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- 7) For programming language papers, credit may be given to any other program based on equivalent concept.

Q.	Sub	Answer	Marking
No	Q.N.		Scheme
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1.	a)	Attempt any <u>SIX</u> of the following:	12
	(i)	What is form factor? List different form factors of motherboard.	2M
	Ans.	Form Factor:	
		Shape and layout of motherboard is called form factor. It refers to	Form
		physical dimensions (size and shape), certain connectors, screw holes,	
		position where the board will fit. It affects individual components and	<i>1M</i>
		shape of computer's case.	
		List of Form factor:	
		• AT	
		Baby AT	
		• ATX	List 1M
		Mini-ATX	
		Micro-ATX	
		• Flex ATX	
		• LPX	
		Mini LPX	
		NLX.	



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(ii)	What is FAT? List features of 1	FAT 32.	2M
Ans.	FAT is a kind of index used by th		
	information stored on the hard disk		
	of the disk drive, which area is free	e, which area is bad, which area is	s taken
	by which file etc.		l l
	Feature	FAT32	
	Maximum Partition Size	2TB	
	Maximum File Size	4GB	
	Maximum File Name	8.3 Characters	
	File/Folder Encryption	No	List of
	Fault Tolerance	No	Feature
	Security	Network Only	s 1M
	Compression	No	
	Compatibility	Win 95/98/2000/XP and the	
		derivations	
(iii)	What is LCD? Write advantag	es of LCD.	2M
Ans.	A liquid crystal display (LCD)	is a type of display technolog	y that
	makes use of liquid crystals that	open or close when stimulated	by an LCD
	electric current. These liquid	crystals are the basis for	LCD 1M
	technology. LCD technology	•	
	technologies because it is lighter,		
		-	
	Advantages of LCD Monitors:		
	1. Require less power - Power	er consumption varies greatly	with
		verage is about 45 watts for a 19	
	LCD display. LCDs also prod		Any 2
	2. Smaller and light in weight		
	1	RT monitor, typically weighin	1/2
	_	n, you can mount an LCD on a	0
	or a wall, which also takes up	• •	n ann
	3. More adjustable - Tilt u		from
		•	110111
	horizontal to vertical mode is	-	-1 -CC
	4. Less eye strain - Because		
	1	duce a flicker like CRT display	-
		do a better job of displaying	g text
	compared with CRT displays.		
	5. Flicker free screen.		
	6. More usable display area than	on comparably sized CRT.	
	7. Low radiation		



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(iv)	What is RAM? Explain types of	RAM.	2M
Ans.	Random access memory (RAM)) is a type of data storage used in	
	computers that is generally located	d on the motherboard. This type of	<i>RAM</i>
	memory is volatile and all informa	tion that was stored in RAM is lost	<i>1M</i>
	when the computer is turned off.		
	SRAM) is a type of RAM that holong as the memory has power. 2. Dynamic RAM: - Dynamic rar type of random-access memory us PCs). DRAM stores each bit of decomponent that is inside an integral.	Access Memory (Static RAM or lds data in a static form, that is, as andom access memory (DRAM) is a led in computing devices (primarily lata in a separate passive electronic rated circuit board. Each electrical	Any 2 types ½ M each
	access memory (SDRAM) is d	in one bit called 0 and 1. : - Synchronous dynamic random lynamic random access memory onous with the system bus carrying	
		nory controller hub. SDRAM has a	
		nterface, which is in sync with the	
	, ,	e clock signal before it responds to	
	control inputs.	Double data rata symphronous	
		(:-Double data rate synchronous y (DDR SDRAM) is a type of	
		nat allows for higher transfer rates	
	=	to earlier RAM modules. DDR	
	=	the rising edge and falling edge of	
	=	sfer rate. This is where the name	
	"double data rate" comes from.		
(v)	Compare online UPS and offline	UPS (any 2 points)	2M
Ans.	Online UPS	Offline UPS	
	1. Complex and expensive	1. Simplest and least expensive.	
	2. Battery is continuously	2. Battery is charged when AC	
	charged, delivers DC power to	mains are on, when AC mains	Any 2
	inverter for converting to AC	are off, battery discharges and	points
	and supplying to PC.	supplies power to PC.	1M each
	3. Switching does not occur.	3. Switching occurs.	
	4. It is at high speed so as to	4. It is not at high speed,	
	avoid resetting of PC.	therefore resetting may occur	



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			ome times.	
		5. Spikes not generated 5	. Spikes are generated	
	(vi)	Explain USB features.		2M
	Ans.	Features of USB:		2 1 1 1
	7 11150	1. Up to 127 different devices can be	connected on a single USB bus	
		2. Initial USB standard supported 12	_	
		Mbps is supported.	iviops transfer face. Currently 60	Any 4
		3. Supports wide range of peripherals	such as keyboard mouse	points
		printer, FDD, game pad, joystick et	<u> </u>	<i>1</i> /2 <i>M</i>
		chained. Each device is connected		each
		intelligent device interacting with t		
		peripheral devices on the other side		
		5. A USB device can be connected with		
		plug and play feature in the BIOS to		
		USB device takes care of detection,		
		handling.		
		6. USB controller in the PC detects th	e presence or absence of USB	
		devices and does power allocation.	•	
		7. The CPU/software initiates every to	ransaction on the USB bus.	
		Hence the overhead on the PC soft		
	(vii)	State any four printer problems.		2M
	, ,	(Note: Any other problems shall be c	onsidered)	
	Ans.	1. Printing takes too long.		
		2. Print Garbage.		Any 4
		3. Paper jam.		points
		4. Printer isn't printing.		$^{1}/_{2}M$
		5. Multiple sheets are drawn.		each
		6. Print jobs stuck in queue		
1.	b)	Attempt any <u>TWO</u> of the following		8
	(i)	Explain concept of cache memory v	vith advantages and	4M
		disadvantages.		
	Ans.	Cache is a smaller, faster memory	=	Concept
		from the most frequently used main	•	<i>2M</i>
		processor needs to read from or write	•	
		it first checks whether a copy of tha	t data is in the cache. If so, the	



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	processor immediately reads from or writes to the cache, which is much faster than reading from or writing to the main memory. The CPU uses cache memory to store instructions that are repeatedly required to run programs, improving overall system speed. ADVANTAGES: 1. Enhances the speed of system or improving performance 2. Reduces a traditional system bottleneck. 3. The access time is very small. 4. Instructions take less time to execute. 5. Data transfer gets quicker. 6. Cache memory is intelligent memory. 7. It holds current working set of code and data. 8. Reduces wait states.	Advanta ges 1M
	DISADVANTAGES: 1. Size is small 2. Cost is very high.	Disadva ntages 1M
(ii)	List recording techniques. Explain MFM encoding scheme.	4M
Ans.	List: FM, MFM, RLL, Perpendicular Recording. M F M Recording Technique: In MFM number of pulse are reduced and able to store more data without any data and synchronization loss. In MFM recording the 0s and 1s are encoded as given below. 1 is always stored as no pulse, and a pulse(NP) 0, when preceded by another 0, is stored as a pulse, and no pulse(PN) 0, when preceded by a 1, is stored as two no pulses(NN) If 1001 to be recorded on the disk surface using the MFM storage method, it would be stored as NP NN PN NP.	List 1M MFM explanat
	Example:-Given bit stream, 10110111, the following table gives the recording using MFM: 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	ion with example 3M



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	(iii)	What are various key switches? Explain membrane switch.	4M
	Ans.	Types of key switches of Keyboard:	-11/1
	12150	1. Capacitive switch	List 1M
		2. Opto –electronic switch	2400 2172
		3. Membrane switch	
		4. Mechanical switch	
		5. Rubber Dome switch	
		Working of membrane keyswitch:	
		It is multilayer plastic or rubber assembly, two rubber or plastic sheet	Workin
		are used as row and column conductor sheet and row and column	g of
		sheet having lines made up of silver or some other conductor ink row	membra
		and column sheet separated by another sheet with holes at key top	ne
		position. When Key pressed- it forces the row conductor sheet	keyswitc
		through the hole to touch the column conductor sheet, Row conductor	h 3M
		lines now touches with column conductor lines, key contact is made,	
		Keyboard interface interpreted as key is pressed.	
		Key top	
		Top sheet	
		Row conductor sheet	
		Sheet with hole	
		Column conductor sheet	
		Row conductor Column conductor	
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2.	-)	Attempt any <u>FOUR</u> of the following:	16
	a)	Draw and explain North/South bridge architecture. Intel's earlier chipset were broken into multi-tired architecture known	4M
	Ans.	as North Bridge and South Bridge components as well as Super I/O	
		chip.	
		North Bridge: it is the connection between the high speed processor	
		bus and the slower AGP & PCI buses. South Bridge: it is the bridge	Explana
		between PCI bus and even slower ISA bus. Super I/O chip: contains	tion 2M
		commonly used peripheral items all combined in single chip.	VUIL AITE
		Northbridge is also referred to as PAC (PCI-AGP) controller is the	
		main component of the motherboard and only motherboard circuit	
		(besides the processor) that runs at the full motherboard speed. It	
		serves as the four way connection between CPU, Memory, Video	
		card and south bridge.	



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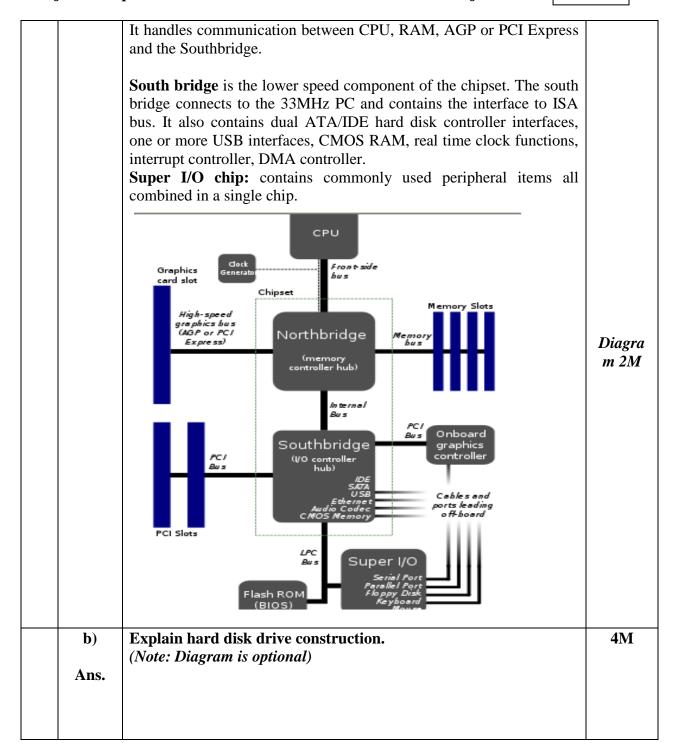
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A hard disk drive is a sealed unit that a PC uses for nonvolatile data storage. Nonvolatile, or semi-permanent, storage means that the storage device retains the data even when no power is supplied to the computer.

A hard disk drive contains rigid, disk-shaped platters, usually constructed of aluminum or glass.

Hard Disk Drive Components:

- 1- Disk platter
- 2- Read/Write head
- 3- Head arm/Head slider
- 4- Head actuator mechanism
- 5- Spindle motor
- 6- Logic board
- 7- Air filter
- 8- Bezel
- 9- Cables & Connectors
- **1. Platters:** A hard disk drive has one or more flat circular disk called platters. Platters are made of an aluminum alloy, which provides both strength and light weight. These platters are coated with magnetizable media coating which can store information magnetically.
- 2. Read /Write Head: A hard disk drive usually has one read/write

List of compon ents 1M



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	head for each platter surface, meaning that each platter has two sets of read/write heads - one for the top side and one for the bottom side.	
	These heads are connected, to a single movement mechanism so that	
	all read write heads move together.	E1
	3. Head Actuator Mechanism: This mechanism moves the heads	Explana
	across the disk and positions them accurately above the desired	tion 3M
	cylinder.	
	4. Head Arm/Head Slider: The arm on which the Read/Write head	
	is located, It is made in catamaran sailboat shape. Lower weight	
	allows for faster acceleration and deceleration	
	5. Spindle Motors: The motor that spins the platters is called the	
	spindle motor, because it is connected to the spindle around which the	
	platters revolve. Spindle motors in hard disk drives are always	
	connected directly; no belts or gears are involved. The spindle motor	
	also must be precisely controlled for speed.	
	6. Logic Boards: It controls all these different parts of HDD. It	
	contains the electronic components that control various sections of	
	the HDD. It also acts as an interface between the hard disk drive and	
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c) Ans.	 7. Air Filters: Nearly all hard disk drives have two air filters. One filter is called the recirculation filter, and the other is called breather filter. The recirculating air filter is used to filter any particles dislodged from inside the drive such as scarp of the disk media 8. Bezel: Front faceplate provided on the HDD. 9. Most drives have at least these three types of connectors: -Interface connector(s) -Power connector -Optional ground connector (tab) Explain characteristic of CRT monitor. Characteristic of CRT monitor: 1) Frame Rate: This is used to show the number of times a screen full of information is produced per second or the number of times a frame is shown (in one second) on the monitor. OR Frequency at which whole screen is redrawn. 2) Resolution: Resolution describes the number of potential pixels the monitor is capable of displaying. Resolution = Total Horizontal Pixels x Total vertical pixels. 3) Dot pitch: It is the distance between each group (triad) of red, blue and green phosphors. A smaller dot pitch helps produce sharper and 	Any 4 characte ristic of CRT monitor 1M each



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	handle and helps in determining the resolution capabilities of the monitor, bandwidth is measured in MHz. Higher the video bandwidth, better the image quality. 5) Horizontal scanning: Scanning of the electron beam on the screen of the monitor is called raster scanning. The tracing of the horizontal lines in synchronism with H – Sync pulse is called Horizontal Scanning 6) Vertical Scanning Frequency: The frequencies at which the monitor repaints the whole screen, It is also called as vertical scanning frequency. Unit: Hz (no. of cycles per second)	
d) Ans.	With neat diagram explain working of opto mechanical mouse.	4M
Allo	 Opto mechanical mouse: Signal from Photo-Detector A combination of LED and photo detector is used to sense the distance traveled by the mouse. When mouse is moved across a flat surface, the ball protruding 	Any suitable diagram 1M
	 from the underside of the mouse and touching the surface starts to rotate in the direction of the movement. Rotating ball touches and turns two rollers inside the mouse. These rollers are mounted at 90 degree angles to each other. One roller is used for vertical movement and the other roller is used for horizontal movement of cursor on the screen. 	Workin g 3M



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	 Each roller is connected to a wheel, which rotates with movement of rollers. As the wheel rotates, a pair of photo detector detects the number of openings on the wheel passing between them. Each opening on the wheel allows light from the LED to fall on the photo detector and generate electrical signal. The direction in which the mouse is moving can be found out by finding the number of signals from vertical and horizontal rollers. These signals are sent serially to the PC over the mouse cable. The mouse driver software converts these signals into distance direction and speed necessary to move the cursor on the screen. Pressing a button on the mouse sends a signal to the PC. Based on which button is pressed, how many times it is pressed and the position of the cursor at the time of pressing the button, the mouse driver performs the task. 	
e)	Draw and explain linear power supply.	4M
Ans.	Linear Power Supply:	
	1 27 V or 220 V AC Transformer Rectification Filtering Regulation	Linear power supply Diagra m 2M
	Linear Power supply converts AC to DC voltages.	
	Transformer: Transformers Power supplies contain two main circuits: a primary side and a secondary side. The primary side connects to the power source, and the secondary side connects to the load. Transformer used to convert the voltage from mains to a different, usually lower voltage. The incoming AC voltage is stepped down to a lower AC voltage. Rectifier: Then rectification is done by a set of diodes, transforming this AC voltage into pulsating voltage DC (Full-wave bridge rectifier) Filter: The next step is filtering, which is done by an capacitor, transforming this pulsating voltage into almost DC, A filter capacitor is used to maintain a constant dc level with minimum ripple.	Explana tion 2M

Regulator: Voltage regulating stage is necessary, done by a zener



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	diode or by a voltage regulator integrated circuit. After this stage the	
	output is true DC voltage.	
f)	Explain SCSI connectors.	4M
Ans.	External connector types:-	
	1. D-Shell (D-Sub, DD)- SCSI-1 defined a 50 pin D-Shell	
	connector, D-shaped metal shell that goes around the pins on the	Externa
	male half of the connector.	l
	2. Centronics- 50-pin connector, two rows of flat contacts are used,	connect
	two latches on both side used to hold connector in plat,	or 2M
	Centronics latch-style connectors for external connectors. Also	
	called "Alternative 2" external connector	
	3. High Density (HD)- The SCSI-2 revision added a high-	
	density,50-position, D-shell connector which are now called	
	Alternative 1. Space between pins are reduced ,Smaller , cheaper	
	and easier to use ,68 pin version called Alternative 3 4. VHDCI – very high density cable interconnect- A 68-	
	conductor also called micro centronic connector, Contacts much	
	smaller and closer together (Alternative 4)	
	smaller and closer together (Thermative 4)	
	Internal (unshielded)connectors:	
	1. Regular Density: The SCSI-1 standard defined a single	
	connector type for internal narrow (8-bit) devices. This is a	
	rectangular connector with two rows of 25 pins. This connector	Internal
	type is very similar to that used for IDE/ATA devices, except that	connect
	there are five extra pins in each row. It is most often seen in older	or 2M
	devices and also some newer, slower drives. It is called	
	unshielded "Alternative 2" in the current SCSI standards.	
	2. High Density: SCSI-2 defined two new connector types, which	
	are both called high density because their pin spacing is half that	
	of the older SCSI-1 connectors, making them much smaller.	
	These are the most common SCSI connectors used today within	
	the PC box. The narrow, 50-pin version is unshielded connector	
	"Alternative 1" and the 68-pin version is "Alternative 3".	
	3. Single Connector Attachment (SCA): "Alternative 4" in the	
	SCSI standards for unshielded connectors doesn't actually refer	
	to cable connectors, but the connector used for the single connector attachment system for backplane-connection of SCSI	
	drives.	
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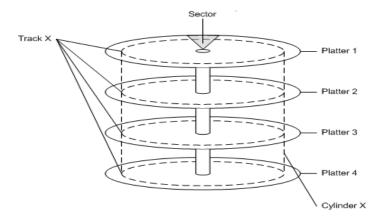
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3. a) Ans.

Attempt any <u>FOUR</u> of the following: Draw and explain various terms related to hard disk. (*Note: Any other relevant diagram shall be considered*) Terms related to Hard disk:



Any suitable diagram 1M

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Track:

Each side of HDD platter's surface is divided into concentric circles called tracks.

Sector:

Tracks are divided into sectors. The formatting program divides disk surface into sectors by writing magnetic pattern on disk surface. Different HDD capacities have different number of tracks. 512 bytes data can be stored in each sector. Sector number starts from 1.

Any 3 terms 1M each

Cylinder: In a hard disk, same tracks of different platters form an imaginary structure called a cylinder. Data is stored in the disk cylinder by cylinder.

Cluster:

- When OS writes some information on the hard disk, it does not allocate the space sector wise, instead uses a new unit of storage called "Cluster".
- Clusters are the minimum space allocated by DOS when storing any information on the disk.
- To store only one byte long information on the disk it requires minimum one cluster area on the disk surface.



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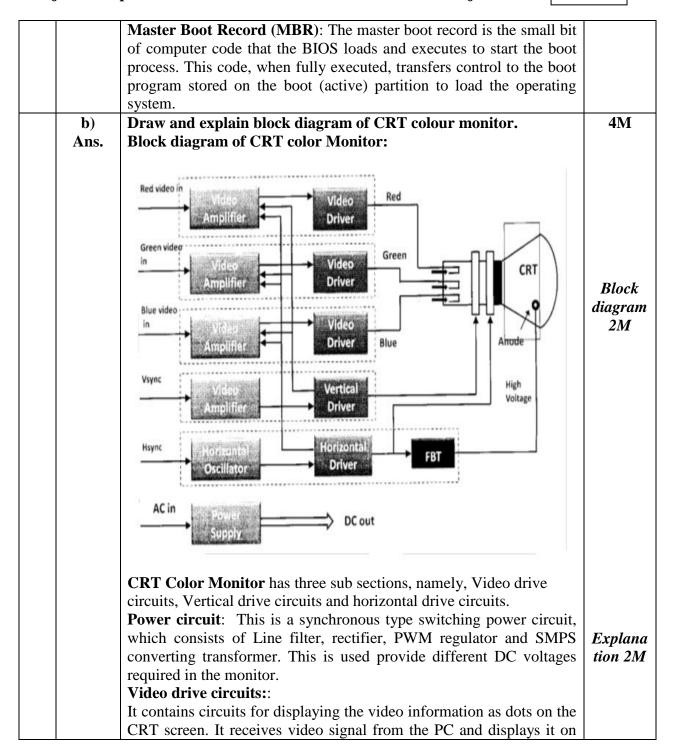
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	the monitor. Three video drive circuits are needed, one for each primary color (RGB). Video signals are represented as analog signals which allow the intensity of each color to be varied. The CRT is designed to provide three electron beams which are directed at corresponding color phosphors. By varying the intensity of each electron beam, virtually any color can be produced. Vertical Drive Circuit: They contain the vertical oscillator circuit and a multiplexer. The V SYNC signal is applied to the vertical oscillator IC. Horizontal Drive Circuit: H-sync is applied to the horizontal drive IC. Horizontal oscillator frequency is controlled by H1, H2 inputs. FBT (FLY BACK TRANSFORMER) is used to provide various voltages to different circuits such as focusing circuit, circuit for changing contrast and brightness etc; It also generates voltages for electron beam retrace.	
c)	Explain working of flat bed scanner with the help of block diagram.	4M
Ans.	Flat Bed Scanner:	
	ON GLASSBED LIGHT SOURCE SCAN HEAD ADC ADC ADC	Diagra m 2M
	STEPPER MOTOR BELT ASSEMBLY STEPPER MOTOR DRIVER TIMING & CONTROL SYSTEM INTERFACE PC PORT INTERFACE	
	 Light source illuminates piece of paper face down against glass window above the scanning mechanism. Motor moves the scan head beneath the page. The scan head captures light reflected from individual areas of the page. Reflection takes through system of mirrors. 	Explana tion 2M



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	Lens focuses the reflected beam of light on light sensitive diodes.	
	 The diodes generate electric current corresponding to the amount 	
	of reflected light.	
	White spaces reflect maximum light, which generates maximum	
	voltage.	
	• ADC converts each analog signal of voltage to digital pixel	
	representing the scanned area.	
	• For Monochrome Scanner 1 bit per pixel is stored-either on or off.	
	• For Color Scanner, the scan head makes three passes under the	
	images.	
	• Reflected light on each pass is directed through red, green and	
	blue filter before it strikes the original image.	
	• Signals from the three passes are converted into digital	
	information and stored to represented, green or blue color value	
	of the scanned area on the page.	
	• This digital information is sent to the software in the PC, where	
3)	data is stored in a format on which OCR can work.	411
d)	Explain following terms related to power supply problem: (i) Blackouts	4M
	(ii) Brownouts	
	(iii) Surge	
	(iv) Spikes	
	(Note: Diagram is optional)	
Ans.	(i) Blackouts: It is the complete loss of electrical power where	
	voltage and current drop to a very low value (typically zero).	Each
		term 1M
	(ii) Brownouts: It is the under voltage condition caused by faulty	
	electrical wiring or excessive electrical load on an AC circuit.	



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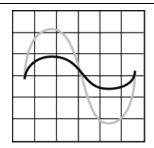
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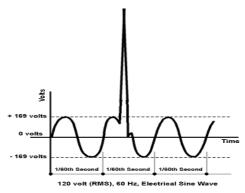
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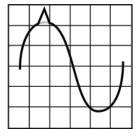
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(iii) **Surge:** It is overvoltage that last for more than one cycle. Surges are caused when some heavy electrical load is suddenly switched off. They are voltage conditions that take place over relatively long periods of few milliseconds.



(iv) **Spikes:** Spikes are very high voltage, split second events that can disrupt the operation of electronic devices such as computers. OR It is a large over voltage condition that occurs over short duration of few microseconds.



e) Explain RS32 interface basics.
(Note: Any other relevant explanation shall be considered)

4M

Ans.

RS 232 Basics:

Serial port RS232C supports asynchronous Full duplex serial data



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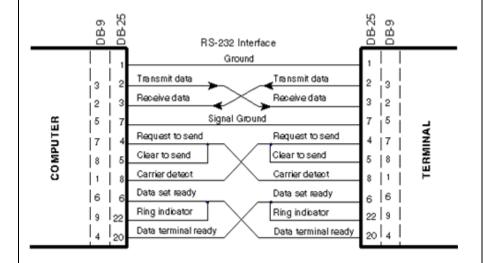
communication

- RS stands for Recommended Standard
- It can be 25 pin D type interface or 9 pin D type interface.

The communication takes place between a computer and a serial device/terminal as given in the following diagram.

The following signals are used in the RS 232 communication

Suitable explaina tion 4M



CD (Carrier detect)	Modem connected to
	serial port has made
	proper connection with
	modem on other side.
RXD (Receive data)	Data send from DCE to DTE
	and vice versa
TXD (Transmit data)	It is used by computer to sends
	data to the device to serial port
	connect
DTR (Data terminal ready)	Computer is ready for
	communication
GND (Signal ground)	Provide necessary return path.
DSR (Data set ready)	Device is ready for
	communication.
RTS (request to Send)	Once clear to send is received,
	device connected to serial port
	inform that computer send



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	ama (a)	request to send.			
	CTS (Clear to send)	Used by device connected to the			
		serial port to inform to the			
		computer that computer can			
		start data transmission.			
	RI (Ring indicator)	To call /communicate modem			
		by other device not computer			
		To inform computer someone			
		calling. Computer detected			
		ringing voltage on telephone			
		line			
f)	Explain any two types of mainte	nance of PC.	4M		
Ans.	Maintenance of PCs:				
	Preventive Maintenance can be of	two types:			
	a) Passive preventive maintenance	• •			
	b) Active preventive maintenance				
	b) Active preventive maintenance				
	Passive preventive maintenance procedure				
	It includes periodic care of external factor which affect working of the PC i.e. Mainly providing the best possible physical and electrical environment for the PC to operate.				
	Active preventive maintenance procedure				
	It describes several procedures to clean and lubricate all the major				
	components, cleaning all boards, connectors, contacts etc.				
		res for different peripheral devices			
	such as HDD, FDD, keyboard, prin				
	It includes performing backups, an				
	it includes performing backups, an	itivitus and antispyware scans.			
	Active preventive maintenance I	Duocadama			
	Cleaning a system	Tocedure.			
		ing of the system removes any layer	Any 2		
			Active		
	of dust and benefits the sys	_	Mainten		
		ator, which prevents proper system	ance 1M		
	cooling, Excessive shortens the life	of system components	each		
		•	Cacit		
		ive elements that can cause partial			
	short circuit in the system.	dust son socialmets somesis			
		dust can accelerate corrosion of			
	electrical contacts.				



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➤ Following cleaning tools and solutions can be used to clean the internal components, peripherals and the boards inside the system.

Cleaning tools

- ➤ Contact cleaning solution Silicon –type lubricant (WD 40)
- > Small brush computer vacuum cleaner
- > Canned air Lint-free foam cleaning swabs
- > Foam tape

Cleaning Solutions

- > Standard cleaners
- > Trichloroethane, Isopropyl alcohol, acetone, Freon.
- > Contact cleaners/ lubricants
- > Stabilant 22, WD 40.
- Dusters (Compressed gas to blow away dust)
- > HFCs such as difluroethane, CO2
- ➤ Similar cleaning tools and solutions can be used with peripheral devices such as keyboard, mouse etc and the gold contacts of slot connectors, power supply connectors and all other connectors.

System backups

The hardware in the PC can always be repaired or replaced, but the data cannot.

For this purpose following procedure can be followed.

- Take backup of any data or important files.
- > Delete all temporary files.
- > Empty the recycle bin.
- > Install antivirus updates.
- > Run defragmentation program.

Some weekly maintenance procedures

- > Take backup of important data and files.
- > Delete all temporary files.
- > Empty the recycle bin.
- > Check and install antivirus software updates.

Some monthly maintenance procedures

- > Clean the system and the peripheral devices.
- > Create OS startup CD.
- ➤ Install OS updates.
- ➤ Install updated drivers of video cards, modems, sound cards etc.



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> Check all the system fans and power supplies etc.

Passive preventive maintenance

- ➤ It involves taking care of the system from physical environment and electrical problems.
- ➤ Physical conditions such as temperature, thermal stress, dust and smoke contamination and shock and vibration.
- ➤ Electrical issues such as ESD (Electro Static Discharge), power line noise and RFI (Radio frequency interference)

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each

Physical contributors to system failure

1) Prevention of dust and dirt

- Use dust covers when not in use.
- > Use curtains on windows
- ➤ Use air conditioners for computer room.
- > Avoid shoes into computer room.
- Avoid smoking near a PC.
- ➤ Use vacuum cleaner to clean the surrounding area of the PC frequently.

2) Excessive temperature

Prevention

- ➤ Keep the cooling vents clear.
- > Keep the system dust free from inside and outside.
- ➤ Keep the disks in cool dry location.
- > Install air conditioners to maintain the room temperature.

3) Effect of Cold

Prevention

> Use room heater to maintain the room temperature.

4) Corrosion

Prevention

- Periodic cleaning.
- Clean the pins of ICs and connectors.
- Use organic solvent for cleaning the oxide layer and corroded contacts.

5) Magnetic Effect

Prevention

To avoid data loss due to magnetism, keep disks and information cables away from the magnets.

6) Electrical contributors to system failure



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		ESD (Electro Static Discharge)	
		Prevention	
		 Before touching any component we must discharge any 	
		accumulated potential to ground. This can be done by touching	
		the ground area of the system.	
		 Use ground strap attached around your wrist. The other end of 	
		the strap is connected to the system ground.	
		Use anti-static mat.	
		Do not wear synthetic clothes.	
		The system should have good power line grounding.	
		The system should have good power line grounding.	
		7) Power line noise :	
		Prevention	
		➤ Isolation.	
		➤ Shielding.	
		Power grounding.	
		8) Radio Frequency interference (RFI):	
		Prevention	
		Put all the sources which can produce RFI away from the PC.	
4.		Attempt any <u>FOUR</u> of the following:	16
	a)	List and explain processor modes.	4M
	Ans.	Processor Modes: Processor modes refer to the various operating	
		environment that affect the instructions and capabilities of the chip.	
		The processor mode controls how the processor sees and manages the	
		system memory and the tasks that use it. Different processor modes	
		are	
		1. Real mode	
		2. Protected mode	List 1M
		3. Virtual real mode.	
		1 Pool Mode (16 hit goftware). These 16 hit energting evetoms and	
		1. Real Mode (16 bit software): These 16 bit operating systems and	Emple
		applications are designed to run on original 8088 processor. The 16 bit instruction mode of 8088 is called the real mode. It has 20 bit	
		bit instruction mode of 8088 is called the real mode. It has 20-bit	tion 1M
		segmented memory. In this mode, direct access to BIOS routines &	each
		peripherals are available. There is no memory protection and no	
		multitasking at hardware level. Only one program can run at a time.	
		No built in protection exists to keep one program from overwriting	
		another program or even the operating system in the memory.2. Protected Mode: It was introduced with 386 processor which was	
	1	1 4. Protected Mode: It was introduced with 380 processor which was	



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	the first 32 bit processor and it could run entirely on 32 bit instruction set. This new 32 bit mode was called protected mode because software programs running in this mode are protected from being overwritten in the memory. Such protection makes the system more crash proof. There is no 1 MB limit in protected mode. This mode has ability to multitask, meaning having the operating system manage the execution of multiple programs simultaneously. It supports virtual memory, which allows the system to use the hard disk to emulate additional system memory when needed. 3. Virtual Real Mode: This emulates real mode from within protected mode, allowing DOS programs to run. A protected mode operating system such as Windows can in fact create multiple virtual real mode machines, each of which appear to the software running them as if they are the only software running on the machine	
b) Ans.	Explain formatting in detail. Formatting	4M
Ans.	 Hard Disk drive requires a low level formatting and a high level formatting to make it useful for data storage Low level formatting magnetically divides the disk into tracks and sectors High level formatting is done on hard disk to make the disk DOS compatible by writing DBR, FATs and empty root directory information on the drive Low level formatting It is called physical formatting. Low-level formatting is the process of outlining the positions of the tracks and sectors on the hard disk, and writing the control structures that define where the tracks and sectors are. It really creates the physical format that defines where the data is stored on the disk. Low level formatting is done in the factory itself. Functions of low level formatting Dividing the disk surface into tracks and sectors. Establishing interleave factor. Marking identification information on each track and sector. Marking defective sectors. 	Low level formatti ng 2M



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	 High level formatting High-level formatting is the process of setting up an empty file system on a disk partition or logical volume and, for PCs, installing a boot sector. After low level formatting and partitioning, final step for preparing the hard disk drive for use is high level format the drive High level format program need to only create File Allocation Table, directory system etc. so that the operating system can use the HDD for storage purpose. It creates the file system format within a disk partition or a logical volume. It can be done during OS installation or new partition creation. 	High level formatti ng 2M
c) Ans.	Explain LCD matrix types. 1) Active matrix: A transistor and a storage capacitor are integrated at each cross point of electrodes. To address a particular pixel, proper row is switched on and the change is sent down the correct column. Only the capacitor at the designated pixel receives the charge. Capacitor holds the charge until the next refresh cycle. Data Line D1 D2 D3 Dn G1 G1 G2 G2 G2 G2 G3 G2 G3 G4 G4 G5 G4 G5 G5 G7 G7 G7 G7 G7 G8 G9 G9 G9 G9 G9 G9 G9 G9 G9	4M Active matrix 2M
	2) Passive Matrix: > Consists of a grid of vertical and horizontal wires to display an image on the screen. > Each pixel is controlled by an intersection of two wires in the	Passive matrix 2M



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d)	grid. By alluring the e-cal charge at a given intersection, the colour and brightness of the corresponding pixel can be charged. Describe different stages of the process of printing a document on	4M
(u)	laser printer.	41/1
Ans.	Laser Printer Printing Process:	
	Image Formation system	
	Image formation process revolves around a photo sensitive drum, called organic Photo conductive (OPC) drum. This drum is located	
	inside the Electro photographic cartridge inside the laser printer.	
	Image formation process consists of following six steps	
	 Cleaning of the OPC drum. Conditioning of the OPC drum. 	Process
	3. Electrostatically writing the image onto the OPC drum	list 1M
	4. Developing the image on the OPC drum.	11/1
	5. Transferring of the image from OPC drum to the paper.	
	6. Fusing the image on the paper.	
	1. Cleaning of the OPC drum	
	Before transferring any image to the OPC drums surface, the surface	
	needs to be cleaned and prepared to hold the image being transferred.	~
	The drums surface is cleaned physically to remove any trace of the	Correct
	old toner particles from the previous printing operation and is cleaned electro statically to remove any charge present on the drums surface	Process explanat
	from the last printing.	ion 3M
	2. Conditioning of the OPC drum	
	In this process, a uniform charge of -600V is applied to the complete	



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surface of the OPC drum.

3. Writing the image on the OPC drum

After the conditioning process its surface has a uniform -600V potential.

To write any information on this drum laser beam is focused on the selected areas of the drum. The area where laser strikes discharges to ground and the area where laser does not strike remains at -600V.

Later this beam is focused and sent to the scanning mirror, the scanning mirror sweeps the beam across the entire width of the OPC drum.

Once one dot line of image is drawn on the OPC drum, the drum is rotated by 1/300th of an inch, so that the beam can write the next line.

4. Developing the image on the OPC drum

When the image is completely written onto the drum, the latent image is ready.

To transfer the latent image into a visible image the toner is transferred to the discharged areas of the drum

The toner is a black plastic resin, powdery substance bound to iron particles. It is also available in colors other than black.

The developer section consists of a rotating metallic cylinder, a permanent magnet inside the cylinder, a toner cavity and a toner height control blade.

The iron in the toner causes it to be attracted to the magnet inside the developing cylinder. As the cylinder rotates, the height control blade limits the amount of toner on the cylinder to a uniform thickness

The developing cylinder is connected to a negative power supply. Hence the toner particles receive a negative charge from the cylinder. This negative electrostatic charge causes the toner to be attracted to the areas of the OPC drum which has been exposed to the laser beam

or those areas that contain the image to be printed.

5. Transfer of the image to paper

Once the image is developed on the OPC drum, using the corona wire positive charge is given to the paper. The positive charge applied to the paper is stronger than the charge on the OPC drum. This pulls the negatively charged toner particles away from the drum to the paper. As the paper and the drum move, the stiffness and the small radius of



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	the drum makes the paper move away from the OPC drum.	
	This process of paper separation is assisted by a static charge	
	eliminator which weakens the attractive force between the drum and	
	the paper.	
	6. Fusing the image to the paper	
	It consists of a non stick roller, covered with Teflon type coating. The	
	roller is heated from inside using very high intensity quartz lamp.	
	The heated roller melts the toner and fuses it on the printing media.	
e)	Draw and explain block diagram of general UPS.	4M
C)	(Note: Diagram and explanation of On Line or Offline UPS shall	41/1
	1	
	be considered)	
Ans.	Uninterrupted Power Supply Total loss of power can be avoided	
	with battery based power system. The UPS delivers uninterrupted	
	power to the ac load and it consists of following functional blocks	
	AC mains section contains filter, transformer and rectifier.	
	Battery charger with circuit and battery.	
	Static switch / contactor.	
		Explana
	AC mains section	tion 2M
	It receives ac supply, filters it with the help of line filters and rectifies	
	it to the desired level of the load.	
	This section can withstand ac input fluctuations from 170V to 250V.	
	Thus despite of ac fluctuations UPS can deliver 230V 50Hz output to	
	the load.	
	When ac supply is available it charges the battery through the battery	
	charger circuit.	
	charger eneart.	
	Battery charger with circuit and battery	
	It converts the ac supply to the desired dc levels and charges the	
	11 0	
	battery.	
	It has special protection to prevent overcharging of batteries.	
	The battery charger is SCR controlled converter that charges the	
	battery	
	with constant current supply. The Battery specifications decide the	
	time and amount of power delivered to the load. The batteries are	
	usually specified using AH (Ampere Hour) as the unit.	



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	In the event of power failure the inverter of the help of switch. The inverter of constant frequency and amplitude. It also has synchronization circuit mains to inverter ac avoid waveform A. C. Mains section A. C. Mains section Battery Static switch / Block Diagram	ts for smooth change-over from distortion. Static switch / Static contactor Inverter DC to AC Filters Load 230 V 50 Hz	Diagra m 2M
f)	What is POST? Enlist different en	ror codes and respective	4M
Ans.	meaning provided by POST. POST (Power On Self Test): The PC has built – in test programs PC is powered on. This Power (stored in ROM on the motherboar (address) from where the mit processing, after a power on reset of The POST is a series of simple pro- faults in different hardware compon If any hardware error is noticed, the user through the following error code	OnSelf Test (POST) firmware is d. This ROM occupies the place icroprocessor starts instruction r hardware manual reset. Ograms designed to test and catch ents and circuits. The POST indicates the fault to the	Definiti on 1M
			Any 3
	Sr. No. Error Code	Meaning	error
		em Board Error	codes with
		nory (RAM errors)	wun meanin
	1	board Errors	g 3M
	4 5XX Cold	or Graphics Adapter Errors	g Jivi



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			5	29XX	Color Printer Errors		
			6	48XX	Internal Modem Errors		
			7	104XX	IDE fixed disk or adapter errors		
			8	215XX	SCSI CD ROM drive errors		
5.		Atten		WO of the fol			16
<i>5.</i>	a) Ans.	Expla It is a	nin AGP whigh speed res of AG It allow	with it's types ed bus for grapher: s the video bo	Write advantages of AGP over hics and video support. Our or		8M
			video m	nemory. o 8 times faster	than PCI bus	$oxed{E}$	3M Explana
		66.66 called bytes) 66 x 4 In AC Becau	is a high MHz, who have single wide. A = 266M and a see AGP is a PCI bus	n speed connection is double the transfer is in Bps transfers are pairs independent for I/O communication in the speed of	ction and runs at a base frequence standard PCI. In the basic AGP a every cycle. As AGP bus is 32 between the standard per cycle, giving 533MF of PCI, using an AGP video cardinications. AGP allows the video constant of the system RAM.	cy of mode bits (4) Bps. frees	tion .
		In pov 0.8v (1.5v (3.3v (2X ar Older	newer) - 3 older) - 4 oldest) - 2 nd 4X A G 2X AGP	video cards co 8X X 2X P cards do not u	ome in three flavors: se the right voltage to function pro If forced into a 1.5V AGP slot, a		1M Type
		1.5V other older 8X A Mothor complete (AGP)	compliant hand a 1 2X AGP GP erboards liant card 8x). The	supporting 8x s (AGP 4x) ar	will damage the motherboard. On its usually backwards compatible at AGP support both 1.5V AGD and newer .8V AGP 3.0 compliant GP 3.0 cards is identical to that of	e with P 2.0 cards	



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	 processor rathe The direct com Pipelining – M single request. Sideband addr 	PCI: dedicated pathway bet or than sharing the PCI bust nection allows for higher callultiple packets of data can essing - AGP issues eight for addressing.	s. clock speeds. n be received or sent in a	4M For Advanta ge of AGP
b)		d explain FAT types com	-	8M
Ans.	Table). 1. FAT refeand where files are by operating syste disk FAT 16 - Hard dricluster. Here the collection of the col	ers to a data table that hold estored in any partition 2. In to keep track of informatives use a 16-bit number to configuration files of every 22-bit values for the FAT ember, it is possible to sto to the drive without having are erased, these clusters	ds information about how It is a kind of index used nation stored on the hard termed as FAT16 to each y sector are expressed by entries. By assigning each ore files in any available to think about the actual	2M for FAT 2M for type
	Criteria	NTFS	FAT 32	
	os	Windows 2000, XP, 2003 server	DOS V7, Win 2000,98,XP	4M for any 4 points
	Maximum Volume Size	2TB	32GB	for compari
	Max. Files on Volume	Unlimited	4194304	son between FAT
	Max file size	Limited by volume size	4GB	and NTFS
	Max Cluster Number	Unlimited	4177918	



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Compression Built in security Recoverability Yes NO High on large volume Low on small volume, Low on large Folder and fie access can be controlled individually Compatibility Not compatible with window 95/98/Me Space efficiency Space efficiency Compatibility Space efficiency Explain working of Inkjet printer with neat block diagram.		First sector and copy in sector No 6	nd last	Boot sector location	
security Recoverability Yes NO High on large volume Low on small volume, Low on large Folder and fie access can be controlled individually Compatibility Not compatible with window 95/98/Me Space Supports disk quotas to control amount of disk space per user C) Ans. Explain working of Inkjet printer with neat block diagram.		NO		Compression	
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Description Low on small volume Volume, Low on large Very little		NO		Recoverability	
Compatibility Compatibility Not compatible with window 95/98/Me Space efficiency Control amount of disk space per user Control amount of disk space per user Control amount of disk space per user Explain working of Inkjet printer with neat block diagram.		volume, Low on		performance	
Compatibility window 95/98/Me all OS (32 bit) Space control amount of disk space per user C) Ans. Explain working of Inkjet printer with neat block diagram. Printer Front Panel Ink jet printer with neat block diagram.		Very little	e controlled	Security	
c) Explain working of Inkjet printer with neat block diagram. Printer Front Panel Ink sensor Ink jet printer Font and Control ROM Port Por				Compatibility	
Ans. Printer Front Panel Ink sensor Font and Control ROM Printer Port Port Port			rol amount of disk		
Ink sensor Font and Control ROM Ink jet printer Port Port	8M	at block diagram.		Explain working	
sensor and USB	4M for diagram	L/F Logic USB	Ink jet printer Timing and Control PCB Print Buffer RAM	Catridge home sensor Paper old sensor Paper motor drive Catridge home sensor	



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		Working of Inkjet Printer:	
		• In Inkjet Printer, we use an ink cartridge with nozzles.	
		• These printers eject ink drops on to the papers through nozzles to	
		form the characters. The ink cartridge has an ink reservoir and a set	
		of nozzles.	4M for
		• It also has a firing chamber.	explanat
		• To start the ink is drawn into the firing chamber.	ion
		• The thin film resister at the bottom of the ink drop heats the ink up	
		to 900 degree Fahrenheit for a millionth of a second.	
		• This produces an ink bubble and it rejects the ink out of the firing	
		chamber through nozzle.	
		• The ejected ink drop is deposited on the paper to form a dot.	
6.		Attempt any <u>FOUR</u> of the following:	16
υ.	a)	Explain PCI-X bus of Pentium IV mother board.	4M
	Ans.	PCI-X bus of Pentium IV mother board.	4171
	Alls.		
		1. PCI – Express bus operates on hub architecture.	A 1
		2. Each one of the PCI-Express device connects to the hub over dedicated link	Any 4
			features
		3. The data communication in serial 1 is X1to X16 full duplex links	1M each
		4. Data transfer rates from 500 Mbytes/s to 8 Gbytes/s	
		5. PCI express uses switching network star topology and doesn't	
		require bus arbitration.	
		6. It transfers 64 bits at a speed of 133MHz.	
		7. It uses high speed serial signaling.	
		8. It works as a switched design for point to point communication	
		between the devices. Each device gets the full band width of the	
		system during transfers.	
		9. It does not use any control signals such as interrupts instead it	
		uses packet based system to exchange both data and command. In	
		the initial implementation PCI –X uses 4 wire interconnection	
		systems, 2 for sending and 2 for receiving.	
		OR	
		PCI-X	
		Peripheral Component Interconnect Extended	
		Supersede of PCI	
		Faster version of PCI with twice speed	
		Similar in physical implementation & basic design like PCI	
		Developed jointly by IBM, HP & Compaq.	
		➤ Clock speed 66MHz to 133MHz	



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	Data	
	➤ Data exchange between the processor & peripherals is of 1.06 GB/s	
	Supports backward compatibility with previous versions.	
	Improves the fault tolerance	
b)	State meaning of cluster? How it is rectified.	4M
	(Note: Any one method how it can be rectified)	
Ans.	Cluster:	
	Whenever any information is stored on floppy or hard disk, it doesn't	Meanin
	allocate the space sector-wise, instead it uses unit of storage termed	g of
	as "Clusters"	cluster
	Clusters are minimum space allocated by OS when saving any	<i>2M</i>
	information on disk. A cluster can be made of 1 or more than 1	
	sectors. If OS specifies that, 1 cluster can store only 512 bytes of	
	information, then to store 513 bytes, 2 clusters shall be used.	
	Using clusters as allocation units reduces the size of FAT that OS	
	uses to keep track of used and empty disk space. Clusters are used to	
	allocate the storage area for data area only. FAT and directory area	
	are not allocated according to cluster size.	
	The cylinder or track number always starts from 0. The 1 sector number is always -1 and 1st cluster number begins with 2.	
	number is always -1 and 1st cluster number begins with 2.	
	(Note: Any one of the following shall be considered)	
	For Windows 10/8 users:	
	Open This PC > Right-click on System drive and choose Properties.	2M for
	Go to Tools > Click Check.	explanat
	Under Error-checking, click on Check.	ion of
	Review the scan result > Click Scan and repair drive.	rectified
	Choose when to repair the file system.	
	Wait for Windows 10/8 scan and repair the hard drive bad sectors.	
	Fix bad sector in Windows 7:	
	Open Computer > Right-click the hard drive you want to check for	
	bad sectors and select Properties.	
	In Properties window, click Tools > Check now in the Error-checking	
	section.	
	Click Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors > Click Start.	
	Review the check disk report.	
	How to Repair a Bad Sector in Windows XP?	



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Close all programs and files > Open My Computer;

Choose a hard drive and right-click on it > Select Properties;

Click Tools under Properties > Click Check Now in Error-checking section:

Choose Check Disk options to check and repair bad sectors: Automatically fix file system errors and click Start;

If an error message pops up, asking you if you'd like to schedule the disk check when you restart the computer, click Yes to restart the computer and repair bad sectors;

Review the check disk report: 0 means no errors were found, 1 means that errors were found and fixed.

OR

(Note: Any one of the following shall be considered)

1 Change cluster size in Windows File Explorer

Format Partition to Change Cluster Size: There are two ways to format partition and change cluster size: **Windows**Explorer and command prompt diskpart

1. press Win+E to run Windows Explorer, right click on the partition you want to format, take partition G: for example

NOTE: You can copy volume to backup data if you want to change cluster size without data loss.

- 2. click Allocation Unit Size (Cluster Size), select 64 kilobytes, select Quick Format > Start
- 3. Format warning message shows up, click **YES** to continue.
- 4. After a while, format complete.

2. Change cluster size in command prompt diskpart

- 1. Type cmd in Start menu, run command prompt as administrator and type the following command in order
- 2. diskpart
- 3. list disk
- 4. select disk 2
- 5. list partition
- 6. select partition 2



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	7. format fs=ntfs quick unit=64k		
	8. exit		
	3. Format Partition to change cluster size in Partition Expert In Partition Expert, there are two ways to change cluster size: format partition and create new partition to change cluster size		
	1. Run Partition Expert, click on the Partition you want to change cluster size and Choose <i>Format Volume</i> ;		
	2. Select <i>64k</i> in Cluster size column		
	> select Quick Format, (or just leave it as default setting)		
	3. Click <i>OK</i> to close this format window, and in the main interface, we click <i>Commit</i>		
	so that we can have a 64K cluster sized partition.		
	 4. Create Partition to define cluster size in Partition Expert Create Partition in Partition Expert is another way of making 64k cluster size, when you have a new disk installed, disk space is unallocated, you can create partition and define cluster size as 64k at the same time. 1. Run Partition Expert, click on unallocated space and click Create Volume 		
	2. In the popup window, define Volume Label, assign drive letter;		
	define file system; choose cluster size ; define volume type		
	3. Click OK, > Commit.		
c)	Explain block diagram of video accelerator card.	4M	
Ans.	Need:		
	1. For higher resolutions, the data needed to form a single screen		
	image can be large.		
	2. System also needs data for operations such as memory refresh,	2M for explanat	
	3. This results in video data bottlenecks.		
	Solution:		
	1. Incorporate processing power onto video board (rather than CPU)		
	for graphics data processing. 2. A graphics accelerator application specific chip (ASIC) that		
	intercepts graphics tasks and processes them without the		



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	intervention of system CPU. 3. Core of the accelerator is the graphics chip which connects directly to PC expansion bus. 4. Graphics instructions and data are translated into pixel data and stored in video RAM. 5. VRAM offers second data bus that is routed directly to RAMDAC (Random Access Memory Video to Analog Converter). 6. Graphics chip directs RAMDAC operation and ensures that VRAM data is available. 7. RAMDAC translates video data into R, G, and B video signals along with vertical and horizontal signals. 8. Output signals generated by the RAMDAC drive the monitor.	2M for block diagram
d) Ans.	Explain use of output voltage of SMPS. Voltage sense section It generates Power Good Signal (PGS). When all four voltage outputs (+5V, -5V, +12V, - 12V) are steady above minimum sense levels for more than 100ms, PGS is generated by this section. It checks the maximum load current and compares it with specified current. If the connected load exceeds the specified load, current limit circuits shut off the output section of the SMPS, thereby avoiding damage due to over current flow. For ATX	4M



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	Wire colour	DC Voltage	DC Voltage		
	Red	+5 V	All logic families		
	Yellow	+12V	Drive Motors		Any 4
	Black	Ground			voltage
	Blue	-12V	For serial port		<i>4M</i>
	Grey	Power Good			
	Green	Power On			
	Purple	+5V StandBy			
	Orange	+3.3V	Latest Processor		
	Brown/Orange	+3.3V Sense			
	White	-5V (optional)	Vcc for DRAM refreshing		
e)		es? Explain modes	of operations of centron	nics	4M
A	interface.		1: (// / (//0):		
Ans.	The Centronics interface is a standard input/output (I/O) interface				
	designed in the 1970s for connecting printers and other devices. This standard specifies five modes of operation, each mode providing				
	-		ection (computer to perip	_	explaini ng
	backward direction (peripheral to computer), or bi-directional (one				centroni
	direction at a time		al Cantuanias manallal in	tanfaaa	CS
	• Compatibility mode is the original Centronics parallel interface and intended for use with dot matrix printers and older laser				interfac e
	printers.	of use with dot if	attiv printers and olde	i iusei	C
	• Nibble mode allows data transfer back to the computer. The				
	nibble mode uses the status lines to send 2 nibbles (4-bit units) of				
		-	nnsfer cycles. This mode	is best	
	used with printe		neferred instead of the ty	vo data	
	• Byte mode : One byte of data is transferred instead of the two data cycles required by the nibble mode.				
	•	•	Port mode) is an advance	ced bi-	
	directional mode for use with printers and scanners. It allows data				
	compression for images, FIFO (first in, first out) for items in				
	queues, and high-speed, bi-directional communication. Data transfer occurs at two to four megabytes per second. An advanced				
			bytes per second. An add ldressing. This is use		



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	multifunction devices such as printer/fax/modem devices. For example, if a printer/fax/modem device needs to print and send data over the modem at the same time, the channel address software driver of the ECP mode assigns a new channel to the modem so that both devices can work simultaneously. • EPP mode (Enhanced Parallel Port mode) was designed by Intel, Xircom, and Zenith Data Systems to provide a high-performance parallel interface that could also be used with the standard interface. The EPP mode uses data cycles that transfer data between the computer and the peripheral and address cycles that assign address, channel, or command information.	2M for explaini ng the mode of operatio n
f)	Explain any one software tool for debugging PC.	4M
Ans.	Software tools Microsoft diagnostics DOS MSD command:	
	.• Norton utilities.	1M for
	• CHECKIT.	listing
	• Quick analysis (QA+).	all the
	• ATDIAGS• POST	tool
	• Power on Self Test	
	(POST) Give the test sequence of post:	
	1. CPU test	2M for
	2. BIOS ROM Checksum test	3M for explaini
	3. Timer 1 test	ng any
	4. DMA controller test	ng any one tool
	5. 16 KB DRAM test	one we
	6. Interrupt controller initialization	
	7. Interrupt controller test 8. Timer 0 initialization	
	9. CRT controller test	
	10. DRAM after 16 KB test	
	11. Keyboard test	
	12. Disk drive test	
	12. Disk drive test	