

Here are **20 multiple-choice questions based on Chapter 1: Overview PowerPoint:**

Cryptographic Algorithms & Security Concepts

1. Which of the following is NOT a main category of cryptographic algorithms?
 - a) Symmetric encryption
 - b) Asymmetric encryption
 - c) Hash functions
 - d) Compression algorithms
2. What is the primary goal of cryptographic hash functions?
 - a) Encrypt messages for secure transmission
 - b) Ensure data confidentiality
 - c) Create a fixed-size representation of data for integrity verification
 - d) Generate encryption keys
3. Which concept is NOT part of the CIA triad?
 - a) Confidentiality
 - b) Integrity
 - c) Availability
 - d) Authentication
4. What is the purpose of a message authentication code (MAC)?
 - a) Encrypt messages using public key cryptography
 - b) Authenticate the sender and verify message integrity
 - c) Generate digital signatures
 - d) Ensure high availability of a system

Network & Computer Security

5. Computer security primarily aims to protect against:
 - a) Network congestion
 - b) Malicious software and unauthorized access
 - c) Hardware failures
 - d) Power outages
6. What is a characteristic of network security?
 - a) It focuses solely on preventing unauthorized access to a system
 - b) It involves protecting data in transit over a network
 - c) It only applies to local area networks (LANs)
 - d) It is only necessary for large enterprises
7. Which standardization organization is responsible for developing Internet security standards?
 - a) NIST
 - b) ISO
 - c) ITU-T
 - d) ISOC
8. The role of NIST in cybersecurity includes:
 - a) Defining security regulations for military use only
 - b) Developing cryptographic standards and best practices

- c) Enforcing security laws worldwide
- d) Managing network infrastructure

Security Attacks & Threats

- 9. Which of the following is a passive attack?
 - a) Masquerading
 - b) Denial of service (DoS)
 - c) Eavesdropping
 - d) Message modification
- 10. A replay attack involves:
 - a) Capturing and resending valid messages to deceive a recipient
 - b) Intercepting and modifying data before delivery
 - c) Encrypting messages using outdated algorithms
 - d) Deleting important log files
- 11. What is an example of an active attack?
 - a) Traffic analysis
 - b) Eavesdropping
 - c) Modification of messages
 - d) Release of message contents
- 12. Which security mechanism focuses on detecting and recovering from attacks?
 - a) Passive attack prevention
 - b) Active attack prevention
 - c) Active attack detection and recovery
 - d) Cryptographic hashing

Security Mechanisms & Models

- 13. Which security service ensures that actions taken by an entity can be traced back to them?
 - a) Confidentiality
 - b) Integrity
 - c) Availability
 - d) Accountability
- 14. The OSI Security Architecture (X.800) includes which three main security aspects?
 - a) Security attack, security mechanism, security service
 - b) Security framework, security policy, security infrastructure
 - c) Threat modeling, risk assessment, mitigation strategies
 - d) Data confidentiality, data integrity, data availability
- 15. Which security mechanism is used to prevent unauthorized use of a resource?
 - a) Authentication
 - b) Access control
 - c) Digital signatures
 - d) Traffic analysis
- 16. What is the primary function of a digital signature?
 - a) Encrypt a message for confidentiality

- b) Provide authenticity and integrity for digital messages
- c) Generate encryption keys for secure communication
- d) Prevent denial-of-service attacks

Levels of Security Impact & Protection

- 17. A loss of integrity in a hospital's patient database could result in:
 - a) Unauthorized access to patient records
 - b) Incorrect medical information leading to serious harm
 - c) Slower network performance
 - d) Difficulty in patient scheduling
 - 18. According to FIPS PUB 199, a **high impact** security breach could:
 - a) Cause minor financial loss
 - b) Result in major damage and life-threatening injuries
 - c) Lead to a temporary degradation of service
 - d) Have no noticeable effect on system operations
 - 19. Which level of impact describes a breach that has a **limited adverse effect** on an organization?
 - a) Low
 - b) Moderate
 - c) High
 - d) Severe
 - 20. What is the best way to mitigate passive attacks?
 - a) Implement real-time monitoring systems
 - b) Focus on prevention methods such as strong encryption
 - c) Use intrusion detection systems
 - d) Deploy firewall solutions
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Answers:

Cryptographic Algorithms & Security Concepts

- 1. **(d)** Compression algorithms
- 2. **(c)** Create a fixed-size representation of data for integrity verification
- 3. **(d)** Authentication
- 4. **(b)** Authenticate the sender and verify message integrity

Network & Computer Security

- 5. **(b)** Malicious software and unauthorized access
- 6. **(b)** It involves protecting data in transit over a network
- 7. **(d)** ISOC
- 8. **(b)** Developing cryptographic standards and best practices

Security Attacks & Threats

- 9. (c) Eavesdropping
- 10. (a) Capturing and resending valid messages to deceive a recipient
- 11. (c) Modification of messages
- 12. (c) Active attack detection and recovery

Security Mechanisms & Models

- 13. (d) Accountability
- 14. (a) Security attack, security mechanism, security service
- 15. (b) Access control
- 16. (b) Provide authenticity and integrity for digital messages

Levels of Security Impact & Protection

- 17. (b) Incorrect medical information leading to serious harm
- 18. (b) Result in major damage and life-threatening injuries
- 19. (a) Low
- 20. (b) Focus on prevention methods such as strong encryption

Here are **20 multiple-choice questions (MCQs)** based on **Chapter 2: Classical Encryption Techniques** PowerPoint.

1. What is the main weakness of the Caesar Cipher?

- A) It uses multiple keys
- B) It shifts letters by a fixed number, making it predictable
- C) It is too complex to break
- D) It requires a one-time pad

2. Which cipher replaces each letter with another letter based on a fixed shift?

- A) Vigenère Cipher
- B) Monoalphabetic Cipher
- C) Caesar Cipher
- D) Rail Fence Cipher

3. What is the key space size for a standard Caesar Cipher?

- A) 10
- B) 25
- C) 50
- D) 100

4. Which cipher uses a single alphabetic substitution but with a complex key mapping?

- A) Playfair Cipher
- B) Monoalphabetic Cipher
- C) Columnar Transposition
- D) Polyalphabetic Cipher

5. Which of these is NOT a classical encryption technique?

- A) Transposition Cipher
- B) Substitution Cipher
- C) RSA Cipher
- D) Caesar Cipher

6. What is the main difference between transposition and substitution ciphers?

- A) Transposition changes letter order, substitution changes letters themselves
- B) Transposition is unbreakable, substitution is not
- C) Substitution is used in modern cryptography
- D) They are the same thing

7. Which cipher arranges text in a zigzag pattern?

- A) Columnar Transposition
- B) Rail Fence Cipher
- C) Caesar Cipher
- D) Playfair Cipher

8. In a Rail Fence Cipher with 3 rails, how is "HELLO WORLD" written?

- A) HOL ELWR OD
- B) HLOOL ELWRD
- C) HELLO WORLD
- D) None of the above

9. The Playfair Cipher encrypts text using which technique?

- A) A single shift pattern
- B) A 5x5 matrix of letters
- C) A set of prime numbers
- D) A binary system

10. What is the key requirement for using the Playfair Cipher?

- A) A numeric key
- B) A keyword with no repeating letters
- C) A public-private key pair
- D) A shift value

11. In a Columnar Transposition Cipher, how is text arranged?

- A) In a grid based on a keyword
- B) In a 5x5 square
- C) Using frequency analysis
- D) By shifting letters

12. What happens if the message length does not fit the column size in a Columnar Transposition Cipher?

- A) The message is shortened
- B) Extra letters (padding) are added
- C) The message is ignored
- D) Encryption fails

13. What is a major weakness of Monoalphabetic Ciphers?

- A) Easily broken with frequency analysis
- B) Requires a computer to decrypt
- C) Uses an unpredictable key
- D) Takes too long to encrypt

14. How does a Polyalphabetic Cipher improve security?

- A) Uses multiple substitution alphabets
- B) Changes the order of letters
- C) Requires multiple keys
- D) Uses binary numbers

15. The Vigenère Cipher is an example of which type of encryption?

- A) Transposition
- B) Polyalphabetic Substitution
- C) Monoalphabetic Substitution
- D) Symmetric Key Encryption

16. What is the primary defense of the Vigenère Cipher against frequency analysis?

- A) Each letter is encrypted differently based on its position
- B) It uses a single shift value
- C) It requires advanced mathematics
- D) It has an unbreakable key

17. Which technique was historically used in WWII encryption machines like the Enigma?

- A) Monoalphabetic Cipher
- B) Playfair Cipher
- C) Polyalphabetic Cipher
- D) Transposition Cipher

18. How do you decrypt a Columnar Transposition Cipher?

- A) Reverse the order of letters
- B) Rearrange letters back into their original columns
- C) Shift letters backward
- D) Use frequency analysis

19. What makes Playfair Cipher more secure than a simple substitution cipher?

- A) It encrypts digraphs (letter pairs) instead of single letters
- B) It uses a numeric key
- C) It mixes substitution and transposition
- D) It requires a large computer

20. Which classical encryption technique is the foundation for modern cryptography?

- A) Rail Fence Cipher
- B) Vigenère Cipher
- C) Caesar Cipher
- D) RSA Algorithm

Answers:

1. B) It shifts letters by a fixed number, making it predictable
2. C) Caesar Cipher
3. B) 25

- 4. B) Monoalphabetic Cipher
- 5. C) RSA Cipher
- 6. A) Transposition changes letter order, substitution changes letters themselves
- 7. B) Rail Fence Cipher
- 8. B) HLOOL ELWRD
- 9. B) A 5x5 matrix of letters
- 10. B) A keyword with no repeating letters
- 11. A) In a grid based on a keyword
- 12. B) Extra letters (padding) are added
- 13. A) Easily broken with frequency analysis
- 14. A) Uses multiple substitution alphabets
- 15. B) Polyalphabetic Substitution
- 16. A) Each letter is encrypted differently based on its position
- 17. C) Polyalphabetic Cipher
- 18. B) Rearrange letters back into their original columns
- 19. A) It encrypts digraphs (letter pairs) instead of single letters
- 20. B) Vigenère Cipher