

B.Tech 5th Semester Exam., 2019

INFORMATION SECURITY

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 70

Instructions :

- (i) The marks are indicated in the right-hand margin.
- (ii) There are **NINE** questions in this paper.
- (iii) Attempt **FIVE** questions in all.
- (iv) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. Choose the correct alternative (any seven) :

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- (a) Cryptology is the combination of
- (i) plaintext and cipher text
 - (ii) encryption and decryption
 - (iii) cryptography and cryptanalysis
 - (iv) attack and encryption

- (b) Threatening to confidentiality is affected with
- (i) active attack
 - (ii) passive attack
 - (iii) denial of service attack
 - (iv) None of the above

- (c) In symmetric key cryptography, same key is used by
- (i) one party
 - (ii) multi party
 - (iii) third party
 - (iv) both party

- (d) In RSA, $\phi(n) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ in terms of p and q .
- (i) $(p) / (q)$
 - (ii) $(p)(q)$
 - (iii) $(p-1)(q-1)$
 - (iv) $(p+1)(q+1)$

- (e) What is the security goal based on access control?
- (i) Authentication
 - (ii) Authorization
 - (iii) Accountability
 - (iv) All of the above

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(f) Related to information security, confidentiality is the opposite of which of the following?

- (i) Closure
- (ii) Disclosure
- (iii) Disposal
- (iv) Disaster

(g) What is the software called that is designed to exploit a computer user and is a broad term covering computer viruses, worms, Trojan, adware, etc.?

- (i) Backdoors
- (ii) Key-logger
- (iii) Malware
- (iv) Bots

(h) If an attacker stole a password file that contained one-way encrypted passwords, what type of an attack would he/she perform to find the encrypted password?

- (i) Man-in the middle attack
- (ii) Birthday attack
- (iii) Denial of service attack
- (iv) Dictionary attack

(Turn Over)

(i) Intruders are most common security threats which are known to be

- (i) account access
- (ii) data access
- (iii) hacker or cracker
- (iv) computer access

(j) Which of the following is least secured method of authentication?

- (i) Keycard
- (ii) Fingerprint
- (iii) Retina pattern
- (iv) Password

2. (a) Briefly describe the terms snooping, sniffing and spoofing. Also mention which type of attack can be possible with these terms respectively. 9

(b) What are the different categories of security mechanism that exist? Relate all of them with security services. 5

3. (a) Differentiate cryptanalysis with Brute-force attack. 4

(b) What is Kerckhoffs' principle? Mention the categories of cryptanalysis attack. 5

- (c) What is double transposition cipher? How can this technique be better than traditional transposition cipher? 5
4. (a) How are state and word calculations performed in AES algorithm? Mention the formula to recognize block bytes from state 6
- (b) What are the differences between symmetric key cryptography and asymmetric key cryptography? Which one is more convenient? 8
5. (a) What is stream cipher? Explain how A5/1 stream cipher can provide the privacy over the air communication for GSM cellular network. 7
- (b) Write short notes on RC4 with respect to the following terms : 7
- (i) Full form and history
 - (ii) Variants
 - (iii) Random number generator
 - (iv) Attacks

6. (a) State knapsack problem statement with its all features. What are different kinds of variants used in knapsack problem? What is the other name of knapsack problem? 7
- (b) In the RSA public key encryption scheme, each user has a public key 'e' and a private key 'd'. Suppose Bob leaks his private key. Rather than generating a new modulus, he decides to generate a new public and a new private key. Is this safe? If safe, then explain your answer. 7
7. (a) Elaborate all issues and concerns related to biometric devices. 6
- (b) What is hash function? Explain how one-way hash function works. 4
- (c) What are different applications of digital signature that exist? Explain any one in detail. 4
8. (a) What is software flaw (bugs)? How much they can affect any system? 6
- (b) List out with explanation any 5 categories of famous attack exist in miscellaneous software based attack. 8

9. (a) How can operating system security be achieved through different functions? Justify the answer with proper reference. 7

(b) Briefly describe security evaluated and security focused operating system with all features. 7
