

Module 5 (Lectures 21-24) Pipelined processors

1. Pipelining is a processor implementation technique that improves performance by
 - a) reducing the amount of time that it takes to execute 1 instruction
 - b) increasing the rate at which instructions complete execution
 - c) allowing more than one instruction to complete execution at the same time
 - d) reducing the likelihood that consecutive instructions are dependent on each other
2. Hazards are undesirable in pipelined processors as they
 - a) complicate the design of the instruction set architecture
 - b) affect the correctness of program execution
 - c) necessitate the use of very high frequency clocks
 - d) cause there to be more cycles in which no instruction completes execution
3. What kind of hazard does the sequence of MIPS 1 instructions shown below suffer from?
 ADDI R1, R3, 2
 SUB R2, R1, R3
 - a) RAW
 - b) WAR
 - c) WAW
 - d) Control
4. What kinds of hazards does the sequence of MIPS 1 instructions shown below suffer from?
 ADDI R1, R3, 2
 SUB R1, R1, R3
 - e) RAW and WAW
 - f) WAR and RAW
 - g) WAW and WAR
 - h) Control
5. The technique of bypassing or forwarding is used to address
 - a) control hazards
 - b) RAW hazards
 - c) WAR hazards
 - d) WAW hazards