

1	Explain the Evolution of Operating Systems from early computer systems to modern operating systems.	[L2][CO1]	[12M]
2	a) Illustrate how different components of computer system architecture interact in a real-world system.	[L3][CO1]	[6M]
	b) Define an operating system and outline its primary goals.	[L2][CO1]	[6M]
3	List the different types of Operating Systems. Briefly describe each type with suitable examples.	[L1][CO1]	[12M]
4	a) Define system calls and explain their purpose in an operating system.	[L2][CO1]	[6M]
	b) Describe how a user program interacts with the operating system through system calls.	[L2][CO1]	[6M]
5	Evaluate the importance of Operating System services in modern computing environments.	[L4][CO1]	[12M]
6	a) Demonstrate how an operating system manages processes and memory during execution.	[L3][CO1]	[6M]
	b) Differentiate between various generations of operating systems and analyze their impact on computing.	[L4][CO1]	[6M]
7	a) Apply the concept of system calls to demonstrate file handling operations	[L3][CO1]	[6M]
	b) Show how process control system calls are used in program execution.	[L3][CO1]	[6M]
8	a) Define system programs and explain their role in system functionality.	[L2][CO1]	[6M]
	b) Demonstrate the use of system programs in file management or system monitoring.	[L3][CO1]	[6M]
9	Illustrate how OS services are used in executing a program.	[L3][CO1]	[12M]
10	Compare different types of user interfaces and analyze their suitability for various users.	[L4][CO1]	[12M]

UNIT –II

PROCESS CONCEPT, MULTITHREADED PROGRAMMING AND INTER-PROCESS COMMUNICATION

1	a)	Define a process in an operating system.	[L2][CO2]	[3M]																				
	b)	Demonstrate how a process moves from ready state to running state.	[L3][CO2]	[9M]																				
2	a)	Define Inter-Process Communication (IPC) and explain its need.	[L2][CO2]	[6M]																				
	b)	Describe the different methods of IPC with examples.	[L2][CO2]	[6M]																				
3		Illustrate how processes move among different scheduling queues during execution with a suitable diagram.	[L3][CO2]	[12M]																				
4		Analyze the role of the Process Control Block (PCB) in process management. Explain how context switching occurs between processes.	[L4][CO2]	[12M]																				
5	a)	Define a race condition and explain when it occurs.	[L2][CO2]	[6M]																				
	b)	What is a critical section? Explain its significance in process synchronization.	[L2][CO2]	[6M]																				
6		Analyze the Dining Philosophers Problem and explain how synchronization mechanisms like semaphores or monitors can be used to solve it.	[L4][CO2]	[12M]																				
7		Consider the following processes. Apply the SJF Preemptive scheduling algorithm and calculate waiting time and turnaround time for each process.	[L3][CO2]	[12M]																				
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10		Design a solution to the Readers–Writers Problem using semaphores. Explain how mutual exclusion and synchronization are achieved.	[L3][CO2]	[12M]																				

UNIT –III**MEMORY-MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND VIRTUAL MEMORY MANAGEMENT**

1	a)	Explain the need for memory management in an operating system.	[L2][CO3]	[6M]
	b)	Compare and evaluate paging vs segmentation with diagrams.	[L4][CO3]	[6M]
2	a)	What is swapping? Explain with a diagram.	[L1][CO3]	[6M]
	b)	Evaluate advantages and disadvantages of swapping.	[L4][CO3]	[6M]
3		Apply First Fit, Best Fit, and Worst Fit algorithms to allocate memory blocks.	[L3][CO3]	[12M]
4		Explain in detail memory management techniques.	[L2][CO3]	[12M]
5	a)	Discuss segmentation with suitable example.	[L2][CO3]	[6M]
	b)	Explain how fragmentation occurs and methods to reduce it.	[L2][CO3]	[6M]
6		Compare all file allocation methods with diagrams and advantages, disadvantages.	[L3][CO3]	[12M]
7	a)	Explain the concept of demand paging.	[L2][CO3]	[6M]
	b)	Analyze the occurrence of Belady's anomaly in FIFO.	[L4][CO3]	[6M]
8		Given Reference string: 7, 0, 1, 2, 0, 3, 0, 4 and Number of frames = 3 & 4. Apply FIFO page replacement and Find total number of page faults	[L3][CO3]	[12M]
9		Given Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Number of frames = 3 & 4. Apply LRU page replacement and Find total number of page faults	[L3][CO3]	[12M]
10		Given Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Number of frames = 3 & 4. Apply Optimal page replacement and Find total number of page faults	[L3][CO3]	[12M]

UNIT –IV**DEADLOCKS AND FILE SYSTEMS**

1	a)	Explain the four conditions required for deadlock to occur	[L2][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Consider a system with processes P1, P2, P3 and resources R1, R2, R3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 → holds R1 and requests R2 • P2 → holds R2 and requests R3 • P3 → holds R3 and requests R1 Determine whether a deadlock exists using Resource Allocation Graph.	[L3][CO4]	[6M]
2	a)	Explain deadlock prevention techniques with examples.	[L2][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Apply Banker's Algorithm to determine whether the system is in a safe state.	[L3][CO4]	[6M]
3	a)	Write short notes on resource allocation graph.	[L1][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Explain the concept of recovery from deadlock.	[L2][CO4]	[6M]
4	a)	Explain the deadlock detection algorithm for a system with a single instance of each resource type.	[L2][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Explain how deadlock detection is performed in systems with multiple instances of resources.	[L2][CO4]	[6M]
5	a)	Compare sequential access, direct access, and indexed access methods.	[L4][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Demonstrate the steps involved in performing file operations	[L3][CO4]	[6M]
6	a)	Compare read, write, create, and delete operations performed on files.	[L4][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Explain the different file access methods used in operating systems.	[L2][CO4]	[6M]
7		Compare all file allocation methods with diagrams and advantages, disadvantages.	[L3][CO4]	[12M]
8	a)	A disk queue contains requests: 98, 183, 37, 122, 14, 124, 65, 67 and Initial head position = 53; Calculate total head movement using FCFS.	[L3][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Disk requests: 82, 170, 43, 140, 24, 16, 190 and Initial head position = 50 Find total seek time using SSTF.	[L3][CO4]	[6M]
9	a)	Disk requests: 95, 180, 34, 119, 11, 123, 62, 64 and Initial head position = 50 Direction = towards 0, Calculate total head movement using SCAN.	[L3][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Disk requests: 98, 183, 37, 122, 14, 124, 65, 67 and Initial head position = 53 Disk size = 0–199, Compute total head movement using C-SCAN.	[L3][CO4]	[6M]
10	a)	What is RAID? Explain the basic techniques used in RAID.	[L2][CO4]	[6M]
	b)	Discuss various RAID levels in detail.	[L2][CO4]	[6M]

UNIT –V
SYSTEM PROTECTION AND SECURITY

1	a)	Define System Protection. What are the main goals of protection in an operating system?	[L1][CO5]	[6M]
	b)	Explain the principles of protection in OS with suitable examples.	[L2][CO5]	[6M]
2	a)	What is meant by a protection domain? How does it differ from an access domain?	[L2][CO5]	[6M]
	b)	Illustrate the concept of an Access Matrix with a simple example involving users and files.	[L3][CO5]	[6M]
3	a)	What is revocation of access rights? Why is it necessary?	[L2][CO5]	[6M]
	b)	Compare Access Control Lists (ACL) and Capability Lists.	[L4][CO5]	[6M]
4		Consider 3 users (U1, U2, U3) and 3 files (F1, F2, F3). Construct an access matrix and Assign permissions and Identify unauthorized access attempts	[L3][CO5]	[12M]
5		Compare different access control mechanisms and evaluate their advantages and limitations.	[L5][CO5]	[6M]
6	a)	Explain different types of program threats with suitable examples.	[L2][CO5]	[6M]
	b)	Discuss the basic working principle of cryptography in security.	[L2][CO5]	[6M]
7	a)	Apply encryption techniques to secure communication between two users.	[L3][CO5]	[6M]
	b)	Differentiate between symmetric and asymmetric cryptography.	[L4][CO5]	[6M]
8	a)	Explain different methods of security attacks.	[L2][CO5]	[6M]
	b)	Describe the four levels of security measures.	[L2][CO5]	[6M]
9	a)	Illustrate how a Trojan Horse program can compromise system security and suggest preventive measures.	[L3][CO5]	[6M]
	b)	Apply the concept of Denial of Service (DoS) attack and explain how it affects system performance.	[L3][CO5]	[6M]
10		Describe the concept of authentication. Explain how hash functions and digital signatures are used to verify message integrity and authenticity in secure communication.	[L2][CO5]	[12M]

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