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Question 1

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

When the plaintext "SUN" is encrypted with Ceaser's cipher with the key being two (2,) the ciphertext is,

- ☐ a. WUP
- ☐ b. QSL
- ☒ c. UWP
- ☐ d. NUS



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

UWP

Question **2**

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

AES has three different configurations based on the number of rounds and key size.

- ☐ a. False
- ☒ b. True



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

True

Question **3**

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

If you have a strong authentication and authorization mechanism, it can provide non-repudiation as well, assuming that social engineering attacks are not possible.

- ☒ a. True
- ☐ b. False



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:
True

Question 4

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Block ciphers accumulate symbols in a message of a _____

- ☐ a. Variable
- ☒ b. Fixed size
- ☐ c. All of these answers are correct
- ☐ d. Integration



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

Fixed size

Question 5

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

In the context of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), which entity is responsible for issuing digital certificates and managing their lifecycle?

- ☒ a. Certificate Authority (CA)
- ☐ b. End User
- ☐ c. Registration Authority (RA)
- ☐ d. Certificate Subject



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:
Certificate Authority (CA)

Question 6

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Which one of the following statements is false about RSA?

- ☐ a. RSA OAEP adds randomness to the plaintext.
- ☒ b. Textbook RSA is semantically secure
- ☐ c. Textbook RSA is vulnerable to plaintext guessing attacks.
- ☐ d. None of these statements are false about RSA



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

Textbook RSA is semantically secure

Question 7

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Which of the following attacks on digital certificates aims to find a hash collision in order to forge a certificate with a valid signature?

- ☐ a. Replay attack
- ☒ b. Birthday attack
- ☐ c. Man-in-the-middle attack
- ☐ d. Brute force attack



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:
Birthday attack

Question 8

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Hash function are used in which one of the following?

- ☐ a. Message authentication codes
- ☐ b. RSA OAEP
- ☒ c. All of these answers are correct
- ☐ d. Digital signatures



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

All of these answers are correct

Question 9

Incorrect

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

Alice and Bob are exchanging keys using the DH Protocol. Can Alice guarantee that she is communicating with Bob?

- ☐ a. Yes, by adding an extra step for authentication
- ☐ b. None of these answers are correct
- ☐ c. Yes, by sharing a password known by both parties in an encrypted message
- ☒ d. No, it is impossible, as DH protocol is not secure against active attacks



Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is:

Yes, by adding an extra step for authentication

Question 10

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

What makes MAC different from a hash function?

- ☐ a. Hash function
- ☐ b. Message
- ☒ c. Secret key
- ☐ d. Encryption algorithm



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

Secret key

Question 11

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Which one of the following algorithms are not used in asymmetric-key cryptography?

- ☐ a. Blowfish
- ☐ b. RSA algorithm
- ☐ c. DSA algorithm
- ☒ d. Diffie-Hellman algorithm



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

Blowfish

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Question 12

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

OAEP enhanced RSA security based on which main concept?

- ☒ a. One-wayness
- ☐ b. All or nothing
- ☐ c. Hardness of factoring
- ☐ d. Collision resistance



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

All or nothing

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Question 13

Incorrect

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

Consider the message space $M \in \{0,1\}^2$ and key space $K \in \{00,01\}$. A message (m) is encrypted using the one-time pad with a key (k) to produce a ciphertext (c). What is the incorrect statement?

- ☒ a. $\Pr[C=c|M=m] = \Pr[C=c]$
- ☐ b. If $c=11$, the message can only be 10 or 11
- ☐ c. $\Pr[M=m] = \frac{1}{4}$
- ☐ d. $\Pr[M=m|C=c] = \frac{1}{2}$



Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is:

$$\Pr[C=c|M=m] = \Pr[C=c]$$

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Question 14

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Consider a situation where an adversary knows the length of a password, and upon observing the ciphertext, he/she derives that some digits are repetitively used in the password. In this scenario, is the posterior distribution of the plaintext the same as the prior distribution?

- ☐ a. Yes
- ☐ b. No

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:
No

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Question 15

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

An initialization vector (IV) or starting variable (SV) is a block of bits that is used by several modes to _____.

- ☐ a. Randomize the encryption
- ☐ b. None of these answers are correct
- ☐ c. Minimize and Maximize the randomization
- ☐ d. Randomize the decryption

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:
Randomize the encryption

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Question 16

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

If Alice wants to sign a message to Bob, Alice should encrypt with;

- ☐ a. Alice's Public Key
- ☐ b. Alice's Private Key
- ☐ c. Bob's Public Key
- ☐ d. Bob's Private Key

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

Alice's Private Key

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Question 17

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

With symmetric key algorithms, the ____ key is used for the encryption and decryption of data.

- ☐ a. None of these answers are correct
- ☐ b. Either different keys or the same key, depending on the setup
- ☐ c. Different
- ☐ d. Same

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

Same

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Question 18

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Which of the following statements is false?

- ☐ a. Symmetric key encryption is typically more secure than public key infrastructures.
- ☐ b. None of these answers are correct
- ☐ c. In the public key setup, N (according to the notation used in class) is a uniformly random number
- ☐ d. Symmetric key encryption is typically faster than public key encryption.

Your answer is correct.

The correct answers are:

Symmetric key encryption is typically more secure than public key infrastructures.,

In the public key setup, N (according to the notation used in class) is a uniformly random number

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Question 19

Incorrect

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00

Which of the following can be considered hash functions?

- ☐ a. MD5
- ☐ b. BLAKE
- ☐ c. Whirlpool
- ☐ d. All of these answers are correct

Your answer is incorrect.

The correct answer is:

All of these answers are correct

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Question **20**

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Which of the following is/are offered by the Hash functions depending on their usage in different scenarios together with other cryptographic primitives?

- ☐ a. Authentication
- ☐ b. Non-repudiation
- ☐ c. All of these answers are correct
- ☐ d. Data integrity

Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

All of these answers are correct

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