

① i) Here,

$$\text{Network bits} = 17$$

$$\text{Host bits} = 32 - 17 = 15$$

$$\therefore \text{Total hosts} = 2^{15} - 2 = 32766$$

ii) Subnet mask = 255.255.128.0

Third octet block size = 128 (range 0-127)

Network address = 32.99.0.0

∴ Broadcast address: 32.99.127.255

iii) Network	Required Hosts	Host bits	Subnet	Network address
LAN A	2000	11	/21	32.99.0.0
LAN B	1024	10	/22	32.99.8.0
LAN C	23	2	/23	32.99.12.0
WAN 1	2	2	/30	32.99.12.3
WAN 2	2	2	/30	32.99.12.12

② i) To allow external users to initiate FTP access (port 21) to an internal server, static NAT with port forwarding is required.

Public IP 203.0.113.10:21 → Internal 10.0.0.50:21

ii) It is using PAT. Because -

- One public IP
- Multiple internal users browsing simultaneously
- Port numbers used to differentiate sessions

③ i) Number of fragments = $\frac{6397}{1624} = 3.94$
≈ 4 fragments

ii) Data size of last fragment = 6397 (16243)
= 1525 bytes

iii) Fragment offset of last fragment:

$$\frac{16243}{8} = \frac{4872}{8} = 609$$

[offsets are in
8 byte units]

iv) Reassembly at destination -

- Uses : Source IP

; Destination IP

; Identification field

- fragments reassembled using fragment offset

- MF flag tells when last fragment arrives.

- Packet is reassembled only when all fragments arrive

v) Significance of MF flag -

MF = 1 → More fragments coming

MF = 0 → Last fragment

④ i) ip route 0.0.0.0.0.0.0 <exit-interface>

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ii) ip route 0.0.0.0.0.0.0 <next-hop-ip> 20

⑤ Link state routers (R_1, R_4, ISP). Because-

- Full topology knowledge
- SPF algorithm
- Event-triggered updates

Distance vectors: via periodic routing updates

Link State: via Hello packets & LSPB

⑥ i) 2001:db8:85a3:8a2e:370:7334

ii) 2107:805:0:0:200e → 207:05:200e

iii) 3ffe:1900:4545:1003:1200:a0f8:fe21:c7cf

⑦ i) Source MAC → PC A

Destination MAC → FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF

ii) Router 1 - Drops packet

- Routers do not forward broadcasts

iii) First action after ARP reply:

- PC A updates ARP table
- Sends actual data packet

⑧ Possible causes:

- NAT / PAT masking users
- Dynamic IP addressing
- Proxy servers
- VPN tunneling
- Lack of logging
- Shared credentials

⑥ i) Steps - DHCP REQUEST

- DHCPACK

ii) Renewal failure reasons -

- DHCP server down
- Network issue
- Lease expired
- Address conflict

If renewal fails:

- Device uses APIPA (169.254.x.x)

⑩ Function - Tests TCP/IP stack

- Local communication
- Troubleshooting

Address - IPv4; 127.0.0.1

IPv6; ::1

⑪ i) Switch Actions:

- Checks MAC table
- Forwards to correct port
- Does not flood

ii) Switches are self-learning;

- Learns MAC \rightarrow Port mapping from incoming frames
- Automatically build forwarding table.