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2017

( 3rd Semester )

**BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATION**

Paper No. : BCA-303

**( Operating Systems )**

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

**( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )**

( Marks : 50 )

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for the questions*

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- (b) Explain briefly the basic components of computer system. 4
- Or
- (c) Explain the concepts of time-sharing system and distributed system. 6
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- (d) The following processes arrive for execution at time 0, with the length of CPU burst time given in milliseconds :

( Process Burst time )

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- (c) Explain the basic paging method for memory management with example. 4
- (d) Describe the following allocation algorithms : 2×3=6
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SECTION—II  
( Marks : 10 )

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