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Examination : Semester Midterm
Duration: **1 Hour 10 Minutes**

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Full Marks: **45**

CSE421 / EEE465 : Computer Networks

Answer **ALL** questions. (**Pages: 2**)

Figures in the right margin indicate marks.

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Q1 [CO1]	<p>Identify the OSI model layers involved when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. The data stream is split into smaller pieces (segments), and each piece is given a number for correct ordering. II. A user opens a browser and types a website address to request a page. III. The message is changed into a common format so different systems can understand it. IV. The frame is converted into electrical or radio signals and sent over the wire or air. 	4
Q2 [CO2]	<p>A developer wants to check if a webpage is available and working, but does not want to download the full page every time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Mention which HTTP method the developer should use for this purpose. II. Specify how the server can let the browser know that the page does not exist. 	2 + 2
Q3 [CO2]	<p>Sloth Bank wants to make online banking easy for its lazy customers. After a customer signs up and logs in with their password, the system ensures that future visits don't require the customer to re-enter their password. Instead, the website automatically recognizes and logs them in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Identify how this might be implemented. II. Do you think this approach is secure? Explain why or why not? 	3 + 3
Q4 [CO2]	<p>Your company's website, www.mycompany.com, is hosted on a server with IP address 192.0.2.50. You updated the DNS record on your authoritative DNS server to point to a new IP address: 203.0.113.75. The record's TTL (Time to Live) is set to 3600 seconds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Mention the type of DNS record you updated for www.mycompany.com. II. Explain why some users might still reach the old IP address even after the update, even though your authoritative DNS server has the correct new IP. 	3 + 3
Q5 [CO2]	<p>The university web server and a custom research server operate on ports 80 and 30500, respectively. Student computers use ports in the range 49152–65535 for outgoing internet access. Explain in brief the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Is it appropriate for student devices to use ports in the 49152–65535 range for outgoing connections? II. Is using port 30500 for a long-running research service that will be accessed by many students appropriate? 	3 + 3

<p>Q6 [CO3] A browser needs to load an HTML page that includes references to the following resources using a persistent HTTP connection (<i>The network link has a bandwidth of T</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base HTML file, taking 123 ms to download • 3 embedded images, each taking 520 ms to download • 5 Java applets, each taking 333 ms to download <p>Each of the three control packets, such as SYN packet, SYN-ACK packet, ACK-HTTP request packet, incurs a one-way delay of 48 ms. In contrast, an HTTP Response experiences a one-way delay of 64 ms. All transfers occur at a constant rate, with no use of parallel TCP connections or HTTP pipelining.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Calculate the total round-trip time for loading the HTML Page. II. Compute the total time required to fetch the HTML page. III. State, mathematically, how the total time in (II) changes if the link bandwidth T is doubled. 	3 + 3 + 3
<p>Q7 [CO3] In a selective repeat TCP connection, the client and server have the following values and flow:</p> <p>ISN of Client = 6729, RWND of Client = 3200; ISN of Server = 6214, RWND of Server = 8000</p> <p>The data size of the segments is given as shown in bytes: C1=1421, C2=1320, S1=? , S2=443, S3=122 and S4=220</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. If the sequence number of the second S2 segment is 7000, calculate the data size of S1. II. Calculate the sequence and the acknowledgement number of segment C2. III. Calculate the rwnd of the client at point B. 	3 + 4 + 3

