1995 Paper 1 Question 12

System Design

Personal computers and workstations contain monitor and boot programs in non-volatile memory. Explain the functions that the code in this memory can provide, including the facilities that could be available at the following times:

(a)	power-on reset;	
(b)	system self test;	
(c)	kernel boot;	
(d)	normal operation;	
(e)	boot failure;	
(f)	interactive debugging.	
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