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Computer Architecture & Assembly Language

Quiz# 1

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Q1. What is assembly language?

Q2. List three advantages of programming in assembly language and three advantages for programming in high level language.

Q3. Describe the difference between volatile and non-volatile memory and give an example of each.

Q4. Describe how the disk access time is computed.

Q5. Explain why the memory system is designed in a hierarchical manner. Describe how the memory system is designed in a hierarchical manner.

Q6. Briefly describe the main functionality of the program counter register (PC), the instruction register (IR), and the fetch-execute process in a computer.

Q7. What is the instruction set architecture of a processor?