

Long Questions¹

1. Explain the role of pipes in interprocess communication between processes on the same system.
2. What distinguishes a FIFO from a regular pipe in interprocess communication?
3. Describe the purpose of message queues in interprocess communication.
4. How does shared memory enhance interprocess communication in terms of performance?
5. What challenges might arise in IPC between processes on different systems, and how can they be addressed?
6. In the context of synchronization, what is the role of mutual exclusion in preventing conflicts?
7. How do monitors simplify synchronization compared to using semaphores directly?
8. What are the advantages of using shared memory for interprocess communication over other mechanisms like message passing?
9. Explain the difference between logical and physical address space.
10. What is swapping in the context of memory management?
11. Describe contiguous allocation in memory management.
12. Explain the concept of paging in memory management.
13. What is segmentation in the context of memory management?
14. How does segmentation with paging combine the benefits of both segmentation and paging?
15. Explain the concept of demand paging in virtual memory.
16. What are the advantages and disadvantages of demand paging?
17. Describe the concept of page replacement in demand paging.
18. What factors should be considered in designing a page replacement algorithm?
19. Explain the Optimal page replacement algorithm.
20. How does the FIFO (First-In-First-Out) page replacement algorithm work?
21. What is the LRU (Least Recently Used) page replacement algorithm?
22. Explain the Clock page replacement algorithm.
23. How does the Working Set model influence page replacement algorithms?
24. What is the Thrashing phenomenon in virtual memory systems?

25. Explain the concept of memory-mapped files in virtual memory.
26. How does segmentation differ from paging in memory management?
27. Describe the two types of fragmentation in memory management.
28. What is the role of the Memory Management Unit (MMU) in address translation?
29. How does the Two-Level Paging scheme address the challenges of large address spaces?
30. Explain the concept of Inverted Page Tables in virtual memory systems.
31. How does the Buddy System allocate memory in a dynamic partitioning environment?
32. What are the advantages of using a fixed partitioning scheme in memory management?
33. Explain the concept of multiple page tables in the Multi-Level Page Table scheme.
34. What is the purpose of the Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB) in memory management?
35. How does the Segmentation with Paging approach address the limitations of pure segmentation and pure paging?
36. Explain the concept of a page fault in demand paging.
37. How does the Belady's Anomaly affect page replacement algorithms?
38. Describe the concept of 'thrashing' in the context of virtual memory systems.
39. How does the Memory Management Unit (MMU) facilitate virtual memory systems?
40. Explain the role of the Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB) in improving memory access efficiency.
41. How does the Buddy System manage memory allocation in a dynamic partitioning environment?
42. Describe the challenges associated with external fragmentation in memory management.
43. How does the Two-Level Paging scheme help manage the translation of logical addresses in virtual memory systems?
44. What are access methods in a file system, and why are they important?
45. Explain the structure and purpose of a directory in a file system.
46. What is file protection in a file system, and how is it implemented?
47. Describe the structure of a file system.
48. What are allocation methods in file systems, and how do they impact file storage?

49. Explain the concept of free-space management in a file system.
50. How do open and create system calls contribute to file operations?
51. Describe the read and write system calls in the context of file operations.
52. How does the close system call contribute to file management in an operating system?
53. Explain the purpose of the lseek system call in file operations.
54. What information can be obtained using the stat system call in a file system?
55. How does the ioctl system call contribute to file system operations?
56. Describe the role of the directory structure in file organization.
57. How is file protection implemented using user permissions in a Unix-like file system?
58. Explain the differences between contiguous, linked, and indexed file allocation methods.
59. How does the usage of an inode table contribute to file system efficiency?
60. What challenges are associated with contiguous file allocation methods?
61. How does the allocation method impact the performance of file reading and writing operations?
62. Describe the trade-offs between fixed-size and variable-size clusters in free-space management.
63. How does the free-space management mechanism impact the performance of file allocation and deallocation?
64. Explain the significance of the create system call in file system operations.
65. How does the open system call contribute to concurrent access to files in an operating system?
66. Explain how the stat system call can be used to gather information about a file in a Unix-like operating system.
67. How does the lseek system call enable random access to files in an operating system?
68. Describe the ioctl system call and its applications in file system operations.
69. What advantages does the use of symbolic links provide in a file system?
70. How do hard links differ from symbolic links in file systems?
71. Explain how file permissions are enforced in a Unix-like file system.
72. How does the implementation of a journaling file system contribute to data integrity and recovery?
73. Explain the purpose of the mknod system call in Unix-like operating systems.

74. Describe the significance of the access system call in file system operations.
75. How does file compression contribute to efficient storage utilization in file systems?