

1. Plaintext is the original message, while _____ is the encrypted message.

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☐

cipher

☐

algorithm

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digest

☒

ciphertext

✓

Correct

Once the original message is encrypted, the result is referred to as ciphertext.

2. The specific function of converting plaintext into ciphertext is called a(n) _____.

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☐

permutation

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data protection standard

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encryption algorithm

☐

integrity check

✓

Correct

An encryption algorithm is the specific function or steps taken to convert plaintext into encrypted ciphertext.

3. Studying how often letters and pairs of letters occur in a language is referred to as _____.

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☐

cryptography

☒

frequency analysis

☐

codebreaking

☐

espionage

✓

Correct

Frequency analysis involves studying how often letters occur and looking for similarities in ciphertext to uncover possible plaintext mappings.

4. The practice of hiding messages instead of encoding them is referred to as _____.

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steganography

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hashing

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encryption

☐

obfuscation

✓

Correct

Steganography involves hiding messages from discovery instead of encoding them.

5. ROT13 and a Caesar cipher are examples of _____.

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substitution ciphers

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steganography

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asymmetric encryption

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digital signatures

✓

Correct

These are both examples of substitution ciphers, since they substitute letters for other letters in the alphabet.

6. DES, RC4, and AES are examples of _____ encryption algorithms.

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☐

weak

☐

strong

☐

asymmetric

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symmetric

✓

Correct

DES, RC4, and AES are all symmetric encryption algorithms.

7. Which of the following are necessary components for encryption and decryption operations when using an asymmetric encryption system? Check all that apply.

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☒ Public key

☒ **Correct**
In asymmetric encryption systems, there's a public key used for encryption, and a private key used for decryption.

☐ Random number generator

☐ Digest

☒ Private key

☒ **Correct**
In asymmetric encryption systems, there's a public key used for encryption, and a private key used for decryption.

8. To create a public key signature, use the _____ key.

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☒ private

☐ symmetric

☐ public

☐ decryption

☒ **Correct**
The private key is used to sign data. This allows a third party to verify the signature using the public key, ensuring that the signature came from someone in possession of the private key.

9. Using an asymmetric cryptosystem provides which of the following benefits? Check all that apply.

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☒ Confidentiality

☒ **Correct**
Confidentiality is provided by the encryption, authenticity is achieved through the use of digital signatures, and non-repudiation is also provided by digitally signing data.

☐ Hashing

☒ Authenticity

☒ **Correct**
Confidentiality is provided by the encryption, authenticity is achieved through the use of digital signatures, and non-repudiation is also provided by digitally signing data.

☒ Non-repudiation

☒ **Correct**
Confidentiality is provided by the encryption, authenticity is achieved through the use of digital signatures, and non-repudiation is also provided by digitally signing data.

10. If two different files result in the same hash, it is referred to as a _____.

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☒ hash collision

☐ coincidence

☐ mistake

☐ key collision

☒ **Correct**
When two different inputs yield the same hash, it is called a hash collision.