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VI Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – Regular/Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, April 2021 (2014 – 2018 Admissions) CORE COURSE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE 6B16CSC – E06 : Information Security

Time : 3 Hours

SECTION - A

1. One word answer :

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Max. Marks: 40

- a) Confidentiality, ______ and availability are the three security goals.
- b) The word ______ with origin in Greek means "covered writing".
- c) _____ is the art of breaking cryptographic codes.
- d) In ______ key encryption, the locking and unlocking is done with the same key.
- e) ______ is the most widely used symmetric key block cipher published by NIST.
- f) Expand RSA in RSA Algorithm.
- g) ______ attack involves trying all the possible private keys.
- h) Plain text can be converted into ______ using a key.

SECTION - B

Write short notes on any seven of the following questions : (7×2=14)

- 2. List and discuss any two passive attacks.
- 3. Discuss on principles of security.
- 4. List any four polyalphabetic ciphers.
 - 5. List any four cryptanalysis attacks.
 - 6. What is the number of rounds in DES ?
 - 7. List any two known attacks conducted in DES and its conclusion.

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- 8. Discuss on cipher design weakness of DES.
- 9. What are the ingredients of a public key encryption scheme ?
- 10. What is the blinding process in RSA security ?
- 11. What are the three basic properties needed for a digital signature ?
- 12. Briefly explain about multiple encryption techniques with a DES perspective.
- 13. List the three kinds of attacks on digital signatures.
- 14. Which are the three security services provided by using digital signature and list the security service not provided by digital signature alone ?
- 15. What is selective forgery ?

SECTION - C

Answer any four of the following questions :

- 16. Discuss on the security attacks threatening the integrity of data.
- 17. Discuss in detail about transposition ciphers.
- 18. Explain about stream ciphers and block ciphers in detail.
- 19. Explain why DES is more vulnerable to linear cryptanalysis than differential cryptanalysis.
- 20. Why does the DES function need an expansion permutation ?
- 21. What requirements must a public key cryptosystem fulfil to be a secure algorithm ?
- 22. Briefly explain about the digital signature process.
- 23. Distinguish between digital signature from conventional signature.

SECTION - D

Answer any two of the following questions :

- 24. Explain about the need and principles of information security in detail.
- 25. Explain about attacks and its various types in detail.
- 26. Explain about substitution ciphers with suitable examples.
- 27. Explain about DES and multiple DES in detail.
- 28. Explain about the RSA algorithm and its security.
- 29. Explain about digital signature schemes in detail.

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