

Code No: **R42042****R10****Set No. 1****IV B.Tech II Semester Regular Examinations, April/May - 2014****NETWORK SECURITY & CRYPTOGRAPHY****(Common to Electronics & Communication Engineering and Electronics and Computer Engineering)****Time : 3 hours****Max. Marks: 75****Answer any Five Questions****All Questions carry equal marks**

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- 1 a) What is buffer overflow? What is to be done after overflowing the buffer? List the defensive techniques against buffer overflows. [8]  
b) What is a format string? How does a format string vulnerability look like? Describe the role of stack at format strings. [7]
- 2 How is key generated in Blowfish algorithm? Explain about the encryption function in Blowfish algorithm. Comment on the security of Blowfish. [15]
- 3 a) What is congruence? Describe the modular arithmetic operations using congruence with examples? [8]  
b) What are discrete logarithms? Explain their use in public key cryptography? [7]
- 4 a) Give the structure of a public key cryptosystem. Demonstrate how sender authentication and confidentiality be achieved simultaneously with public key cryptography. What are the requirements of a public key cryptosystem? [9]  
b) "RSA is vulnerable to chosen cipher text attack". Comment on it. [6]
- 5 a) What is the role of authentication in network security? Name the several methods used for authentication. [8]  
b) What is a dictionary attack? Explain with an example. [7]
- 6 a) Kerberos is based on five symmetric keys. What are they? How are they used? [7]  
b) Illustrate a two step process for obtaining a service in Kerberos. [8]
- 7 a) Describe the steps involved in the handshake protocol and the types of attacks that it may encounter. [8]  
b) Explain the use of Diffie Hellman in SSL/TLS. [7]
- 8 a) Describe the limitations of firewall inspection. [8]  
b) Describe the important practices required in maintaining the effectiveness of a firewall. [7]

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- 1      Mention all the classical ciphers. Explain with an example. [15]
- 2      Illustrate the process of encryption in AES. [15]
- 3 a)   How do you find large prime numbers using Millers Rabin algorithm? [8]  
b)   What is Euler's totient function? Explain its use. [7]
- 4 a)   What are the characteristics of public key cryptography? [7]  
b)   Let  $p=101$ ,  $q=113$  and  $e=3533$ . Find  $d$ ? From this example describe the computational issues in RSA? [8]
- 5 a)   What are the properties of hash functions? Explain their use in authentication. [6]  
b)   Give the structure of HMAC. Describe its capabilities when it is based on SHA. [9]
- 6 a)   What are the features of S/MIME? What services are offered by S/MIME? [9]  
b)   Compare the features of S/MIME with PGP. [6]
- 7 a)   Explain how IPSec is used in the Transport & Tunnel mode. [8]  
b)   List all the crypto schemes available in TLS. [7]
- 8 a)   What are the different types of malware and their means of propagation? [10]  
b)   Give the structure of a Worm? Quote some examples for worm attacks. [5]



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- 1 a) What is an SQL injection? Using this attack, what things can the attacker do? [8]  
b) What messages are exchanged in a typical session between a client & server? [7]  
What types of attacks can be performed on this session?
- 2 Mention the key size, block size and mathematical operations used by CAST 128 algorithm. Describe CAST 128 encryption function. [15]
- 3 a) State Fermat's Little theorem. State the importance of this theorem in RSA cryptosystem. [8]  
b) Propose an algorithm to compute  $a^{120} \bmod n$ , where  $a$  is a 100 digit number and  $n$  is a 200 digit number. [7]
- 4 a) Give an outline of the mathematical operations employed in Diffie Hellman key exchange. [8]  
b) How can a secure communication between two unknown parties be done using public key cryptography? [7]
- 5 a) What are the properties of Message Authentication Codes? Explain their use for authentication. [8]  
b) Explain how password based authentication works? [7]
- 6 Describe the entire encryption and decryption process in PGP. [15]
- 7 a) When the client side uses a password for authentication, describe how the SSL/TLS protect this password? [8]  
b) Compare the differences and similarities that exist between the SSL and TLS. [7]
- 8 a) What is the functionality of an Intrusion detection system? [6]  
b) Explain the anomaly based intrusion detection methods in detail. [9]

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- 1 a) What is meant by phishing? How these attacks are performed and transmitted? [8]  
b) Explain the properties Confusion & Diffusion. What is the importance of these properties in cryptographic algorithms? [7]
- 2 a) Mention the Block Cipher modes of operations. Describe the use of DES in CBC mode. [8]  
b) What is linear and differential cryptanalysis done? [7]
- 3 a) Define a primitive root. Show that if  $g$  is a primitive root of  $m$ , then the powers  $1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{\phi(m)-1}$  represent each integer relatively prime to  $m$  uniquely modulo  $m$ . In particular, if  $m > 2$ , then  $g^{\phi(m)/2} = -1$  modulo  $m$ . [7]  
b) Give the algorithm for extended Euclid's algorithm. Show the steps in computing  $\text{gcd}(576, 486)$ . [8]
- 4 a) An elliptic curve over  $\text{GF}(p)$  is defined as  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$  in which  $a=b=1$  and  $p=23$ . Find the solutions of this equation. Plot the curve. [8]  
b) Compare RSA with Diffie Hellman key exchange algorithm. [7]
- 5 a) Write the steps for computing Key and signature verification process in Digital Signature Standard. [8]  
b) Describe any two authentication protocols in detail. [7]
- 6 a) Describe the detailed information contained within a X.509 certificate. [10]  
b) How is trust managed in X.509 certificates? [5]
- 7 a) Describe the use of HMAC in SSL/TLS. [7]  
b) How is Authentication header used in transport and tunnel mode in IPv4 and IPv6? [8]
- 8 a) At what positions the firewalls may be located. Explain. [5]  
b) What are the various features and operations of stateless packet filtering? [10]  
Describe how a stateless packet filter blocks an incoming TCP connection.  
What are the weakness of stateless packet filtering?