Symbian: Symbian OS is officially the property of Nokia. It means that any other company will have to take permission from Nokia before using this operating system. Nokia has remained a giant in the low-end mobile market, so after Java Symbian was the most used in the mobile phones till a couple of years ago. Still Symbian is widely used in low end phone but the demand rate has been continuously decreasing. By upgrading Symbian mobile OS, Nokia has made it capable to run smartphones efficiently. Symbian ANNA and BELLE are the two latest updates that are currently used in Nokia’s smartphones. Overall, the Symbian OS is excellently designed and is very user-friendly.

Android: Android is a Linux based operating system it is designed primarily for touch screen mobile devices such as smart phones and tablet computers. The operating system have developed a lot in last 15 years starting from black and white phones to recent smart phones or mini computers. One of the most widely used mobile OS these days is android. The android is software that was founded in Palo Alto of California in 2003.

The android is a powerful operating system and it supports large number of applications in Smartphones. These applications are more comfortable and advanced for the users. The hardware that supports android software is based on ARM.
architecture platform. The android is an open source operating system means that it’s free and any one can use it. The android has got millions of apps available that can help you managing your life one or other way and it is available low cost in market at that reasons android is very popular.

The android development supports with the full java programming language. Even other packages that are API and JSE are not supported. The first version 1.0 of android development kit (SDK) was released in 2008 and The Latest Version of Android is 10.0

Why Android:-

Applications and Features:

We will find all the android applications at the top layer and we will write your application and install on this layer. Example of such applications are contacts, books, browsers, services etc. Each application perform a different role in the over all applications.
Features of android
- Head set layout
- Storage
- Connectivity: GSM/EDGE, IDEN, CDMA, Bluetooth, WI-FI, EDGE, 3G, NFC, LTE, GPS.
- Messaging: SMS, MMS, C2DM (could to device messaging), GCM (Google could messaging)
- Multilanguage support
- Multi touch
- Video calling
- Screen capture
- External storage
- Streaming media support
- Optimized graphics

Exercise:-

1- Why android is popular amongst all mobile operating systems?
2- List the features of android operating system.