

Computer Science - ICS Part 1 Computer Science Chapter 5 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. What is ram volatile?

Ans 1: The most common type of memory is called Random Access Memory or RAM. It holds data and program instruction while CPU works on them. RAM is volatile memory because it loses all its content when the computer is shut down or if there is a power failure.

Q2. Define Cache Memory.

Ans 1: Cache Memory, also called CPU memory, is random access memory. Cache memory usually has a very small size as compared to the main memory in the computer but plays a very important role in increasing the performance of a computer system.

Q3. What is DMA? Define it.

Ans 1: DMA: In this scheme, the processor issues the I/O command and then gets busy in some other useful task. The special hardware gets the data from the I/O device and uses the system bus to place it in the memory. It is useful to note that data is transferred when the processor does not need the system bus.

Q4. How does an assembler work?

Ans 1:

- It is a program that translates assembly code into machine code.
- The assembler is a system program that is supplied by the computer manufacturer.
- It is written by the system programmer with great care.

Q5. Define memory address register.

Ans 1: When the CPU wants to store some data in the memory or reads the data from the memory, it places the address of the required memory location in the MAR.

Q6. Define Stack.

Ans 1: In computer science, a stack is an abstract data type that serves as a collection of elements with two principal operations: Push and Pop.

Q7. What is the code segment register?

Ans 1: The CS register holds the basic location of all executable instructions in the program.

Q8. What is instruction format?

Ans 1: A computer will usually have variety of instruction code formats. It is the function of the control unit within CPU to interpret each instruction code and provide the necessary control function needed to process the instruction.

Q9. What is main memory?

Ans 1: Main Memory: The stored program computer has another very important component that is used to store program and data while these are being executed. This unit is commonly known as main memory of the computer.

Q10. What is stack pointer?

Ans 1: A stack pointer is a small register that stores the address of the last program request in a stack. A stack is a specialized buffer which stores data from the top down.
