

Practice Questions on Classical Encryption Techniques

Q.1 "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players" - Encrypt the message with Caesar Cipher with Shift 5.

Solution →

Numbers - Alphabets

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N

14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Encryption

$$C = E(P, k) \bmod 26 = (P + k) \bmod 26$$

key = 5

Plaintext	PT	A	L	L	T	H	E	W	O	R	L	D	S	A	S	T	A	G	E
Ciphertext	CT	F	Q	Q	Y	M	J	B	T	W	Q	I	X	F	X	Y	F	L	J

Plaintext	PT	A	N	D	A	L	L	T	H	E	M	E	N	A	N	D	N	O	M
Ciphertext	CT	F	S	I	F	Q	Q	Y	M	J	R	J	S	F	S	I	B	T	R

Plaintext	PT	E	N	M	E	R	E	L	Y	P	L	A	Y	E	R	S
Ciphertext	CT	J	S	R	J	W	J	Q	D	U	Q	F	D	J	W	X

$$C = (P + k) \bmod 26$$

A	$C = 0 + 5 \bmod 26 = 5 \rightarrow F$
L	$C = 11 + 5 \bmod 26 = 16 \rightarrow Q$
T	$C = 19 + 5 \bmod 26 = 24 \rightarrow Y$
H	$C = 7 + 5 \bmod 26 = 12 \rightarrow M$

E	$C = 4 + 5 \pmod{26} = 9 \rightarrow J$
W	$C = 24 + 5 \pmod{26} = 1 \rightarrow B$
O	$C = 14 + 5 \pmod{26} = 19 \rightarrow T$
R	$C = 17 + 5 \pmod{26} = 22 \rightarrow W$
D	$C = 3 + 5 \pmod{26} = 8 \rightarrow I$
S	$C = 18 + 5 \pmod{26} = 23 \rightarrow X$
G	$C = 6 + 5 \pmod{26} = 11 \rightarrow L$
N	$C = 13 + 5 \pmod{26} = 18 \rightarrow S$
M	$C = 12 + 5 \pmod{26} = 17 \rightarrow R$
L	$C = 11 + 5 \pmod{26} = 16 \rightarrow Q$
Y	$C = 24 + 5 \pmod{26} = 3 \rightarrow D$
P	$C = 15 + 5 \pmod{26} = 20 \rightarrow U$

Q.2

A short cryptic message was received from a friend:
 "Xs fi, sv rsy xs fi, xlex mw xli uyiwxmst".

Assuming Caesar Cipher Decrypt the message with
Shift 4

Solution

Decryption

$$P = D(C, K) \pmod{26} = C - K \pmod{26}$$

key = 4

Ciphertext
 Plaintext

ET	X	S	F	I	S	V	R	S	Y	X	S	F	I	X	L	E	X
PT	T	O	B	E	O	R	N	O	U	T	O	B	E	T	H	A	T
CT	M	W	X	L	I	U	Y	I	W	X	M	S	R				
PT	I	S	T	H	E	Q	U	E	S	T	I	O	N				

$$P = C - k \mod 26$$

$$X \quad P = 23 - 4 \mod 26 = 19 \rightarrow T$$

$$S \quad P = 18 - 4 \mod 26 = 14 \rightarrow O$$

$$F \quad P = 5 - 4 \mod 26 = 1 \rightarrow B$$

$$I \quad P = 8 - 4 \mod 26 = 4 \rightarrow E$$

$$Y \quad P = 21 - 4 \mod 26 = 17 \rightarrow R$$

$$R \quad P = 17 - 4 \mod 26 = 13 \rightarrow N$$

$$Y \quad P = 24 - 4 \mod 26 = 20 \rightarrow U$$

$$L \quad P = 11 - 4 \mod 26 = 7 \rightarrow H$$

$$E \quad P = 4 - 4 \mod 26 = 0 \rightarrow A$$

$$M \quad P = 12 - 4 \mod 26 = 8 \rightarrow I$$

$$W \quad P = 22 - 4 \mod 26 = 18 \rightarrow S$$

$$U \quad P = 20 - 4 \mod 26 = 16 \rightarrow Q$$

So, Decrypted Message \Rightarrow

To be or Not To Be That is The Question.

Q.3 Encrypt the following phrase using the Playfair Cipher with the key "SECURITY". The message to be converted is "KEEP IT SAFE".

Solution

plaintext → KEEP IT SAFE

keyword → SECURITY

S	E	C	U	R
I/J	T	Y	A	B
D	F	G	H	K
L	M	N	O	P
Q	V	W	X	Z

Diagrams : KE | EP | IT | SA | FE

Encryption

KE	EP	IT	SA	FE
FR	RM	TY	UI	MT

Q.4 Decrypt the following message which was encrypted using the Playfair Cipher with the key "HARMONY". Encrypted Message : "LCZTRT~~CE~~FXNCA"

Solution

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Encrypted message = LCZTRT

key word → HARMONY

H	A	R	M	O
N	Y	B	C	D
E	F	G	I/J	K
L	P	Q	S	T
U	V	W	X	Z

Decryption	LC	ZT	RT	CF	XN	CG
	SN	TK	OQ	YI	UC	BI

Q5 Encrypt the phrase "GOOD MORNING" using the Monoalphabetic Cipher with give Substitution:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
M	N	B	V	C	X	Z	L	K	J	H	G	F	D	S	A
Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z						
P	O	I	U	Y	T	R	E	W	Q						

Solution

Plaintext → GOOD MORNING

PT	G	O	O	D	M	O	R	N	I	N	G
CT	Z	S	S	V	F	S	O	D	K	D	Z

Q-6 Decrypt the message: "SZEV Z MRMX WVZ"

using the monoalphabetic cipher with the given Substitution:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z			

~~Solve~~

Q-6

Decrypt the message : "SZE V Z MRMX WVZ" using monoalphabetic cipher with the given substitution:

Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A		
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		

Solution

Decryption

S	Z	E	V	Z	M	R	M	X	W	V	Z
H	A	V	E	A	N	I	N	C	D	E	A

Q-7

Encrypt the phrase using Vennam Cipher with the given key. Message: "SECURITY IS IMPORTANT" key: "ZEBRASKS VF MQKGYHZO"

Solution

$$C_i = (P_i + K_i) \bmod 26$$

S E C U R I T Y I S I

PT

S	E	C	U	R	I	T	Y	I	S	I
18	4	2	20	17	8	19	24	8	18	8

Key

Z	E	B	R	A	S	K	S	V	F	M
25	4	1	17	0	18	10	18	21	5	12

$$(P_i + K_i) \bmod 26$$

17	8	3	11	17	0	3	16	3	23	20
2	25	20	14	17	7	12	7			

CT

R I D L R A D Q D X U C Z U O R H M H

Q-8

Decrypt the following message which was encrypted using Vennam cipher with the given key.

Encrypted message : "DLAY FYLCE CZG"

Key : "LIMNQ BYXPT JZZ"

Solution.

$$P_i = (C_i - k_i) \text{ mod } 26$$

CT

key.

D	L	A	Y	F	Y	L	C	E	C	Z	G
3	11	0	24	5	24	11	2	4	2	25	6
L	I	M	N	Q	B	Y	X	P	T	J	Z
11	8	12	13	16	1	24	23	15	19	9	25
18	3	14	11	15	23	13	5	15	9	16	7
S	D	O	L	P	X	N	F	P	J	Q	H

$(C_i - k_i) \text{ mod } 26$