**Instructions**: In this assignment, there are eight questions. The last three questions are multiplechoice questions. You have to answer all of them.

## Question 1

Figure 1 shows a digital circuit with four full adders. For the left input of each full adder, it is always input with '0'. For the full adder associated with  $Z_0$ , the right input is always '1'. The input  $A = A_3A_2A_1A_0$ is restricted to 0XXX, where X is either 0 or 1.

- (a) What will be the output  $Z = Z_4 Z_3 Z_2 Z_1 Z_0$  if A = 0011?
- (b) What will be the output  $Z = Z_4 Z_3 Z_2 Z_1 Z_0$  if A = 0111?
- (c) What is the digital circuit used for?

## Question 2

- (a) In a processor, there must have a module called *control unit* or *instruction decode unit*. What is it used for?
- (b) What is the difference between *instruction* and *microinstruction*?
- (c) What is a microprogram?
- (d) What factor determines the design of a microprogram?
- (e) State three factors which determine the performance of a processor.

## Question 3

- (a) Each modern computer must have five necessary hardware components. What are they?
- (b) State the reasons why RAM is needed in a computer system?
- (c) State at least two differences between a CISC processor and a RISC processor.
- (d) State two CISC processors which can be found in a computer or a cell phone.
- (e) State two RISC processors which can be found in a computer or a cell phone.

#### Question 4

With reference to the 4-logic-gate processor architecture as shown in Figure 5 in the lecture note *Processor* and *Computer*, design the micro-instructions for the following logical operations. It is assumed that the value of A (resp. B) has already been stored in the register RA (resp. RB).

- (a)  $R1 = \neg A$ .
- (b)  $R2 = \neg B$ .
- (c)  $Z = (\neg A) \oplus (\neg B).$
- (d)  $Z = A + ((\neg A) \oplus (\neg B)).$

Here  $\neg$  refers to NOT operation,  $\oplus$  refers to XOR operation and + refers to OR operation. You answers have to be conformed to the format as shown in Figure 4 in the lecture note *Processor and Computer*.

#### Question 4

With reference to the 4-logic-gate processor architecture as shown in Figure 5 in the lecture note *Proces*sor and *Computer*, design the micro-instructions for the following logical operations. It is assumed that the initial setting for RA and RB are 1 and 0. The contents of the other registers are set to '0'.

- S1.  $R1 = \neg A$ .
- S2.  $R2 = \neg B$ .

S3.  $R3 = (\neg A) \oplus (\neg B)$ .

Here  $\neg$  refers to NOT operation and  $\oplus$  refers to XOR operation.

What will be the contents of RA, RB, RZ, R1, R2, R3 and R4 after the above steps have been executed ?

### Question 5

With reference to the single-NAND-gate processor as shown in Figure 1 in *Processor and Computer (Supplementary)*, design the micro-instructions for the realization of the following instructions.

- (a) NOT RA.
- (b) AND RA RB.

You answers have to be conformed to the format as shown in Figure 4 in the lecture note *Processor and Computer*. That is to say, you need to depict the control signals to be sent to the switches, the address bits  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ; and the signal for R/W.



Figure 1: Digital circuit for Question 1.

## Question 6

Refer to the artificial CPU and its commands, what will be the content of M4 if the following commands are executed?

DEF M1 1 DEF M2 2 DEF M3 5 MOV IA M1 IF IA == 0MOV IA M2 MOV IA M2 MOV IB M3 ADD IA IB MOV M4 OUT ELSE MOV IA M1 MOV IA M1 MOV IB M3 MUL IA IB MOV M4 OUT ENDIF (a) 2.

- (b) 7.
- (c) 5.
- (d) 0.
- (e) None of the above.

#### Question 7

What will be the content of M4 if the following program segment is executed?

 DEF
 M1
 16

 DEF
 M2
 22

 DEF
 M3
 10

 MOV
 IA
 M1

 MOV
 IB
 M2

 CMP
 IA
 IB

 CMP
 IA
 IB

MOV IA M2
MOV IB M3
CMP IA IB
CMP IA IB
MOV IA OUT
MOV IB M4
ADD IA IB
MOV M4 OUT
(a) 28.
(b) 30.
(c) 32.
(d) 34.
(e) None of the above.

MOV M4 OUT

# Question 8

Given that there are five memories M1, M2, M3, M4 and M5. Here is the program segment to instruct the circuit.

MOV IA M1 MOV IB M2 MUL IA IB MOV IA OUT MOV IB M3 MUL IA IB MOV IA OUT MOV IB M4 SUB IA IB MOV M5 OUT

which of the following mathematical equation is identical to the operation of the following program segment?

- (a)  $M5 = M4 M1 \times M2 \times M3$ .
- (b)  $M5 = M4 (M1 + M2) \times M3$

- (c)  $M5 = M1 \times M2 \times M3 M4$ .
- (d)  $M5 = (M1 + M2) \times M3 M4.$
- (e) None of the above.