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APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
B.Tech Degree S5 (Minor) Examination November 2025 (2023 Admn)

Course Code: ECT381
Course Name: EMBEDDED SYSTEM DESIGN

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

PART A

(Answer all questions; each question carries 3 marks)

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| 1 | What are the characteristics and quality attributes of an Embedded System? | 3 |
| 2 | What are the three challenges in an Embedded System Design? | 3 |
| 3 | Differentiate between PCI & PCI-X bus. | 3 |
| 4 | What is a cache memory? | 3 |
| 5 | Explain how a constant declaration is done in Embedded C programming with an example. | 3 |
| 6 | What is the difference between assembly level language and high level language? | 3 |
| 7 | Which are the control flow instructions in assembly language programming? | 3 |
| 8 | List the RISC features inherited by the ARM processor. | 3 |
| 9 | Draw the 3-stage pipeline architecture of ARM Processor. | 3 |
| 10 | Write a note on ARM Memory Interface | 3 |

PART B

(Answer one full question from each module, each question carries 14 marks)

Module -1

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| 11 | a) Explain the behavioural description of embedded system design. | 7 |
| | b) What is an Embedded System? Explain the challenges in the Embedded System Development. | 7 |
| 12 | a) Explain the design steps in Embedded System Design Process with a relevant example. | 7 |
| | b) Explain the different phases of an embedded product life cycle (EDLC) with the help of a neat diagram | 7 |

Module -2

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| 13 | a) Explain the operation of I ² C bus. | 7 |
| | b) Explain Serial and Parallel Port Communication with necessary diagrams. | 7 |

- 14 a) Describe the CAN bus frame structure in detail and explain the significance of each field. 7
- b) Define interrupt latency. Discuss the factors affecting interrupt latency and methods to minimize it in embedded systems. 7

Module -3

- 15 a) Explain the significance of pointers in Embedded C programming. Discuss their applications in embedded systems. 7
- b) Write a program to use a macro to calculate the square of a number. 7
- 16 a) Explain the role of preprocessor directives in Embedded C programming. Discuss common preprocessor directives with examples. 7
- b) Write an Embedded C program to toggle an LED connected to a GPIO pin with a delay. 7

Module -4

- 17 a) Explain the significance of the ARM pipeline in improving instruction execution efficiency. What are the different stages in a typical ARM pipeline? 7
- b) Write an ARM assembly program to check if a number in R1 is even or odd and set R0 to 1 if even, or 0 if odd. 7
- 18 a) Explain the ARM Processor architectures and its registers. 7
- b) Write an ARM assembly program to perform left and right shifts on a number in R1. Store the results in R2 and R3, respectively. 7

Module -5

- 19 a) What is Thumb Instruction Set? Why is it used? Explain Thumb Programmers Model. 7
- b) Draw the model of AMBA Architecture. What are the different types of buses used in this architecture? 7
- 20 a) Explain how procedures and functions are supported by ARM architecture. 7
- b) Explain the use of memory by a standard ARM C program. 7
