

SL Unit 3 – Networks

Quiz 2

Question 1

Objectives: 3.1.1, 3.1.10

Exam Reference: Nov-14 9

1. (a) Outline the differences between a LAN and a VLAN.

[3]

Award [1 mark] for identifying one difference between a LAN and a VLAN and [1 mark] for further development of that idea or identifying another difference up to [3 marks max].

A LAN is a physical, local area network defined by cables, and networking hardware whereas;

A VLAN is a virtual LAN defined by software parameters programmed into the networking hardware;

- (b) Identify **two** factors that should be considered when selecting transmission media.

[2]

Award [1 mark] for each factor identified up to [2 marks max].

Cost;

Speed;

Security;

Reliability;

Question 2

Objectives: 3.1.15

Exam Reference: May-17 12.a

A multinational business requires secure communication between its offices in different countries. The business's salesforce also needs secure remote access, as they travel the world.

- (a) (i) Identify **two** different types of network that can be combined to use the internet to address the above requirements.

[2]

WAN/GAN (global area network)

VPN;

Do not accept LAN or MAN or VLAN

- (ii) For **one** of the networks identified in part (a)(i), describe the security characteristics that are particular to this network.

[3]

Award **[3 max]** for one of the networks:

(WAN/GAN)

A secure authentication process;

That involves login, passwords and security questions (*response should include at least two of these*);

One-time pads;

Encryption;

(VPN)

Authentication;

Tunnelling;

Which is a packet within a packet;

(Each layer) encrypted;

Location and IP of user masked;

Give follow through for wrong answer in (i) including answers of wireless/cabled

Question 3

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By making direct reference to the technologies used, explain how a virtual private network (VPN) allows a travelling salesperson to connect securely to their company's network.

[4]

up to [4 max].

Tunnelling protocols;

Allows the data to be encapsulated/hidden whilst travelling across the internet;

Encryption protocols (IPSEC);

If hacked it will not be understandable;

The use of gateways;

Allows the salesperson to connect with the company's server;

Question 4

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Identify **two** key features of a peer-to-peer (P2P) network.

[2]

Award up to [2 marks max].

Examples of features:

No central server;

Resources are more widely available (storage, bandwidth, computing power);

Redundancy/recovery;

Supports file sharing for collaborative work;