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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**

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**ICS 2208: OPERATING SYSTEMS II**

**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: SEPTEMBER 2018**

**TIME: 2HOURS**

**DATE: Sep2018**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other **TWO** questions.

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

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**Question ONE**

a) Explain the following terms as they apply to distributed computer Operating systems

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| (i) Distributed Operating System | (3marks) |
| (ii) Address space               | (3marks) |
| (iii) Asynchronous Operation     | (3marks) |
| (iv) Demand paging               | (3marks) |
| (v) prepaging                    | (3marks) |
| (vi) Critical Section            | (3marks) |
| (vii) Deadlock                   | (3marks) |

b) Using a diagram outline the logical view of how the middleware enables realize distributed client server/server computing (9 marks)

## Question TWO

a) Explain the elements to consider in the design of distributed Operating system for each of the following system components

- i) Process Management ( 4 marks)
- ii) Communication (4marks)
- iii) File Systems (4 marks)

b) Explain the advantages of Remote procedure call over direct network I/O (8 marks)

## Question THREE

- a) Explain the concept of critical section in distributed operating system (2 marks)
- b) Explain the System Model for distributed (15 marks)
- c) Explain how deadlock can occur in distributed system (3 marks)

## Question FOUR

- a) Briefly explain five resource allocation policies in distributed operating system (10 marks)
- b) Explain the following classes of client –server applications
  - (i) host base processing ( 2 marks)
  - (ii) server based processing ( 2 marks)
  - (iii) cooperative processing ( 2 marks)
  - (iv) client-based processing ( 2 marks)
- c) Explain the meaning of process image (2marks)

## Question FIVE

- a) Explain the elements used in implementation mechanism of remote procedure call (10 marks)
- b) Explain the procedure call process (10 marks)