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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SCS 314: COMPUTER GRAPHICS

DATE: Monday 16th April 2012

TIME: 2.00p.m – 4.00p.m

INSTRUCTIONS: *Answer Question one and any other two from the following paper*

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Define the term “computer graphics” [2 marks]
- (b) Outline the role played by OpenGL in computer graphics [3 marks]
- (c) Explain the following open GL terms [3 marks]
 - (i). FLTK
 - (ii). GLUT
 - (iii). BOOST
- (d) (i) Describe using a diagram the construction and operation of a colored CRT monitor [5 marks]
(ii). Write an OpenGL function that can perform clipping [5 marks]
- (f) Give two characteristics of each of the following display devices [6 marks]
 - (i). Plasma
 - (ii). LCDs
 - (iii). LEDs
- (g) Define the following terms [5 marks]
 - (i). Color model
 - (ii). Pixel
 - (iii). Vector graphic
 - (iv). Raster image
 - (v). Virtual reality environment
- (h). List FOUR applications of computer graphics in industry

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the attributes of a point and explain how they can be set. [4 marks]
- b) Discuss three types of OpenGL primitives [5 marks]
- c) Write a function that set a 640 by 480 pixels high window. [5 marks]
- d) Write a function that set a white background [3 marks]

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss the three principal sources of raster images [3 marks]
- (b) Distinguish between 'world window' and 'viewport window' [3 marks]
- (c) Distinguish between GL_LINE_STRIP and GL_LINE_LOOP constants. Which constant do we used when drawing filled regions? [5 marks]
- (d) Discuss the format of glVertex2i(). [4 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- (a) Distinguish between glVertex2i() and glVertex*(). [3 marks]
- (b) Briefly discuss the applications of the following functions
 - (i) glFlush()
 - (ii) glutMainLoop() [4 marks]
- (c) Distinguish between a Valuator and Locator [3 marks]
- (d) Plasma is a technology used to develop the display panel. Explain the two merits and three demerits of this technology [5 marks]

QUESTION FIVE(15 MARKS)

- (a) With the aid of a diagram explain the following major tasks an implementer must perform on an output device
 - (i). Modeling
 - (ii) Geometric processing
 - (iii) Rasterization
 - (iv) Display [10 marks]
- (b) State and briefly describe the five classes of logical input devices used in computer graphics. [9 marks]