

Time Allotted: 3 Hours
Full Marks : 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer Question No. 1 and any four from the rest.

1. a) What is the difference between security attack and security threat? 2
b) What are the principle elements of a public - key cryptosystem ? 2
c) What are the requirements of Hash functions ?
d) Define Galois field and extended Galois field.
e) What are the three protocols used in IPSec ? What are their functions?
f) Distinguish between passive attack and active attack. 2

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2. a) Explain the generation of S-box
 substitution in case of AES algorithm.

b) Explain the shift row and mix column steps of AES algorithm.

3 a) Distinguish between strong collision resistant and weak collision resistant property of Hash function.
b) Given a Hash Function H with n possible outputs and a specific value h. How many random inputs must we test before our chance of finding some $x$ such that $h=H(x)$ is greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ ?
c) How MAC can be exploited to generate fraudulent message with proper authentication ? Explain. $2+6+6$
4. a) Explain Diffie - Hellman key exchange protocol.
b) In a RSA system, you intercept the ciphertext $C=11$ sent to user whose public key $\mathrm{Pu}=7, \mathrm{~N}=187$. What is the plaintext?
c) What are the ECC domain parameters ? Explain them.

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5. a) Explain SHA - 1 algorithm.
b) Describe different connection states in SSL. $8+6$
6. a) Explain the whole process of SET transactions
b) Discuss the functions and limitations of Firewall packet filters.
c) Compare SET and e-cash.

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7. Write short notes on any two of the following :
a) IPSec security associations
b) DSA
c) Elliptic curve cryptography.
d) Biometric Authentication.
