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Course Code: CST433

Course Name: SECURITY IN COMPUTING

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

PART A

Answer all questions, each carries 3 marks.

Marks

- 1 Explain the fundamental differences between cryptography and cryptanalysis. (3)
How do both play a role in ensuring secure communication?
- 2 Compare and contrast monoalphabetic and polyalphabetic substitution ciphers. (3)
Provide examples of each.
- 3 What do you mean by Feistel Cipher? Explain its Characteristics. (3)
- 4 Explain 2DES and discuss its security. (3)
- 5 Define public key cryptography. Discuss the roles of public and private keys. (3)
- 6 Illustrate Elgamal Cryptosystem. (3)
- 7 What are the primary requirements for a secure Message Authentication Code (MAC)? (3)
- 8 Differentiate between HMAC and CMAC. (3)
- 9 What are some countermeasures against malicious software threats? (3)
- 10 Define a virus and give its structure. (3)

PART B

Answer any one full question from each module, each carries 14 marks.

Module I

- 11 a) Explain the Security Mechanisms outlined in X.800. (7)
- b) Show the encryption and Decryption of the Plaintext HELLO using Playfair Cipher with key PLAYFAIREXAMPLE. (7)

OR

- 12 a) List and explain the different categories of Security attacks. (7)
- b) Explain the Vigenère cipher and illustrate the encryption and decryption processes for the plaintext "ATTACKATDAWN" using the key "LEMON" (7)

Module II

- 13 a) Explain single round of DES algorithm with a neat diagram. (7)
- b) Explain the different modes of operation for block ciphers. (7)

OR

- 14 a) Describe the key generation process in DES. (5)
b) Explain the AES encryption process. (9)

Module III

- 15 a) Explain RSA Algorithm. (9)

Using the RSA algorithm, perform the following steps with the given parameters:

Prime Numbers $p=17$ and $q=19$

Public Exponent $e = 5$

- i) Verify whether e is a valid choice.
ii) Find the Public Key and Private key.
iii) Encrypt the message $m = 12$.
b) Explain Man in the middle attack in Diffie Hellman key exchange. (5)

OR

- 16 a) Consider a Diffie–Hellman scheme with a common prime $q=17$ and a primitive root $\alpha=5$. (9)
i) Show that 5 is a primitive root of 17.
ii) If User A has public key $Y_A=9$, what is A's private key X_A ?
iii) If User B has public key $Y_B=3$, what is the shared secret key K , shared with A?
b) Explain the key exchange procedure using Elliptic Curves cryptography. (5)

Module IV

- 17 a) Define Hash Function and Explain the Basic uses of Hash Functions. (7)
b) Explain Cipher – Based Message Authentication Code. (7)

OR

- 18 a) Illustrate the working of SHA-512 algorithm with diagrams. (8)
b) Explain the Signing and Verification in Digital Signature Scheme (6)

Module V

- 19 a) Explain secret key distribution with confidentiality and authentication. (8)
b) Briefly explain the four phases, a virus goes through in its lifetime. (6)

OR

- 20 a) What is an audit record? Explain the role and Purpose of Audit records in Intrusion Detection. (8)
b) What are the different password selection strategies? (6)
