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Mid Semester Examination

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Course Number : CSE 4511

Full Marks: 75

Course Title : Computer Networks

Time: 1.5 Hours

There are **3 (three)** questions. Answer all of them. Figures in the right margin indicate marks. The examination is **Online** and **Close Book**. Marks of each question and corresponding **CO** and **PO** are written in the brackets.

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| 1. | a) | By applying the suitable probabilistic model determine the maximum achievable throughput of a pure ALOHA network. Derive the formula to calculate the average transfer delay of a pure ALOHA network. | 5+6
(CO1)
(PO1) |
| | b) | A random access network uses the Pure ALOHA access protocol. The average input rate to each of the 150 stations is 1 packet per second and the packet is of constant length of 1000 bits. The channel capacity is 1 Mbps. | 6
(CO1)
(PO1) |
| | | i. If the network is operated at this given throughput, what is the total traffic offered to the network per packet transmission time? | |
| | | ii. What is the average rate of retransmission per station? | |
| | | iii. What is the average number of retransmissions per successful transmission? | |
| | | iv. What is the average transfer delay if the back off strategy is to select an integer from the set {0, 1, 2, •••, 19} with equal probabilities? | |
| | c) | “The vulnerable time in ALOHA depends on the frame transmission time, whereas it depends on the propagation delay in CSMA” -justify the statement in your own words using appropriate diagrams and equations. | 8
(CO1)
(PO1) |
| 2. | a) | Demonstrate the looping problem of a transparent bridge with appropriate diagrams. Consider a system of four LANs (L_1 to L_4) interconnected by five bridges (B_1 to B_5). The bridges connect the LANs as follows:
i. B_1 connects L_1 and L_2
ii. B_2 connects L_1 and L_3
iii. B_3 connects L_1 , L_3 and L_4
iv. B_4 connects L_3 and L_4
v. B_5 connects L_1 , L_2 , and L_4
Assume B_1 as the root bridge. Show the forwarding and the blocking ports after applying the spanning tree algorithm. | 7+4
(CO1)
(PO1) |

- b) How does the Distributed Coordination Function (DCF) differ from the Point Coordination Function (PCF) as a MAC sublayer for *IEEE 802.11*? In CSMA/CA, contention window (CW) changes according to the binary exponential back-off strategy. The initial value of the contention window (CW_{min}) is 8. If a station requires 3 transmission attempts to successfully transmit a frame, what would be the back-off counter value for those transmission attempts? 4+3
(CO1)
(PO1)
- c) Can RTS-CTS hand-shaking completely eliminate the hidden station problem? If YES, then justify how the RTS-CTS hand-shaking avoids the collision from hidden nodes. If NO, then draw a frame exchange scenario where a collision occurs due to hidden nodes. 7
(CO1)
(PO1)
3. a) Explain the concept of address aggregation and longest prefix matching for classless IPv4 addressing with appropriate network diagram. 9
(CO2)
(PO1, PO2)
- b) What is the subnet address and broadcast address of the host 172.16.88.255/20? A router receives a packet on an interface with a destination address of 172.16.46.191/26. What will the router do with the packet? 6
(CO2)
(PO1, PO2)
- c) Suppose you are working in a reputed ISP. You are given a class B network address 180.18.0.0 and you are asked to create subnets from the given network using the subnet mask 255.255.255.224 (which equivalent is to /27 in CIDR). Now as a network expert answer the following questions: 10
(CO2)
(PO1, PO2)
- How many subnets can be there?
 - How many hosts per subnet?
 - What are the valid last eight subnets?
 - What are the broadcast addresses for the last eight subnets?
 - What are the valid hosts in the last eight subnets?

OR

- a) Find the class and default mask of the following IPv4 address. Mention the number of possible IP addresses in each IP class. 6
(CO2)
(PO1, PO2)
- 11000001.00000010.11111110.00000000
 - 25.23.12.25
 - 172.32.25.14
- b) What is the purpose of NAT? How is NAT related to private IP addresses? 6
(CO2)
(PO1, PO2)
- c) An ISP is granted a block of addresses starting with 172.15.0.0/16. The ISP wants to distribute these blocks to 2500 customers as follows: 13
(CO2)
(PO1, PO2)
- The first group has 100 medium-size business; each needs 32 addresses
 - The second group has 400 customers; each needs 16 addresses
 - The third group has 2000 customers; each needs 8 addresses
- Design the sub blocks and show the address allocation and distribution by the ISP. Find out how many addresses are still available after these allocations.