EE4204 Computer Networks Practice/Sample Questions

- 1. Which of the following does UDP guarantee? Briefly explain your choice.
 - a) reliable data transmission
 - b) end-to-end connection
 - c) secure data transmission
 - d) none of the above
- 2. Explain in which applications you would use TCP and in which applications you would use UDP.
- 3. In type A routing, each node constructs an array containing the costs to all other nodes and distributes that array to its immediate neighbors, whereas in type B routing, each node constructs an array containing the costs to all other nodes using knowledge of the network topology and link costs. Please select the best choice for type A and type B routing.
 - a) A=link state, B=distance vector
 - b) A=link state, B=dynamic
 - c) A=distance vector, B=link state
 - d) A=distance vector, B=static
- 4. Give an example of a simple network in which link state routing returns a different path from distance vector routing.
- 5. Consider TCP running over fast links. Assume that the link capacity is 8 Gbps and the segment size is 1000 bytes/segment. If the round trip time (RTT) is 10ms, what is the window size required? Briefly explain your choice.
 - a) 1000 segments.
 - b) 8000 segments.
 - c) 10000 segments.
 - d) 80000 segments.
- 6. Explain how TCP handles (i) congestion control and (ii) flow control.
- 7. What are the first and last valid host IP addresses in the subnetwork 212.56.170.0/21? Briefly explain your choice.
 - a) 212.56.170.0 and 212.56.175.255
 - b) 212.56.170.0 and 212.56.175.254
 - c) 212.56.168.1 and 212.56.175.254
 - d) 212.56.168.1 and 212.56.175.255
- 8. Explain one advantage of classless IP addressing over class-based IP addressing.
- 9. Consider the TCP Reno algorithm with both SlowStart (SS) and Additive Increase Multiplicative Decrease (AIMD) phases, where the window size at the start of the SS phase is 2 MSS and the threshold (ssthresh) at the start of the first transmission is 8 MSS. Assume that a timeout occurs during the fifth transmission. What is the congestion window size at the end of the tenth transmission? Briefly explain your choice.
 - a) 8 MSS
 - b) 14 MSS
 - c) 7 MSS
 - d) 12 MSS
- 10. Explain what it means that the TCP AIMD algorithm is fair.