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Title of Paper : **Operating Systems**
Course Number : **CS 442**
Time Allowed : **Three (3) Hours**
Instruction : **Answer any FIVE questions**

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1.
 - a) Differentiate between multiprogramming and multiprocessing [4]
 - b) Why is the history of operating systems similar to the history of computers? [4]
 - c) Define unbundling. How did this concept affect the computer industry? [12]

2.
 - a) Fully discuss the different process states including the suspend states. [12]
 - b) Describe the different possible operations on a process. [8]

3.
 - a) Discuss the different interrupt types that occur on processes. [10]
 - b) What is the function of the kernel in handling process interrupts? [10]

4.
 - a) Give an example of a deadlock in a business setting. [5]
 - b) Spooling can result in a deadlock if not managed well. Describe two ways in which you could minimize deadlocks in a spooling system paying attention to the advantages and disadvantages of each solution. [7]
 - c) Discuss the necessary conditions for a deadlock. [8]

5.
 - a) Compare and contrast a buddy system and a swapping system. [8]
 - b) Differentiate between a physical address and a virtual address. [4]
 - c) Discuss segmentation (focussing on any two of its implementations). [8]

6. Discuss any four of the page replacement algorithms. [20]