Computer Science Worksheet 2 - Detailed Answers

Topic: The Internet and the World Wide Web

Section A: Multiple Choice (5 marks)

1. Answer: (b) To connect computers and devices globally

 The Internet is a global network that links devices to share information and enable communication.

2. Answer: (c) HTTPS

 HTTPS (HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure) encrypts data using SSL/TLS, unlike HTTP, which sends plain text.

3. Answer: (a) Domain Name System

DNS translates human-readable URLs (e.g., www.google.com) into machine-readable
 IP addresses (e.g., 142.250.190.46).

4. Answer: (b) Session cookie

 Session cookies are temporary and deleted when the browser closes, while persistent cookies remain until expiry.

5. Answer: (b) To access and display web pages

o Web browsers (e.g., Chrome, Firefox) fetch and render HTML files from web servers.

Section B: Short Answer (10 marks)

6. **Definitions:**

- URL (1 mark): A Uniform Resource Locator is the address of a webpage or file on the Internet (e.g., https://www.example.com).
- Web Server (1 mark): A physical computer/system that stores, processes, and delivers website files to users (e.g., Apache, Nginx).

7. HTTP vs HTTPS (2 marks):

- HTTP is unencrypted, making data vulnerable to eavesdropping. HTTPS uses SSL/TLS encryption to secure data (e.g., for banking or login pages).
- Example: http://example.com (insecure) vs https://facebook.com (secure).

8. DNS Role (2 marks):

o DNS converts a URL (e.g., www.youtube.com) into an IP address (e.g., 142.250.190.46) to locate the web server. This avoids the need to memorize IP addresses.

9. Browser Features (2 marks):

- o **Bookmarks:** Save frequently visited sites.
- Multiple Tabs: Open several pages in one window.
 (Other answers: Address bar, cookies, history, navigation buttons.)

10. Persistent Cookie Use (1 mark):

o Example: Saving login details (e.g., Gmail remembers your username).

11. HTTPS Safety (1 mark):

 HTTPS encrypts data to prevent hackers from intercepting sensitive information (e.g., passwords, credit card details).

Section C: Structured Questions (10 marks)

12. Retrieving a Web Page (5 marks):

Correct Order:

- 1. User types a URL into the browser.
- 2. DNS server provides the IP address.
- 3. Computer connects to the website server.
- 4. Server sends HTML files to the browser.
- 5. Browser renders the page.

13. Cookies (5 marks):

a) **Definition (1 mark):**

 Small files stored on a user's device by a web server to track data (e.g., preferences, login status).

b) Uses (2 marks):

- 1. Auto-login (e.g., Facebook remembers your session).
- 2. Shopping cart storage (e.g., Amazon retains items between visits).

c) Session vs Persistent Cookies (2 marks):

- Session Cookies: Temporary; deleted when the browser closes (e.g., online banking logout).
- Persistent Cookies: Stored until expiry; used for long-term preferences (e.g., language settings).