

Answer any **FIVE** Questions  
All Questions carry **equal** marks

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1. (a) Draw and explain the architecture of unix.  
(b) What is mutual exclusion problem? Present the kernel solution the same.

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2. (a) Discuss in detail about the structure of a buffer pool.  
(b) Present a detailed note on buffer headers.

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3. (a) Describe an algorithm that takes as in-core I-node as input and updates the corresponding disk I-node.  
(b) Distinguish between read and direct and indirect blocks of an I-node.

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4. (a) Explain the role of pipes in transfer of data between processes.  
(b) Discuss in detail about the write system call.

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5. (a) When attaching a region to a process, how can the kernel check that the region does not overlap virtual addresses in regions already attached to the process?  
(b) Write and explain the steps for context switch.

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6. (a) Explain the role of init in handling the system calls.  
(b) Write and explain the algorithm for allocating the text regions.

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7. (a) Implement a system call `renice x y`, where `x` is a process ID (of active process) and `y` is the value that its nice value should take.  
(b) Explain the fair share scheduler with suitable example.

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8. Write short notes on the following,
  - (a) Role of semaphores in inter process communication.
  - (b) Terminal polling.
  - (c) Clists.