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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:
BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
BIT 2317: FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER SECURITY
SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

SERIES: SEPTEMBER2018

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Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attemptquestion ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

a) Explain the difference between the following terms:

- i) Firewall and Intrusion Detection System (IDS)
- ii) Stream cipher and Block cipher
- iii) Computer security and Network Security
- IV) Cryptographyand Steganography
- v) Hot site facility and Cold site facility

(20 MARKS)

b) Describe any five Characteristics of a Good Security Policy

(10 Marks)

Question TWO

a) Explain the concepts of computer security terms:

- i) Confidentiality
- ii) Availability
- iii) Integrity

(6 MARKS)

b) Explain the difference between

- i) “security plan” and “security policy”
- ii) “Network based attacks” and “Application based attacks”

(12 MARKS)

c) Using a two rail fence cipher encrypt the message: ”meet me after the toga party” **(2MARKS)**

Question THREE

- a) Explain the difference between “Cryptanalysis” and “Brute-force attack”(4 Marks)
- b) Using a well labelled diagram, describe the ingredients of asymmetric encryption (12 Marks)
- c) Using Caesar cipher (Key = +3), decrypt the message: PHHW PH DIWHU WKH WRJD SDUWB
(4 MARKS)

Question FOUR

- a) Using suitable examples describe the following attacks as identified in Risk Based Attack Taxonomy.
 - i) External information theft
 - ii) External abuse of resources
 - iii) External masquerading
 - iv) Pest programs
 - iv) Bypassing of internal controls (8 MARKS)
- b) Describe any four Methods of Defense used in securing information assets (8 Marks)
- c) Define the terms:
 - i) Digital signature
 - ii) Digital signature scheme (2 Marks)

Question FIVE

a) Security management must manage risks in terms of causes, effects and costs of a security loss. The costs resulting from a security fault must be balanced with the costs resulting from enhanced security measures. This means that systematic security management allows counter-measures to be chosen in a planned and managed way, since too much security wastes money while too little security wastes Information System resources (IS) capability.

Required

Describe the four distinct stages of management of security (16 Marks)

- b) Explain the four properties of digital signatures (4 Marks)