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Finalterm Exam (Fall 2023)

Time: 2 Hours

Paper: CSE-425 Computer Security

Marks: 50

Note: Attempt all questions on answer sheet. Write short and precise answers.

Question No. 1

(Marks=3+3+3+3+3) (CLO-2)

Solve the following using RSA algorithm.

- $p = 3, q = 11$ and $e = 7$, encrypt the Message $(M) = \text{"AC"}$
- $p = 7, q = 11$ and $e = 3$, encrypt the Message $(M) = (32)_{16}$
- $p = 23, q = 19, e = 283$, Find d ?
- Ciphertext $C = (1010)_2, e = 5, n = 35$, what is plaintext M ?
- Find the ciphertext (C) where plaintext $(M) = (14)_8$, and Public key $(3, 187)$.

Note: Alphabets are coded by numbers from 0 to 25 before encryption.

Question No. 2

(Marks=3+3) (CLO-3)

- What is IT Security Management? Describe its main functions?
- What is the relationship between Risk, Threat and Vulnerability and how Security Controls can affect them?

Question No. 3

(Marks=3+3+3+3)

- How is hash function different from Digital Signatures? How they can be combined?
- Describe a scenario in computer security where the use of hash function is preferred instead of MAC?
- Is it possible to use Hash function where both confidentiality and integrity of messages is important? Justify your answer.
- Ali has an account with a server. The server makes her change her password every few months, to which Ali just increments a number in her password, e.g., pak1, pak2, ...
Why does the server not complain that the new password is very much like her old one?

Question No. 4

(Marks=3+3+3+3)

In the Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange, let the public keys be $p = 43, g = 26$, and the secret keys be $a = 13$ and $b = 22$, where a is Alice's secret key and b is Bob's secret key.

- What value does Alice send Bob?
- What value does Bob send Alice?
- What is the secret key they share?
- Unknown to Alice and Bob, Eve is listening and is able to intercept their messages as well as inject her own messages. Suppose Eve chooses an secret key $e = 7$. Explain how Eve can use e to perform the Intruder-in-the-Middle attack on the Alice-Bob Diffie-Hellman key exchange.

Question No. 5

(Marks=2.5+2.5)

- What are the major vulnerability points of the RSA algorithm?
- In what scenarios would you advise against using RSA and why?