Q. A function that will send com port. com port number will be accessed as parameter (5 Marks)

**Answer:** (Page 126)
The `sendchar()` function sends a character to the COM port using BIOS service whose number is passed as parameter. And the `getcomstatus()` function retrieves the status of the COM port whose number has been specified and returns the modem and line status in an unsigned int.

```c
void main()
{
  while(1) {
    i = getcomstatus (0);
    if (((*((char*)(&i)) + 1)&0x20) == 0x20) && (kbhit()))
    {
      ch1 = getche();
      sendchar (ch1, 0);
    }
    i
    if (((*((char*)(&i)) +1) & 0x01) == 0x01) {
      ch2 = receivechar (0);
      putch (ch2);
    }
  }
  if ((ch1 == 27) || (ch2 ==27))
    break;
}
```
Q. Step to access battery powered ram. (5 Marks)

Answer:- (Page 144)

Battery Powered RAM is accessed in two steps
• Specify the Byte no. in 70H port.
• Read/write port 71H to get/set the value of specified byte.

Following slide shown a fragment of code that can be used to read or write onto any byte within the 64 byte battery powered RAM.

```c
outport (0x70, 0); outport (0x70, 4);
sec = inport (0x71); outport (0x71,hrs);
```

Q. What will be binary value of led status byte if scroll lock n num lock r on? (3)

Answer:- (Page 29)

One such byte stored in the BIOS data area is the keyboard status byte at the location 40:17H. This contains the status of various keys like alt, shift, caps lock etc. This byte can be described by the diagram below

![Keyboard Status Byte Diagram](image)

**Keyboard Status Word**

**Insert Key**
**Caps Lock Key**
**Num Lock Key**
**Scroll lock key**

**Right Shift Key**
**Left Shift Key**
**Ctrl Key**
**Alt Key**

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**XON and OFF in software flow control**

Answer:- (Page 135)

XON whenever received indicates the start of communication and XOFF whenever received indicates a temporary pause in the communication.

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2) Program BCD to ASCII
Answer: (Page 147)

```c
void main ()
{
    unsigned int hours, months, seconds;
    _AH =2;
    geninterrupt(0x1a);
    hours = _CH;
    minutes = _CL;
    seconds = _DH;
    hours = hours <<4;
    *((unsigned char *)(& hours)) =
    (*((unsigned char *) (& hours))) >>4;
    hours = hours + 0x3030;
    seconds = seconds <<4;
    *((unsigned char *)(& seconds)) =
    (*((unsigned char *)(& seconds))) >>4;
    seconds = seconds + 0x3030;
    minutes = minutes <<4;
    *((unsigned char *)(& minutes)) =
    (*((unsigned char *)(& minutes))) >>4;
    minutes = minutes + 0x3030;
    clrscr();
    printf("%c%c-%c%c-%c%c-%c%c\n",
    *((unsigned char*)(&hours))+1),
    *((unsigned char*)(&hours)),
    *((unsigned char*)(&minutes))+1),
    *((unsigned char*)(&minutes)),
    *((unsigned char*)(&seconds))+1),
    *((unsigned char*)(&seconds)),
    getch();
}
```

The above program uses the service int 1Ah/02H to read the time from the real time clock. It reads the time and converts the packed BCD values into unpacked BCD values. These values are then converted into ASCII and displayed using the printf() statement.

3) TSR program for black space use in 17h

4) what type of information send to keyboard
Answer: (Page 179)

Some data (as control information) can be send to the keyboard. The processor will write on the port 60H. The device driver will check the OBF( output buffer full bit of port 64H which remains set as long as the byte is not received by the keyboard.
5) int 14h explain service#2,service#3
   Answer:- (Page 119)
   Service #02 = Read in characters
   Service #03 = Get port status

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1: A function that will send com port. com port number will be accessed as parameter
   Answer:- Rep

2: THR STANDS FOR?
   Answer:- (Page 112)
   Transmitter Holding Register

DLL STANDS FOR?
   Answer:- (Page 112)
   Band Rate Divisor (Low Byte)

RBR STANDS FOR?
   Answer:- (Page 112)
   Receiver Data

DLM STANDS FOR?
   Answer:- (Page 112)
   Band Rate Divisor (High Byte)

3: In flow control what is the working of D4?
   Answer:- (Page 101)
   D4 bit is cleared to indicate the low nibble is being sent. The receiver will know the arrival of the low nibble when
   its checks BUSY bit which should be set (by the interface) on arrival.

4: draw structure of c status register ?

5: How to get input from keyboard
   Answer:- (Page 34)
   Keyboard is a hardware device and it makes use of interrupt number 9 for its input operations. Whenever a key is
   pressed interrupt # 9 occurs. The operating system processes this interrupt in order to process the key pressed. This
   interrupt usually reads the scan code from the keyboard port and converts it into the appropriate ASCII code and
   places the ASCII code in the keyboard buffer in BIOS data area
2: FIFO UART queue
Answer: (Page 118)
This feature is available in the newer version of the UART numbered 16500. A queue or a buffer of the input or output bytes is maintained within the UART in order to facilitate more efficient I/O. The size of the queue can be controlled through this register.

3: int 14 h and its services?
Answer: (Page 119)
INT # 14H
DX = Port # 0 for COM1
DX = Port # 1 for COM2 etc.

Service #0 = Set communication parameters
Service #01 = Output characters
Service #02 = Read in characters
Service #03 = Get port status

4: Binary value of LCD when caps and scroll lock on
Answer: Rep

5: Write a program to hook up the modem in com using unsigned int?

6: steps of coprocessor available
Answer: (Page 169)
• Initialize
• Read Hi – Byte of Control register.
• If value in Hi – Byte is 3, then coprocessor is available, otherwise it’s absent.
In Control Flow what is the XON and XOF?
Answer: Rep

What is Real Time clock?
Answer: (Page 136)
Real time clock is a device incorporated into the PC to update time even if the computer is off. It has the characteristics shown in the slide above which enables it to update time even if the computer is off.

What do you understand by Self test mode of UART what happens in this situation?
Answer: (Page 117)
If a single computer is available to a developer the UART contains a self test mode which can be used by the programmer to self test the software. In self test mode the output of the UART is routed to its input. So you receive what you send.

What is the function of Interrupt ID Register?
Answer: (Page 116)
Once an interrupt occurs it may be required to identify the case of the interrupt. This register is used to identify the cause of the interrupt.

Which one is better Serial or parallel communication?
Answer: (Page 105)
Cost is reduced in serial communication but transfer rate is low so parallel communication is better because it is faster than serial in terms of speed and it is valuable for short distances only

1. 1A/06, 1A/07, 1A/09 function of these services (2 Marks)
Answer: (Page 139)
Set Alarm 1AH/06
Disable Alarm 1AH/07
Read Alarm 1AH/09
2. In RS232 flow control which line used to send and receive data (2 Marks)

Answer: (Page 111)
Data is received through the RxD line. Data is sent through the TxD line.

Role of co processor control world in co processor testing? (3 Marks)

Answer: (Page 168)
The coprocessor control word contains some control information about the coprocessor. The bit number 7 of coprocessor control word is the Interrupt Enable Flag and bit number 8 & 9 should contain 11 on initialization.

What is the meaning of this code at receiver end in parallel communication?

unsigned int far * lpt = (unsigned int far *)0x00400008;
if (((inport(*lpt) +1)) & 0x80) == 0x80) (3 Marks)

Draw/describe status register A of RTC? (5 Marks)

Answer: (Page 145)
The lower 4 bits of this register stores a code indicating the frequency with which the RTC hardware interrupt can interrupt the processor. The next field is used to specify the time frequency i.e. the frequency with the time is sampled and hence updated. The most significant bit indicates that after time sampling if the time has been updated in to the 64 byte RAM or not.

How can we enable the 0x0f to perform interrupt driven I/O? and how PIC will handle this interrupt? (5 Marks)

Answer: (Page 96)
To enable the interrupt 0x0f three things are required to be done. The interrupt should be enabled in the printer control register; secondly it should also be unmasked in the IMR in PIC. The program can then intercept or set the vector of interrupt 0x0f by placing the address of its function newint(); The newint() will now be called whenever the printer can perform output. This newint() function writes the next byte in buffer to the data registers and then send a pulse on the strobe signal to tell the printer that data has been sent to it. When whole of the buffer has been sent the int 0x0f vector is restored, interrupt is masked and the memory for the program is de-allocated.