



7. a) Explain kernel notion of time. Give meaning of tick rate with its benefits & drawbacks. 7  
b) Difference between. 4  
i) RTC & system timer. ii) Jiffies & tick rate.  
c) Briefly explain the structure of timer interrupt handler. 3

OR

8. a) Difference between. 9  
i) Paging & demand paging. ii) Pages & zones.  
iii) Page fragment & page fault.  
b) Explain struct page structure giving the meaning of each field. 5  
9. a) Describe common file system interface under Linux. Indicate how an application program can have access to file system. 6  
b) What are various file systems supported by Linux. Explain a need for different file systems. 7

OR

10. a) What is file abstraction layer in Linux? Why is it needed? Explain its interface with kernel had hardware. 7  
b) With the help of neat diagram describe dentry object of VFS in Linux. 6  
11. a) Enumerate various kernel modules under Linux and describe the purpose of each module. 7  
b) What is mean by portability of an Operating system? Describe the features of Linux to support portability. 6

OR

12. a) Describe main memory organization as seen by Linux bringing out the meaning of various memory areas. 7  
b) Differentiate between. 6  
i) Virtual address and physical address.  
ii) Virtual memory and cache memory.  
iii) Page cache and Buffer cache.

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