Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Mid-Term Exam, Session: July 2024

Subject code: CSN-341

Course Title: Computer Networks

Max Marks: 30

Time Allowed: 1.5 Hour

Important Instructions: 1. Attempt ALL questions.

- 2. Attempt all parts of a question together. Attempt questions in the same order as given in the question paper.
- 3. In addition to correctness of answer, the quality of the answer will also be considered during evaluation.
- 4. All the diagrams must be neatly and properly drawn with proper captions. Every component of the diagram and the diagram as a whole should be self-explanatory; otherwise it will not be evaluated.

Question-1

Consider the following functionalities needed for communication between hosts connected through Internet. Specify the corresponding layer of the TCP/IP protocol suite at **which** each of these functionalities is performed. Also, briefly **explain** each of these functionalities. [(0.5+0.5)*4= 4 Marks]

- a) Responsibility for handling frames between adjacent nodes
- b) Transforming bits to electromagnetic signals
- c) Route determination
- d) Providing services to the end user

Question-2

Answer following questions along with proper justification/description. Answer without justification/description will be awarded zero marks. You can also use appropriate diagrams to explain/justify. [(1+1)*3=6 Marks]

- a) Can a server retrieve file from the client side using FTP? Justify your answer.
- b) At receiver side, when IP protocol decapsulates the transport layer packet, how it knows to which protocol, TCP or UDP, the packet should be delivered? Justify your answer.
- c) If there is a single path between the source host and the destination host, **do** we need a router between the two hosts? **Justify** your answer.

Question-3

A user wants to use a http client to access the corresponding http server running on a remote host. The user knows only the http server name, *httpserver.com*. But, the TCP/IP protocol suite needs the IP address of the server to make the connection. With reference to this scenario, answer the following:

- (a) How DNS (Domain Name System) can be helpful in this context? **Explain in steps** along with proper **diagram**. [4 Marks]
- (b) Where is the use of client-server model in this activity of finding the IP of the http server? Explain. [2 Marks]

Question-4

[2*2 = 4 Marks]

- a) If the file to be retrieved from server is in the form of a webpage embedded in an HTML document, which protocol is most appropriate to use out of HTTP and FTP? Also provide reason of your answer.
- b) What is the difference in the purpose of using HELO and MAIL FROM command in SMTP? Explain.

Question-5

[3*2 = 6 Marks]

- a) Can FTP use the services of UDP for control connection and data connection? Justify.
- b) Explain various components of a generic Web browser with the help of a diagram.

Question-6

[3+1=4 Marks]

a) In a Go-Back-N sliding window protocol, if 4 is the size of sequence number field, what is the maximum allowed size of send window and receive window? Also explain with the help of a diagram.

b) During an ideal communication using this protocol where the packets are transmitted by sender side at very high speed, **how many** packets will be in transit filling the pipe?