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3 Computer Design (tmj32)

- (a) Describe each of the four models defined by OpenCL's specification. [4 marks]
- (b) Describe the different types of memory available to OpenCL kernels. [4 marks]
- (c) Contrast how calls to a kernel, e.g. DAXPY, are invoked and grouped for execution in OpenCL compared with CUDA. [4 marks]
- (d) Describe, with the aid of a diagram, how a GPU executes data-parallel kernels efficiently, including the two main pieces of hardware support. [4 marks]
- (e) Describe the trade-offs between using a GPU or a specialised accelerator for tasks containing data-level parallelism. [4 marks]