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VI Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/ Improvement) Examination, April 2023 (2019 and 2020 Admissions) DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE 6B15CSC-A: Information Security

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 40

PART – A (Short Answer)

Answer **all** questions.

 $(6 \times 1 = 6)$

- 1. What is Cryptography?
- 2. What is Digital Signature?
- 3. What is Substitution cipher?
- 4. What is Block cipher?
- 5. What is confidentiality?
- 6. What is Trapdoor One-Way Function?

PART – B (Short Essay)

Answer any 6 questions.

 $(6 \times 2 = 12)$

- 7. List the security services provided by a digital signature.
- 8. Differentiate between symmetric cipher and asymmetric cipher.
- 9. Distinguish between passive and active security attacks.

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- 10. What is brute-force attack?
- 11. What is non-repudiation?
- 12. What is linear cryptanalysis?
- 13. What is DES?
- 14. What is Trojan horse?

PART – C
(Essay)

Answer any 4 questions.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12)$

- 15. Compare and contrast a conventional signature and a digital signature.
- 16. What is Kerckhoff's principle?
- 17. Explain multiple DES.
- 18. What is signing the digest?
- 19. Explain various attacks on block ciphers.
- 20. Briefly explain the idea behind the RSA cryptosystem.

PART – D (Long Essay)

Answer any 2 questions.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10)$

- 21. Explain the different security attacks on confidentiality, integrity and availability.
- 22. Explain the security of RSA.
- 23. What is block cipher? Explain various modes of operation of a block cipher.
- 24. Compare and contrast a conventional signature and a digital signature.