First Semester 2022-2023 COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Course No.: CS ZG524 Course Title: Cybersecurity Nature of Exam: Closed Book

Weightage: 40% **Duration**: 2½ Hours

Date of Exam: Sunday, 27/11/2022 (FN)

No. of Pages = 2 No. of Questions = 3

Q.1 Answer the following questions related to Cybersecurity Concepts:

- (a) Define and differentiate between symmetric and asymmetric encryption. Provide examples.
- (b) Discuss the role of firewalls in network security. How do they prevent cyber threats?
- (c) Explain how social engineering attacks work and how to mitigate them.
- (d) What is multi-factor authentication (MFA), and why is it important in cybersecurity?
- (e) Discuss the implications of ransomware attacks and preventive measures. [15]

Q.2 Answer the following questions related to Cyber Threats and Defense Mechanisms:

- (a) Explain the impact of Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attacks on network infrastructure.
- (b) What is a zero-day vulnerability? How can organizations protect against it?
- (c) Discuss the role of ethical hacking and penetration testing in cybersecurity.
- (d) What are security policies, and how do they help organizations maintain cybersecurity?
- (e) How does blockchain technology enhance cybersecurity in financial transactions? [15]

Q.3 State True or False providing due justification for your answers:

- (a) A strong password policy is sufficient to prevent all cyber threats.
- (b) Antivirus software can detect and stop all types of malware.
- (c) Encrypted data cannot be intercepted by cybercriminals.
- (d) Cybersecurity training for employees is unnecessary if strong firewalls are in place.
- (e) Public Wi-Fi networks are always safe to use with VPN.

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