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1. Explain shortly (max 2 lines of text):

a) stride (1p)

b) EPIC (1p)

c) ROB (1p)

d) SMT (1p)

e) strip mining (1p)

f) IPC (1p)

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2. Tumasulo algorithm. What is the main principle? Why it is used? (3p)

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3. Explain the differences between SIMD extensions and vector architectures? (4p)

- 4. VLIW Processor. Why VLIW processors were introduced? How they are different than dynamically scheduled multi-issue machines? Why they have not been popular nowadays, i.e., what kind of features make modern single-core processors more attracting than VLIWs? (6p)
- 5. Interleaved memory system. What is the difference between non-interleaved and interleaved memory system? Describe two principal organizations for interleaved memory system. Discuss the advantages and shortcomings of interleaved memory systems compared to non-interleaved. (6p)
- 6. Assume a 64-byte cache memory, which uses 8-byte blocks. The cache is 2-way set associative and uses LRU mechanism to replace blocks in the cache. Processor uses 16-bit virtual addresses to access 16kbyte main memory. How many bits are needed for the tag fields in the cache? Draw principal cache organization and explain your solution. (6p)

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