

Pre-test and Post-test Translation

The tests were in Norwegian. The following is a translation of the questions. To avoid presenting identical questions twice (which would have been the result with one section for the pre-test and another for the post-test) pre-test only questions are marked with “PRE” and the corresponding post-test only questions with “POST”.

Part A: Busses (multiple choice, only one alternative to be checked)

1-PRE) Which of these lines is NOT part of a bus?

- Address line
- Control line
- Return line
- Data line

1-POST) Which is NOT a good argument for having hierarchical busses in a computer?

- Wanting to separate slow from quick units
- A long bus has higher transmission delay
- More busses means more units can transmit data at the same time
- With some units specialized busses may be an advantage
- The locality principle makes it less likely that remote units will be used

2) A multiplexed bus

- demands fewer lines than a dedicated bus
- gives better performance than a dedicated bus
- cannot be used outside the computer
- makes arbitration more complicated than a dedicated bus
- cannot be used with modern RAM technology

3-PRE) What type of arbitration implies that one specific unit always selects the bus master?

- Distributed arbitration
- Dynamic arbitration
- Centralised arbitration
- Static arbitration
- Structured arbitration

3-POST) Which statement is INCORRECT?

- Arbitration is unnecessary for a synchronous bus
- A bus is a shared transmission medium
- A bus is the most usual connection structure in a computer
- A bus typically contains control, address, and data lines
- Arbitration is not necessary if only one of the units attached to the bus may be the bus master

4) Which is true about the communication over a bus?

- Several units may communicate simultaneously if they are adjacent on the bus
- One unit can always send to another as long as the other is not sending
- The bus goes only one way
- Only one unit may send on the bus at a time

5-PRE) Which is INCORRECT about a multiplexed bus?

- A multiplexed bus has fewer lines than a non-multiplexed bus
- A multiplexed bus is a hierarchy of busses
- A multiplexed bus demands more complicated circuits
- A multiplexed bus cannot send data and address simultaneously
- A multiplexed bus has lower performance than a non-multiplexed one

5-POST) Which is correct about arbitration?

- During arbitration, the signals to be sent are coded
- During arbitration, it is decided which unit will be allowed to use the bus
- Arbitration verifies that all lines in the bus are working
- Arbitration is caused by the delay in the bus transmission
- Arbitration is used to increase the performance of the bus

- 6) A given bus between three or more units contains 16 data lines and 16 address lines. These may be used to
- [] make 2^{16} different connections, each able to transmit 16 bits
 - [] Transmit 16 bits in each direction between two units
 - [] Simultaneously transmit 16 bits between two units
 - [] make 4 connections between various units, simultaneously transmitting 1 byte at each connection
 - [] transmit a multiple of 16 bits between two units. How many bits the bus can handle depends on its length

Part B: Addressing modes

Given a computer with a number of registers R0, R1, R2, ..., and data memory. Initial values for the memory, registers and some variables are shown in the figure below.

Main mem.		Registers		Variables	
value	addr	reg	value	Name	addr
233	7	R0	0	VAR1	16
15	8	R1	1	VAR2	8
4	9	R2	4	VAR3	10
15	10	R3	3	TABLE	11
17	11	R4	15		
12	12				
17	13				
9	14				
7	15				
8	16				
21	17				
19	18				
7	19				
9	20				

- 1) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, 17?
- 2-PRE) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, [R4]?
- 2-POST) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, #9?
- 3-PRE) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, TABLE(R3)?
- 3-POST) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, 8(R2)?
- 4) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, R3?
- 5-PRE) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, 4(R3)?
- 5-POST) What is the value of R1 after performing MOV R1, [14]?

Part C: Control words

Given the control unit schema and the control word codes and format illustrated in the above figures, please answer the following questions:

1-PRE) What is the control word for $R7 \leftarrow \sim R5$

where x implies unused bits?

1-POST) What is the control word for $R7 \leftarrow R1 + \sim R5 + 1$

where x implies unused bits?

2) What is the control word for $R7 \leftarrow R2 \text{ XOR } R0$

where x implies unused bits?

DA, AA, BA		MB		FS		MD		RW	
Function	Code	Function	Code	Function	Code	Function	Code	Function	Code
$R0$	000	Register	0	$F = A$	00000	Function	0	No Write	0
$R1$	001	Constant	1	$F = A + 1$	00001	Data In	1	Write	1
$R2$	010			$F = A + B$	00010				
$R3$	011			$F = A + B + 1$	00011				
$R4$	100			$F = A + \sim B$	00100				
$R5$	101			$F = A + \sim B + 1$	00101				
$R6$	110			$F = A - 1$	00110				
$R7$	111			$F = \sim A$	00111				
				$F = A \wedge B$	01000				
				$F = A \vee B$	01010				
				$F = A \text{ XOR } B$	01100				
				$F = A$	01110				
				$F = sr A$	10000				
				$F = sl A$	10001				

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
DA		AA		BA	M	FS					M	R	W			

