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Question 1

Correct

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Assume the alphabet set as described here: {A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, R, S, T, W, X}. The plaintext, ciphertext, and key space are same as the described in the set. Now, consider the concept of Affine Cipher and decrypt the ciphertext “KH” by using the key $k = (7, 3)$.

[Hint: Consider A = 1, B = 2, and so on.]

Select one:

- ☒ a. DO ✓
- ☐ b. HE
- ☐ c. ME
- ☐ d. Decryption is not possible

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: DO

Question 2

Correct

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Encrypt the short text “IIT” by using the method of Hill cipher. Consider the keyword as “ALPHABETA” and a key matrix of size 3 x 3 (row-wise).

[Hint: Consider A=0, B=1, and so on.]

Select one:

- ☐ a. JXB
- ☐ b. JCM
- ☒ c. JXC ✓
- ☐ d. AXC

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: JXC

Question 3

Incorrect

Mark 0.00 out of 2.00

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The average complexity of an exhaustive search against the 2-key 3DES

Select one:

- ☐ a. 2^{111}
- ☒ b. 2^{112} ✗
- ☐ c. 2^{56}
- ☐ d. 2^{57}

Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is: 2^{111}

Question 4

Correct

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The security of DES is increased by increasing the number of encryption using two keys k_1 and k_2 (e.g. 2DES) or by using 3 keys k_1, k_2, k_3 (e.g. 3DES). For Substitution cipher, we can comment on its security as

Select one:

- ☒ a. No additional security can be gained by enciphering a message by using two monoalphabetic ciphers with two different keys in succession ✓
- ☐ b. Additional security can be gained by enciphering a message by using two monoalphabetic ciphers with two different keys in succession (say the plain text is encrypted by $k = 4$ and then the resulting ciphertext is encrypted by $k = 8$)

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: No additional security can be gained by enciphering a message by using two monoalphabetic ciphers with two different keys in succession

Question 5

Correct

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Given a bit string x , let x' denotes the bitwise complement, i.e. the bit string obtained by flipping all bits of x . DES has the following complementation properties

$$\text{DES}_{k'}(x') = (\text{DES}_k(x))' \quad \text{for any } x \text{ and } k$$

Now, taking the advantage of the above complementation property of DES, the complementation property of 2-key 3DES becomes

Select one:

- ☒ a. $3\text{DES}_{k_1', k_2'}(P') = (3\text{DES}_{k_1, k_2}(P))'$ ✓
- ☐ b. $3\text{DES}_{k_2'}(P') = (3\text{DES}_{k_1, k_2}(P))'$

- ☐ c. $3DES_{k1'}(P') = (3DES_{k1,K2}(P))'$
- ☐ d. None of the above

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: $3DES_{k1', k2'}(P') = (3DES_{k1,K2}(P))'$

Question 6

Correct

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Consider a 5-round 16-bit SPN block cipher with the S-box: $\{0, 1\}^4 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^4$. The difference distribution of a few input-output of the S-box is as follows

		OUTPUT															
INPUT		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	0
	6	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
	8	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	2
	A	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	4	0
	E	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

The propagation rate of the Differential Trail formed with the five active S-boxes S_1 (1110, 1000), S_1 (0100, 0110), S_2 (1000, 0100), S_3 (1000, 0100), S_2 (0110, 0011).

(Here, $S_i^k(x, y)$ represents i th S-box of k th round with input x and output y .)

Select one:

- ☐ a. 27/2048
- ☐ b. 81/4096
- ☒ c. 81/16384 ✓
- ☐ d. 27/1024

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: 81/16384

Question 7

Incorrect

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Narrowing down the key in DES, for a text message, the key search space can be reduced from approximately 2^{56} to 2^n after examining the first block of 8 bytes. (We assume that each text letter is encoded to a binary string of 8 bits and that there are 64 ASCII characters.) The value of n is

Select one:

- ☒ a. 48 ✗
- ☐ b. 40
- ☐ c. 24
- ☐ d. 32

Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is: 40

Question 8

Correct

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Suppose Caesar sends a message to one of its generals, and the message contains only one letter. You can say about the message security that

Select one:

- ☐ a. The message is not secured
- ☐ b. Nothing can be told about its security
- ☒ c. The message has the perfect security, because the message could be any of the 26 letters of the alphabet ✓
- ☐ d. The message doesn't have the perfect security, because the message could be any of the 26 letters of the alphabet

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: The message has the perfect security, because the message could be any of the 26 letters of the alphabet

Question 9

Correct

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Let e_1, e_2, e_3 , and e_4 be the bias of four random variable X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 respectively where, $e_1 = e_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $e_3 = e_4 = \frac{1}{4}$. The bias of $(X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus X_3 \oplus X_4)$ is

Select one:

- ☐ a. 1/32
- ☐ b. 1/64
- ☐ c. 1/16
- ☒ d. 1/8 ✓

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: 1/8

Question 10

Correct

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If the plain text message "ENCODE" is encrypted by Caesar cipher with key $k = -5$, the ciphertext becomes

Select one:

- ☒ a. ZIXJYZ ✓
- ☐ b. AJYKZA
- ☐ c. JSHTIJ

☐ d. YHWIXY

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: ZIXJYZ

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