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**FINAL EXAMINATION  
SEMESTER I  
SESSION 2019/2020**

COURSE NAME : DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS  
COURSE CODE : BIE 33203  
PROGRAMME CODE : BIE  
EXAMINATION DATE : DECEMBER 2019 / JANUARY 2020  
DURATION : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) PAGES

**SECTION A**

Explain the terms shown below.

- Q1**
- (a) Loosely coupled
  - (b) Content Delivery Network (CDN)
  - (c) Middleware
  - (d) Parallel programming
  - (e) Thin-client
  - (f) Apache Hadoop
  - (g) MapReduce
  - (h) Blockchain
  - (i) No-sql
  - (j) Thread

(20 marks)

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**SECTION B**

- Q2** (a) Differentiate between distributed system and grid computing. (4 marks)
- (b) How distributed systems can overcome memory constraint? (4 marks)
- (c) Why heterogeneity is a challenge to distributed systems? (4 marks)
- (d) Why failure handling is important in distributed systems? (4 marks)
- (e) What is the impact of scalability for a distributed systems? (4 marks)
- Q3** KM IT Resources Sdn Bhd is expanding its e-Learning web based solution to another 10 countries in the world.
- (a) Propose an appropriate distributed system model for this project. (10 marks)
- (b) Illustrate your suggested model in **Q3(a)**. (10 marks)
- Q4** Discuss the implementation of distributed systems implementing distributed ledger. You need to use these terms in your answer: *bitcoin, distributed ledger, blockchain, consensus, proof of work* and *smart contract*. (20 marks)

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- Q5** (a) Differentiate between Remote Procedure Call (RPC) and Remote Method Invocation (RMI). (4 marks)
- (b) Illustrate RPC using a diagram. (5 marks)
- (c) Illustrate RMI using a diagram. (5 marks)
- (d) Discuss the illustration for RMI in **Q5(c)** using marshalling and unmarshalling. (6 marks)

- END OF QUESTIONS -

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