

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026  
(Third Semester)

Branch- COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

| Module No. | Question No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                    | K Level | CO  |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| 1          | 1            | Which of the following services or storage available over the Internet?<br>a) IaaS      b) SaaS<br>c) PaaS      d) MaaS                                                                                     | K1      | CO1 |
|            | 2            | Relate the process that may be performing an activity but is not apparent to the user is _____.<br>a) Background Process<br>b) Service Process<br>c) Empty Process<br>d) Visible Process                    | K2      | CO1 |
| 2          | 3            | How many ways are there to establishing a relationship between user and kernel threads?<br>a) 3              b) 5<br>c) 6              d) 2                                                                 | K1      | CO2 |
|            | 4            | Relate the time interval from the time of submission of a process to the time of completion<br>a) Turnaround Time      b) Waiting Time<br>c) Response Time      d) Throughput Time                          | K2      | CO2 |
| 3          | 5            | what is the main purpose of a mutex lock in process synchronization?<br>a) To prevent race conditions<br>b) To increase CPU speed<br>c) To allocate memory dynamically<br>d) To schedule processes in order | K1      | CO3 |
|            | 6            | Which condition requires that at least one resource must be non-shareable for deadlock to occur?<br>a) Mutual Exclusion      b) Hold and Wait<br>c) No Preemption      d) Circular Wait                     | K2      | CO3 |
| 4          | 7            | Which of the following strategy produces the smallest left over hole in memory management?<br>a) Best fi              b) First fi<br>c) Worst fi              d) Last fi                                    | K1      | CO4 |
|            | 8            | Relate the term in paging, the memory is divided in to fixed size blocks.<br>a) Frames              b) Segments<br>c) Pages              d) Blocks                                                          | K2      | CO4 |
| 5          | 9            | Which of the following is not a file access method?<br>a) Random Access Memory<br>b) Indexed Access<br>c) Indexed Access<br>d) Direct Access                                                                | K1      | CO5 |
|            | 10           | In linked Allocation each block contains<br>a) Pointer to the next Block<br>b) Data only<br>c) File name<br>d) File Index                                                                                   | K2      | CO5 |

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**SECTION - B (35 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

| Module No. | Question No. | Question                                                                                                | K Level | CO  |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| 1          | 11.a.        | Explain the three fundamental approaches for users to interface with the operating system with example. | K2      | CO1 |
|            |              | (OR)                                                                                                    |         |     |
|            | 11.b.        | Outline the communication models used in Inter process Communication.                                   |         |     |
| 2          | 12.a.        | Survey about the five areas present challenges in programming for multicore systems.                    | K4      | CO2 |
|            |              | (OR)                                                                                                    |         |     |
|            | 12.b.        | List out the Basic Concepts of CPU Scheduling.                                                          |         |     |
| 3          | 13.a.        | Examine how Mutex Lock protect critical sections and thus prevent race conditions?                      | K4      | CO3 |
|            |              | (OR)                                                                                                    |         |     |
|            | 13.b.        | List out the Methods for Handling Deadlocks in operating system.                                        |         |     |
| 4          | 14.a.        | Analyze Swapping with paging and Swapping on mobile Systems.                                            | K4      | CO4 |
|            |              | (OR)                                                                                                    |         |     |
|            | 14.b.        | Examine the Basic concepts of Demand Paging in operating systems.                                       |         |     |
| 5          | 15.a.        | Discuss drive initialization, booting from a drive and bad-block recovery in Storage Device Management. | K4      | CO5 |
|            |              | (OR)                                                                                                    |         |     |
|            | 15.b.        | Distinguish various File Access Methods with example.                                                   |         |     |

**SECTION - C (30 Marks)**

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

| Module No. | Question No. | Question                                                                                      | K Level | CO  |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| 1          | 16           | Summarize Operations on Process with a neat diagram.                                          | K2      | CO1 |
| 2          | 17           | Compare CPU Scheduling algorithms with example.                                               | K4      | CO2 |
| 3          | 18           | Discover the necessary conditions and Resource-Allocation Graph in Deadlock Characterization. | K4      | CO3 |
| 4          | 19           | Classify Page Replacement techniques with example.                                            | K4      | CO4 |
| 5          | 20           | Discover Free Space Management in operating system.                                           | K4      | CO5 |