

C8-R4 : INFORMATION SECURITY

NOTE :

1. Answer question 1 and any FOUR questions from 2 to 7.
2. Parts of the same question should be answered together and in the same sequence.

Time : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 100

1. (a) Differentiate between Symmetric Key and Asymmetric Key Cryptography.
(b) Enumerate and define the desired properties of a blocks in block cipher.
(c) Define second preimage resistance.
(d) What is perfect security ? How can an encryption algorithm become perfectly secure ?
(e) Encrypt the message "the house is being sold tonight" using Autokey cipher to get cipher text. Ignore the space between words. Consider the key = (7).
(f) Encipher your message "Move forward" by play fair technique and MONARCHY as key.
(g) The encryption key in a transposition cipher is (3, 1, 5, 2, 6, 4). Find the decryption key. (7x4)
2. (a) What is birthday attack ? How it is used in cryptography ? Explain in detail.
(b) What is Kerberos ? What problem was Kerberos designed to address ? In Kerberos, when Bob receives a Ticket from Alice, how does he know it is genuine ? (9+9)
3. (a) List the main features of the SHA-512 cryptographic hash function. What kind of compression function is used in SHA - 512 ?
(b) Explain output feedback mode of DES. Compare it with cipher feedback mode. (9+9)
4. (a) Which type of information might be derived from a traffic analysis attack ?
(b) What is message integrity ? Does integrity differ from secrecy or confidentiality or is it implied ?
(c) What is the Diffie-Hellman Key exchange algorithm and give detail explanation of the algorithm ? (5+4+9)
5. (a) RIPEMD-160- a variant of MD5 algorithm, explain and give its pseudo code.
(b) Explain in brief RC4 stream cipher, also giving the algorithm. (9+9)

6. (a) Explain the importance of prime numbers in the field of cryptography.
(b) What are the requirements of public key cryptography system ? Explain the characteristic of public key cryptography.
(c) Distinguish between message integrity and message authentication. (6+6+6)
7. (a) What are the limitations of message authentication ? Explain properties and requirements of digital signature.
(b) Explain in detail about the followings :
(i) Fermat's theorem
(ii) Euler's theorem
(iii) Chinese Remainder theorem (9+9)

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