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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER AND LIBRARY SCIENCE

REGULAR PROGRAMME

CMT 405: INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions
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- Q1. a) Define the following terms as used in security.
- i) A security system (2 Marks)
 - ii) Exposure (1 Mark)
 - iii) Threats (1 Mark)
 - iv) Vulnerability (1 Mark)
 - v) Attack (1 Mark)
 - vi) Adversary (1 Mark)
 - vii) Security Control (1 Mark)
- b) List any **six** sources of threats (6 Marks)
- c) Differentiate between passive and active attacks. (4 Marks)
- d) Draw a clearly labeled diagram of the access control reference monitor model. (4Marks)
- e) Outline the principles followed during the design of secure protection systems. (8 Marks)
- Q2. a) Viruses can be classified into various categories . Discuss any three . (3 marks)
- b) Outline three threats posed by hackers on the Internet (3 marks)

- c) You are an IT manager of a company. One of your roles is to ensure that your systems are secure from threats. Discuss the three most fundamental security goals that need to be addressed. **(6 Marks)**
- d) Discuss the various kinds of threats to the security of a computer system **(8 Marks)**
- Q3. a) Discuss the revocation methods that can be applied during authorization **(4 Marks)**
- b) Define authentication and hence highlight any four personal forms of authentication that can be used. **(4 marks)**
- c) Define and give examples of the following security control techniques and mechanisms categories. **(12marks)**
- i) Physical security control
 - ii) Administrative security control
 - iii) Logical security control
- Q4. a) Define the term Cryptography. **(2 Marks)**
- b) Describe what happens in a classical substitution ciphers. **(4 Marks)**
- c) Decode the following message that was coded using Caesar's cipher model. **(4 Marks)**
- Show your working**
- FUBSWRJUDSKB LV LQWHUHVWLQS
- d) Differentiate between block vs stream ciphers. **(4 Marks)**
- e) List the various form of exposures to resources and information **(6 Marks)**
- Q5. a) Discuss wiretapping **(4 Marks)**
- b) Discuss the two major flaws in UNIX operating system. **(6 marks)**
- c) Justify the security features needed for an ordinary multiprogramming operating system environment. **(10 marks)**

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