0907432 Computer Design (Spring 2012) Quiz 4B

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<u>Instructions</u>: Time 10 minutes. Closed books and notes. No calculators. Please answer all problems in the space provided. **No questions are allowed**.

<Good Luck>

- **Q1.** Give two reasons why backup of hard disks using tapes is losing popularity.
 - 1. Hard disks are getting cheaper compared to tapes. It is economical to back up on another disk.
 - 2. Hard disks are getting larger. Backup takes many tapes and long time.

<*2 marks*>

- **Q2.** If the probability of one disk failure in a RAID system is x, give three reasons why the probability of two concurrent disk failures in practice is higher than x^2 ?
 - 1. Operator accidentally replaces the wrong disk during a failure
 - 2. Since disk bandwidth is growing more slowly than disk capacity, the MTTR a disk is increasing, thus increases the chances of a 2nd failure during repair.
 - 3. Reading much more data during reconstruction means increasing the chance of an uncorrectable media failure, which would result in data loss.

<*3 marks*>

Q3. Rewrite the following code to run on two processors using shared-memory programing. Assume that the two processors have IDs Pn = 0 and Pn = 1.

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for (i = 0; i < 1000; i = i + 1)
  for (j = 0; j < 1000; j = j + 1)
    C[i][j] = A[i][j] + B[i][j];

for (i = 500*Pn; i < 500*(Pn+1); i = i + 1)
  for (j = 0; j < 1000; j = j + 1)
    C[i][j] = A[i][j] + B[i][j];

Or

for (i = 0; i < 1000; i = i + 1)
  for (j = 500*Pn; j < 500*(Pn+1); j = j + 1)
    C[i][j] = A[i][j] + B[i][j];</pre>
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<5 marks>