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COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**

**BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

**EIT 4420**

**Network Programming**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SERIES:** 2016/2017

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE:** Pick Date Select Month Pick Year

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of 5 questions.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Attempt QUESTION ONE (Compulsory) and ANY OTHER TWO questions.

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**QUESTION ONE**

a) Define the following terms:

- i). Thread
- ii). System calls
- iii). Sockets
- iv) .Net remoting

(8 marks)

b) Explain the meaning of any of the following codes involving sockets:

- i). `int status = connect(sockid, &foreignAddr, addrlen)`
- ii). `status = close(sockid)`

(4 marks)

(2 marks)

c) Briefly describe the two types of (TCP/IP) sockets:

(4 marks)

d) Describe at least two circumstances under which the following network topologies can be implemented.

(4 marks)

- i). Bus
- ii). Mesh

e) Distinguish between a router and a gateway

(4 marks)

f) Outline the steps followed by client to establish the connection with a server

(4 marks)

## QUESTION TWO

- a) Describe at least two circumstances under which the following network topologies can be implemented. (4 marks)
  - iii). Bus
  - iv). Mesh
- b) Distinguish between a router and a gateway (2 marks)
- c) Concurrent processing is fundamental to distributed computing and occurs in many forms. State any two of these forms. (2 marks)
- d) Briefly describe at least four socket APIs. (4 marks)
- e) Distinguish between the following process control system calls:
  - i). Fork() and malloc() (4 marks)
  - ii). free() and waitpid() (4 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

Using C# or VB.NET write program that creates a server and receives connection requests from clients. The server is built with a synchronous socket, so execution of the server application is suspended while it waits for a connection from a client. The application receives a string from the client, displays the string on the console, and then echoes the string back to the client. The string from the client must contain the string "<EOF>" to signal the end of the message. Ensure the code is well documented (Commented) to enhance clarity  
(Marks 20)

## QUESTION FOUR

- a) State two problems associated with threads (2 marks)
- b) With the aid of a diagram, discuss client-server communication using either TCP or UDP sockets. (18 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE

- a) Explain the importance of .Net remoting (3 marks)
- b) Describe any four classes of network protocols (4 marks)
- c) Identify two Memory Management Requirements (2 marks)
- d) Briefly describe and illustrate with diagrams the three Multithreading Models (6 marks)
- e) Outline three ways in which a socket can be uniquely identified: (3 marks)
- f) State two problems associated with threads (2 marks)