

1. (30 pts) Explain the following structures and show how they improve the processor performance:
 - (a) Branch Target Buffer (BTB)
 - (b) Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)
 - (c) Reorder Buffer (ROB)

2. (30 pts) There are many processor structures targeted to different applications. For each of the following processors, list their design considerations as many as possible:
 - (a) General purpose processor
 - (b) Network processor
 - (c) Graphic processor

3. (20 pts) List two approaches to improve the cache performance for a computing system.

4. (10 pts) Give an example to explain why a multi-core processor needs cache-coherence protocol.

5. (10 pts) Explain how the virtual memory design can enhance the memory management.