



Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2023/Jan.2024
File Structures

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO full questions from each part.

PART – A

- 1 a. Describe the relation between the physical file and the logical file. (04 Marks)
- b. Briefly explain the different basic ways to organize the data on a disk. (10 Marks)
- c. Calculate the space required on tape if we want to store the 1 million 100 bytes records on a 7250 bpi tape, that has an internal block gap of 0.2 inches and with a blocking factor of 60. Hence calculate the space required. (06 Marks)
- 2 a. What are the different ways of adding structures to a file to maintain the identity of records? Explain each with examples. (10 Marks)
- b. Define the following terms:
 - i) File-access method
 - ii) Meta-data
 - iii) RRN
 - iv) Template class. (04 Marks)
- c. Design an algorithm for sequential-search. (06 Marks)
- 3 a. Define data compression. Explain irreversible compression techniques. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain the key-sorting techniques and their limitations. (06 Marks)
- c. What is meant by an index? Explain the operations required to maintain the index files. (08 Marks)
- 4 a. Explain the object-oriented mode for implementing co-sequential process. (10 Marks)
- b. Briefly explain the different methods used to sort files on a tape. (10 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. Define a B-tree. Explain the creation of a B-tree, with examples. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain deletion, merging and redistribution of elements in a B-tree. (10 Marks)
- 6 a. Explain the block splitting and merging due to insertion and deletion in the sequence set, with examples. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain the simple-prefix B+ tree. (05 Marks)
- c. Compare the strengths and weakness of B+ trees and B-trees. (05 Marks)
- 7 a. Define hashing. Explain a simple hashing algorithm. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain the double hashing and chained progressive overflow collision resolution techniques. (10 Marks)
- 8 a. Explain the working of extendible hashing. (10 Marks)
- b. Write short notes on:
 - i) Dynamic hashing
 - ii) Linear hashing. (10 Marks)

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Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
 2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and/or equations written eg, 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.

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