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M.E. (Computer Science and Engineering)  
 Second Semester  
 Elective – IV  
 CS-8207: Network Security

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 50

**NOTE:** Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. 1 (Section-A) which is compulsory and selecting two questions each from Section B-C.

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**SECTION-A**

- 1 a) Is it possible to provide Source Non-repudiation in Symmetric Cryptography? If yes, then how?  
 b) Are there any possible attacks on DES?  
 c) What are the characteristics of a good hash function?  
 d) Explain the role of Certification Authorities (CAs)?  
 e) How filtering is performed on the inbound traffic, based on destination port numbers? 10

**SECTION -B**

- 2 a) Why is AES more secure than DES? In AES, what is the importance of Forward and Inverse 'Mix Columns' Transformations? 6  
 b) Consider a Diffie-Hellman scheme with a common prime  $q=11$ , and primitive root  $\alpha=2$ .  
 i) Verify that 2 is primitive root of 11. 4  
 ii) If User A has a public key  $Y_A=9$ , what is A's private key  $X_A$ ?  
 iii) If User B has a public key  $Y_B=3$ , what is B's private key  $X_B$ ?  
 iv) What is shared key of A and B?  
 3. a) "The strength of a hash function equals the level of effort required to break the strong collision resistance in that function". Explain this statement with a suitable example. 3  
 b) What is the sequence of Use of Message Words in Various Rounds in MD5? 3  
 c) List the advantages and limitations of Cipher-Feedback (CFB) Mode. 4  
 4. What is the strength of RSA? How is it used data confidentiality as well as for digitally signing the messages? Perform encryption and decryption for  $p=11$ ,  $q=23$ ,  $e=13$  and  $m=2$ . 10

**SECTION-C**

5. a) What is significance of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)? Why do we need it for Public Key Cryptography? 5  
 b) With the help of a suitable diagram, explain the signing and verifying functions of DSA. 5  
 6. a) What is Security Association in IPsec? How are Replay Packets rejected in IPsec? 5  
 b) What is the difference between SSL Session and SSL Connection? 5  
 7. a) What are the characteristics of a Bastion Host? How is security of Bastion Host maintained? 5  
 b) Explain different approaches for the Rule-Based Intrusion Detection? 5

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