

2055
B.E. (Computer Science and Engineering)
Sixth Semester
CS-601: Computer Networks and 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

I. Attempt the following:

- a) Differentiate between Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN) with suitable examples.
- b) Difference between Distance Vector Routing and Link State Routing with an example.
- c) Explain the difference between UDP and TCP protocols.
- d) Explain open loop and closed loop congestion control techniques.
- e) What is piggybacking? Explain its advantages and disadvantages. (5x2)

Section – B

- II. a) With reference to Classful addressing, you are given a subnet mask as 255.255.254.0. Describe the following:
- i) Total number of hosts that can be configured in the network.
 - ii) Total number of subnets if the network is Class A.
 - iii) Identify and explain the purpose of any six key fields in the IPv4 header.
- b) Explain the terms slow start, additive increase and multiplicative decrease with the help of diagram in the context of TCP congestion control. (2x5)
- III. a) Consider a network A using the IP protocol with a Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) of 520 bytes. Assume that the IP header is 20 bytes. Consider a network B with a Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) of 200 bytes and an IP header of 20 bytes.
- i) What is the maximum data that the datagram at network layer can carry in network B?
 - ii) Suppose a datagram in network A has to be sent to network B. In network A, how many fragments will a datagram has to be fragmented and why?
 - iii) Discuss the potential impact of fragmentation on network performance and efficiency.
- b) What is Domain Name System (DNS)? What are the resources associated with it? Why is DNS over HTTPS preferred over traditional DNS? Justify with security vulnerabilities. (2x5)
- IV. a) Write the difference between Symmetric Key and Public Key authentication with suitable examples. Also explain the respective advantages and disadvantages.
- b) A company wants to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity for the security of web-based transactions process. Define a hybrid cryptographic solution using SSL/TLS and digital certificates. Justify the approach with diagram illustrating the SSL/TLS handshake with digital certificates. (2x5)

Section - C

- V. a) Discuss the application layer protocols FTP, Telnet, SNMP and SMTP.
b) Explain the IP Security (IPSec) architecture and its role in securing network communications. (2x5)
- VI. a) Explain in detail the concept of switching in computer networks. Provide a scenario where virtual circuit switching would be preferable over packet switching and justify your choice.
b) Compare and contrast the TCP/IP and OSI Reference Model with the key factors of TCP/IP Protocol suite. (2x5)
- VII. a) Explain how Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange prevents eavesdropping. Derive its mathematical formulation and discuss its vulnerabilities.
b) Suppose you want to send a 10-bit message (1101010110) using a CRC technique, where the CRC generator is 1011.
i). Calculate the CRC code that needs to be appended to the message before transmission. Show the step-by-step calculations.
ii). Mention and explain any two error control techniques other than CRC with the help of an example. (2x5)