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Question No : 1 of 26

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What is the instruction length of the FALCON-A processor?

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

8 bits

16 bits

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32 bits

64 bits

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What is the instruction length of the SRC processor?

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

8 bits

16 bits

32 bits

64 bits

correct

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What does the word 'D' in the 'D-flip-Flop' stands for?

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Double

Data

Digital

Dynamic

correct

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“If  $P = 1$ , then load the contents of register R1 into register R2”.  
This statement can be written in RTL as:

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

- R1  $\leftarrow$  R2
- P: R1  $\leftarrow$  R2
- P: R2  $\leftarrow$  R1
- P: R2  $\leftarrow$  R1, P: R1  $\leftarrow$  R2

correct

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Almost every commercial computer has its own particular ----- language

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

assembly language

correct

English language

Higher level language

3GL

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A ----- is a computer program that is used to test and debug other programs.

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Linker

Loader

Debugger

Compiler

correct

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What is the working of **Processor Status Word (PSW)**?

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

- To hold the current status of the processor.
- To hold the address of the current process
- To hold the instruction that the computer is currently processing
- To hold the address of the next instruction in memory that is to be executed

correct

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The instruction -----will **load** the register R3 with the contents of the memory location M [PC+56]

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Add R3, 56

lar R3, 56

ldr R3, 56

correct

str R3, 56

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Motorola MC68000 is an example of -----microprocessor.

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

- CISC
- RISC
- SRC
- FALCON

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\_\_\_\_\_ control signal allows the contents of the Program Counter register to be written onto the internal processor bus.

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

INC4

LPC

PCout

correct

LC

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**op<4..0>:= IR<15..11>:**

The above RTL instruction presents the \_\_\_\_\_ of the FALCON-A Instructions.

op<4..0>:= IR<15..11>: operation code field  
ra<2..0>:= IR<10..8>: target register field  
rb<2..0>:= IR<7..5>: operand or address index  
rc<2..0>:= IR<4..2>: second operand  
c1<4..0>:= IR<4..0>: short displacement field  
c2<7..0>:= IR<7..0>: long displacement or the immediate

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

operation code field

correct

target register field

operand or address index

second operand

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\_\_\_\_\_ operation is required to change the processor's state to a known, defined value.

reset(op-code=248)

This instruction is used to initialize the processor to a known state

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Change

Reset

correct

Update

Halt

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\_\_\_\_\_ is/are defined as the number of instructions processed per second

Latency is defined as the time required to process a single instruction, while throughput is defined as the number of instructions processed per second.

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Throughput

correct

Latency

Hazards

Throughput and Latency

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Which of the following register(s) is/are programmer invisible and is/are required to hold an operand or result value while the bus is busy transmitting some other value?

The registers A and C are required to hold an operand or result value while the bus is busy transmitting some other value. Both these registers are programmer invisible.

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Instruction Register

Memory address register

Memory Buffer Register

Registers A and C

correct

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Anything that interrupts the normal flow of execution of instructions in the processor is called a/an -----

Anything that interrupts the normal flow of execution of instructions in the processor is called an exception.

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Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Function

Exception

Assembler

Machine

correct

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In pipelining ----- is increased by overlapping the instruction execution

Throughput increased by overlapping the instruction execution

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Answer ( Please select your correct option )

- Latency
- Throughput
- Execution time
- Clock speed

correct

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\_\_\_\_\_ control signal enable the input to the PC for receiving a value that is currently on the internal processor bus.

LPC: This will enable the input to the PC for receiving a value that is currently on the internal processor bus. Thus the PC will receive an incremented value.

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

LPC

correct

INC4

LC

Cout

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In which one of the following addressing modes, data is the part of the instruction itself, and so there is no need of address calculation?

Immediate addressing mode

In this addressing mode, data is the part of the instruction itself, and so there is no need of address calculation.

Answer ( Please select your correct option )

- Direct Addressing Mode
- Immediate addressing mode
- Indirect Addressing Mode
- Register (Direct) Addressing Mode

correct

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Marks: 1 (Budgeted Time 1 Min)

Which of the following hazard occurs when attempting to access the same resource in different ways at the same time?

Structural hazards

A structural hazard occurs when attempting to access the same resource in different ways at the same time.

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Answer ( Please select your correct option )

RAW (read after write) data hazard

Structural hazard

correct

Branch hazard

Complex hazard

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----- is the arithmetic portion of the Von Neumann architecture. It consists of registers, internal buses, arithmetic units and shifters.

The data path is the arithmetic portion of the Von Neumann architecture. It consists of registers, internal buses, arithmetic units and shifters.

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Answer ( Please select your correct option )

Virtual Memory

Data path

• correct

Structural RTL

Timing

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Compare the uni-bus implementation of FALCON-A with that of SRC with respect to size (Number of bits) of each register

Answer ( [Please click here to Add Answer](#) )



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Marks: 2 (Budgeted Time 4 Min)

Differentiate between hard reset and soft reset?

Answer ( [Please click here to Add Answer](#) )

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Soft reset implies initializing PC and interrupt flags. Hard reset initializes other processor state registers in addition to PC and interrupts enable flags. The software reset instruction asserts the external reset pin of the processor.

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Write at least one advantage and one disadvantage of microprogramming.

Answer ( [Please click here to Add Answer](#) )

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Write the Structural RTL for the "out" instruction i.e. `out ra, c2`.

Answer ( Please [click here](#) to Add Answer )



This instruction is opposite to the „in“ instruction. First three instructions would fetch the instruction. In step T3 the contents of register ra are placed in to the buffer register C and then in Step T4 from C the data is placed at the output port indicated by the c2 constant. So this instruction is just opposite to the „in“ instruction.

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Write the related timing steps requirements and data path implementations of Instruction Fetch procedure using structural RTL

Answer ( [Please click here to Add Answer](#) )



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What are three main problems related to pipelining? Describe any two of them.

Answer ( [Please click here to Add Answer](#) )

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