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**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELORS OF SCIENCE IN  
(INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)**

**COURSE CODE: BIT 124**

**COURSE TITLE: DIGITAL ELECTRONICS**

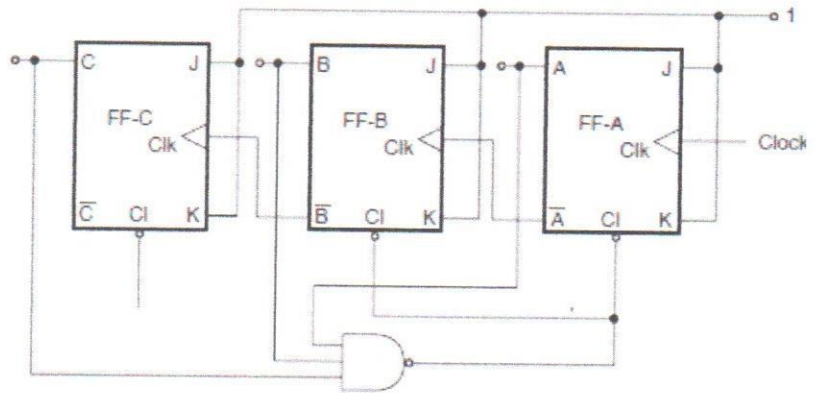
**DATE: 27/07/2022 TIME: 8.00 A.M. – 10.00 A.M. 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:  
ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO.**

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**QUESTION ONE [COMPULSORY] (30MARKS)**

- a) Distinguish between Multiplexers and demultiplexers [1 mark]
- b) Convert the binary number 1010 1011.01111<sub>2</sub> to;
  - i) Hexadecimal [2 marks]
  - ii) Decimal [2 marks]
- c) Convert hexadecimal number A25C. 2A to;
  - i) Binary [2 marks]
  - ii) Octal [2 marks]
- d) Refer to the counter schematic shown in the figure below.

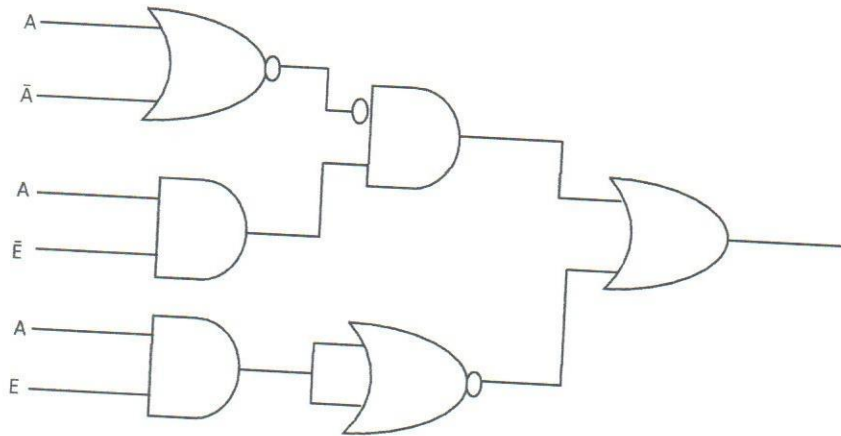


- i) Sketch the wave forms for the output of the flipflops [3 marks]
- ii) Determine the count sequence of this counter [2 marks]
- e) Determine SOP expression from the Karnaugh map shown below [3 marks]

	$\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}D$	$CD$	$C\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}\bar{B}$	1	1		1
$\bar{A}B$		1		
$AB$				
$A\bar{B}$	1	1		1

f) Determine the Boolean expression from the logic circuit shown below

[3 marks]



g) Simplify the following Boolean function obtained in (f) above to a minimum number of literals

[3 marks]

h) Obtain a truth table for the minimized logic circuit in 1(g) above

[3 marks]

i) Explain the application of magnitude comparator

[4 marks]

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Describe the operation of a decoder

[6 marks]

b) Using a logic circuit, illustrate how a comparator is used in testing of equality

[4 marks]

c) Explain the operation of half-adder circuit as an arithmetic circuit

[6 marks]

d) Using relevant circuit diagram demonstrate synchronous parallel transfer of data from three bit register to another using J-K flip flops.

[4 marks]

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Design a digital logic circuit to produce a 50 Hz output signal from an input signal of 3.2 KHz.

[4 marks]

b) With the help of clocked JK flip flops and waveforms, explain the working of a MOD-8 down counter

[5 marks]

c) List any three applications of de-multiplexers

[3 marks]

d) Explain the operation of a decoder circuit

[4 marks]

e) Explain how a decoder is used in the following areas

i) Computer memory

[2 marks]

ii) Input/Output device addressing

[2 marks]

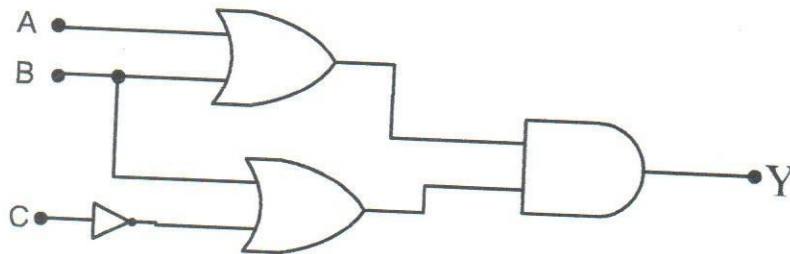
#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) A water tank feeds three separate processes. When any two of the processes are in operation at the same time, a signal is required to start a pump to maintain the head of water in the tank. Devise a logic circuit using **nor**-gates only to give the required signal. [4 marks]
- b) Describe any two applications of de-multiplexers [4 marks]
- c) Explain the following terms in relation to logic families;
- i) Power dissipation [2 marks]
  - ii) Noise immunity [2 marks]
- d) Standardize the expression  $Y = (AB)' + A'BC + BC'$  [4 marks]
- e) Implement a truth table that satisfies the result in 4(d) above [4 marks]

#### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Derive a truth table for the circuit below.

[4 marks]



- b) Describe the operation of flip flops in frequency division circuits [6 marks]
- c) Explain any three applications of decoder circuits [6 marks]
- d) Differentiate between multiplexers and de-multiplexers [4 marks]