2 Digital Electronics (IJW)

(a) Briefly describe what is meant by synchronous logic. Show how a Master-Slave D-type Flip-Flop may be constructed from two transparent D-latches and describe its operation with the help of a timing diagram. [7 marks]

(b) With the use of appropriate diagrams, briefly explain the operation of Moore and Mealy finite state machines, paying particular regard to their differences. [4 marks]

(c) A two-bit synchronous binary Up/Down (U/D) counter is capable of either up-counting (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 3, 0, ...) or down-counting (e.g., 3, 2, 1, 0, 3, ...) and randomly changes between these two modes of operation. It has outputs X and Y, where X is the Most Significant Bit (MSB).

The U/D counter is connected to a count Direction Detection System (DDS) that has two outputs, namely $C_U$ and $C_D$, where $C_U$ is required to give a binary 1 pulse when the U/D counter up-counts and $C_D$ is required to give a binary 1 pulse when the U/D counter down-counts, otherwise the two outputs are both to remain at binary 0.

Assume that the count DDS has two state registers, each implemented as a D-type Flip-Flop (FF). The next state outputs of each FF, namely $Q_X$ and $Q_Y$ are given by the current inputs to the DDS, i.e., the U/D counter output bits $X$ and $Y$ respectively. Also assume that the FFs in the count DDS are clocked at a much higher rate than the U/D counter.

(i) Draw a state diagram for the count DDS, where the arcs connecting the states show the bits $X$ and $Y$ input to the count DDS, and also the output signals $C_U$ and $C_D$. [4 marks]

(ii) Determine the combinational logic required in the count DDS to generate $C_U$ and $C_D$ from the inputs $X$ and $Y$, and from the two FF outputs, namely $Q_X$ and $Q_Y$. [5 marks]