

Computer Networking (4343202) – Summer 2024 Solution

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Question 1(a) [3 marks]

Explain packet switching network.

Solution

Packet switching is a network communication method where data is divided into small packets before transmission.

Packet Switching Process:

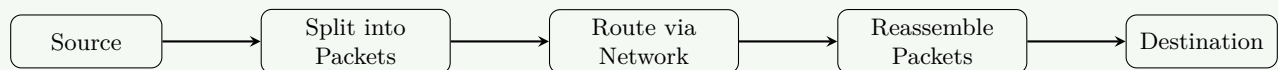


Figure 1. Packet Switching Network

- **Independent routing:** Each packet travels independently through network
- **Flexible paths:** Packets can take different routes to reach destination
- **Efficiency:** Better utilization of network bandwidth

Mnemonic

“DIVE: Data Into Various Elements”

Question 1(b) [4 marks]

Write functional description of any four layers of OSI reference model.

Solution

The OSI model divides network communication into seven distinct layers, each with specific functions.

Table 1. OSI Layer Functions

Layer	Function	Key Protocols
Application	Provides network services directly to user applications	HTTP, FTP, SMTP
Presentation	Translates, encrypts, and compresses data	SSL, TLS, JPEG
Session	Establishes, manages, and terminates connections	NetBIOS, RPC
Transport	Ensures reliable end-to-end data transfer	TCP, UDP

- **Application layer:** Interface between network and applications
- **Presentation layer:** Data formatting and encryption
- **Session layer:** Dialog control and synchronization
- **Transport layer:** End-to-end connection and reliability

Mnemonic

“All People Seem To Need Data Processing”

Question 1(c) [7 marks]

Explain Network topologies and with diagram.

Solution

Network topology refers to the physical or logical arrangement of devices in a network.

Table 2. Network Topology Comparison

Topology	Advantages	Disadvantages
Bus	Simple, inexpensive	Single point of failure
Star	Easy troubleshooting, centralized	Hub/switch failure affects all
Ring	Equal access for all nodes	Single cable failure affects network
Mesh	High reliability, no traffic problems	Expensive, complex
Tree	Easily expandable, structured	Dependent on root, complex

Diagram:

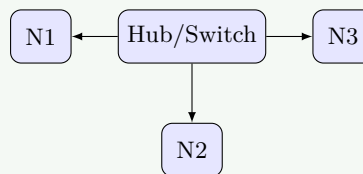
BUS TOPOLOGY**STAR TOPOLOGY**

Figure 2. Network Topologies

- **Bus topology:** All devices connected to single cable
- **Star topology:** All devices connected to central hub/switch
- **Ring topology:** Devices connected in closed loop
- **Mesh topology:** Each device connected to every other device
- **Tree topology:** Hierarchical star networks connected via bus

Mnemonic

“BSRMT: Better Solutions Require Multiple Topologies”

Question 1(c OR) [7 marks]

Draw the diagram of TCP/IP protocol suite and explain the functions of Application Layer, Transport Layer and Network Layer in detail.

Solution

The TCP/IP protocol suite organizes network communication into four functional layers.

Diagram:

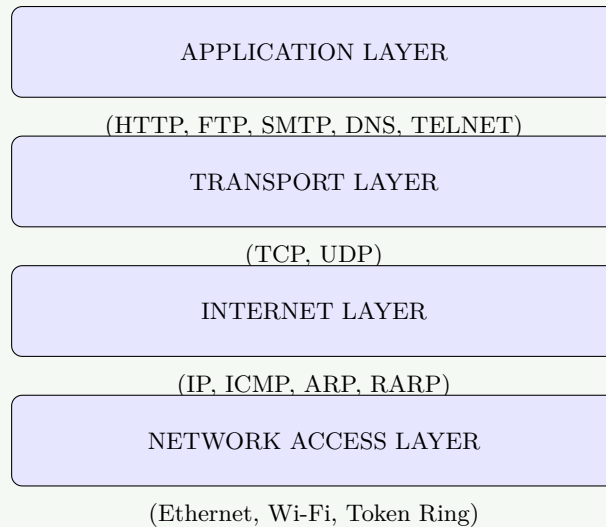


Figure 3. TCP/IP Protocol Suite

Table 3. TCP/IP Layer Functions

Layer	Main Function	Key Protocols
Application	Provides network services to applications	HTTP, FTP, SMTP
Transport	End-to-end communication, data flow control	TCP, UDP
Internet (Network)	Logical addressing and routing	IP, ICMP, ARP

- **Application Layer:** User interface to network, application-specific protocols
- **Transport Layer:** Reliable data transmission, error recovery, flow control
- **Network Layer:** Routing packets between networks, IP addressing

Mnemonic

“ATN works: Application, Transport, Network works together”

Question 2(a) [3 marks]

Compare connection-oriented protocol and connection less protocol.

Solution

Connection-oriented and connectionless protocols differ in how they handle data transmission.

Table 4. Connection-oriented vs Connectionless Protocols

Feature	Connection-oriented	Connectionless
Connection	Establishes before transmission	No connection setup
Reliability	Guaranteed delivery	No delivery guarantee
Error checking	Extensive	Limited or none
Example	TCP	UDP
Usage	File transfer, web browsing	Streaming, DNS lookups

Mnemonic

“REACH: Reliability Exists in All Connection Handshakes”

Question 2(b) [4 marks]

Explain Fast Ethernet & Gigabit Ethernet.

Solution

Fast Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet are higher-speed versions of the original Ethernet standard.

Table 5. Fast Ethernet vs Gigabit Ethernet

Feature	Fast Ethernet	Gigabit Ethernet
Speed	100 Mbps	1000 Mbps (1 Gbps)
IEEE Standard	802.3u	802.3z/802.3ab
Cable Type	Cat5 UTP	Cat5e/Cat6 UTP, Fiber
Max Distance	100m (copper)	100m (copper), 5km (fiber)

- **Fast Ethernet:** 10x faster than original 10Base-T Ethernet
- **Gigabit Ethernet:** 10x faster than Fast Ethernet, backward compatible
- **Cabling:** Uses higher quality cabling to achieve greater speeds
- **Applications:** High-bandwidth network backbones, server connections

Mnemonic

“Fast Gets Going: 100 to 1000 Mbps progression”

Question 2(c) [7 marks]

Differentiate between Router, Hub and Switch.

Solution

Routers, hubs, and switches are network devices with different capabilities and functions.

Table 6. Router vs Hub vs Switch

Feature	Router	Hub	Switch
OSI Layer	Network (3)	Physical (1)	Data Link (2)
Function	Connects networks	Connects devices	Connects devices
Data handling	Intelligent routing	Broadcasts to all	Sends to specific device
Security	Provides firewall	No security	Basic filtering
Addressing	Uses IP addresses	No addressing	Uses MAC addresses
Efficiency	High	Low	High
Intelligence	Smart	Dumb	Moderately smart

Diagram:

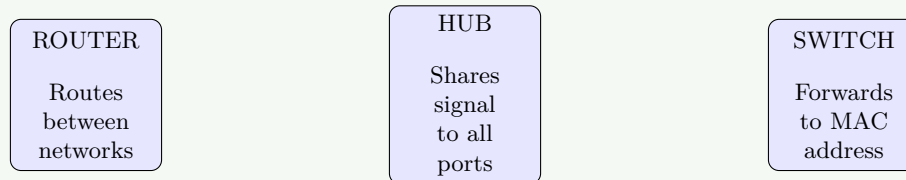


Figure 4. Network Devices Comparison

Mnemonic

“RHS order: Router Has Smarts, Hub Shares Signal, Switch Sends Specifically”

Question 2(a OR) [3 marks]

Define E-mail system and list application of E-Mail.

Solution

An email system is a network service that allows exchange of digital messages between users.

Table 7. Email System Components

Component	Function
Mail User Agent (MUA)	Email client software used by end-users
Mail Transfer Agent (MTA)	Server software that transfers emails
Mail Delivery Agent (MDA)	Delivers email to recipient's mailbox
Protocols	SMTP, POP3, IMAP

Applications of Email:

- Business communication
- Personal messaging
- File sharing
- Marketing and newsletters
- Notifications and alerts

Mnemonic

“BCPFN: Business Communication, Personal, Files, Newsletters”

Question 2(b OR) [4 marks]

Differentiate between IPv4 and IPv6.

Solution

IPv4 and IPv6 are Internet Protocol versions with significant differences.

Table 8. IPv4 vs IPv6

Feature	IPv4	IPv6
Address length	32-bit (4 bytes)	128-bit (16 bytes)
Format	Dotted decimal (192.168.1.1)	Hexadecimal with colons (2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334)
Address space	~4.3 billion addresses	340 undecillion addresses
Security	Security added later	Built-in IPSec
Configuration	Manual or DHCP	Stateless auto-configuration
Header	Complex, variable	Simplified, fixed

- **IPv4:** Traditional addressing with limited space
- **IPv6:** Next-generation addressing with massive capacity
- **Transition:** Dual-stack, tunneling and translation mechanisms

Mnemonic

“4 SMALL, 6 HUGE: IPv4 Small address space, IPv6 Huge address space”

Question 2(c OR) [7 marks]

Discuss on Firewall with concept, principles, limitations, trusted system, Kerberos- concept in network security.

Solution

Firewalls are critical network security systems that monitor and control incoming and outgoing traffic.

Table 9. Firewall Types

Firewall Type	Function	Example
Packet filtering	Examines packet headers	Router ACLs
Stateful inspection	Tracks connection state	Most hardware firewalls
Application layer	Inspects data contents	Web application firewalls
Next-generation	Combines multiple techniques	Palo Alto, Fortinet

Principles of Firewall:

- **Default deny:** Block everything unless explicitly allowed
- **Defense in depth:** Multiple security layers
- **Least privilege:** Minimal necessary access

Limitations:

- Cannot protect against authorized users
- Limited against encrypted malicious traffic
- Performance impact on network

Trusted Systems:

- Systems meeting specific security requirements
- Formal security policy enforcement
- Access control and authentication mechanisms

Kerberos Concept:

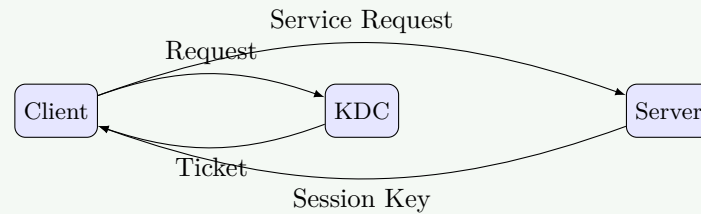


Figure 5. Kerberos Authentication

- **Authentication protocol** using trusted third party
- **Ticket-based** access control system
- **Mutual authentication** between client and server
- **Time-sensitive** tickets prevent replay attacks

Mnemonic

“FLASK: Firewalls Lock Access, Secure with Kerberos”

Question 3(a) [3 marks]

Describe Sub-layers of Data link Layers.

Solution

The Data Link Layer in the OSI model is divided into two sublayers with distinct functions.

Table 10. Data Link Layer Sublayers

Sublayer	Function	Standards
Logical Link Control (LLC)	Flow control, error checking	IEEE 802.2
Media Access Control (MAC)	Channel access, addressing	IEEE 802.3, 802.11

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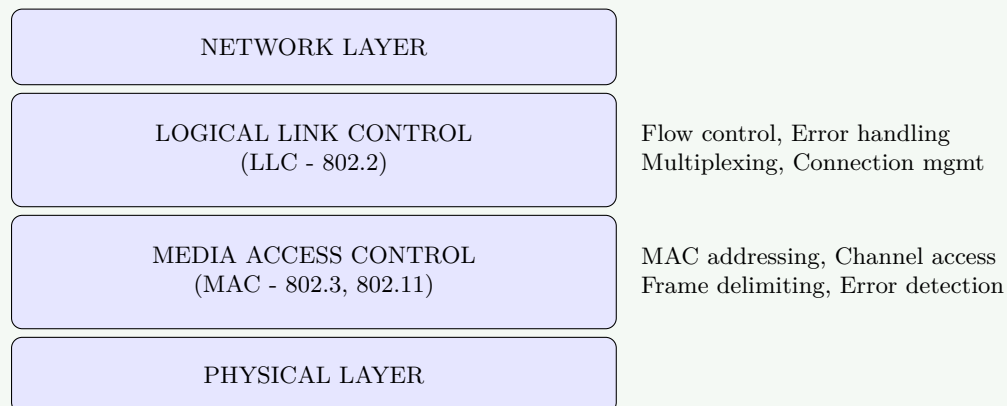


Figure 6. Data Link Layer Sublayers

- **LLC:** Provides interface to network layer, error/flow control
- **MAC:** Handles physical addressing and media access

Mnemonic

“MAC LLCs order: MAC handles Lower Layer, LLC coordinates higher”

Question 3(b) [4 marks]

Explain IP layer protocols in detail.

Solution

The IP layer contains several key protocols that work together to facilitate internetwork communication.

Table 11. IP Layer Protocols

Protocol	Function	Key Features
IP	Basic datagram delivery	Addressing, fragmentation, TTL
ICMP	Network diagnostics	Error reporting, ping, traceroute
ARP	Address resolution	Maps IP to MAC addresses
RARP	Reverse address resolution	Maps MAC to IP addresses
IGMP	Multicast group management	Manages host groups

- **IP:** Core protocol for addressing and routing packets
- **ICMP:** Error messages and operational information
- **ARP/RARP:** Address translation between layers
- **IGMP:** Manages multicast group memberships

Mnemonic

“I PAIR-up: IP, ICMP, ARP, RARP work as a team”

Question 3(c) [7 marks]

Describe different types of IP addressing schemes and explain various classes in classful IP addressing with example.

Solution

IP addressing schemes define how IP addresses are allocated and structured.

Table 12. IP Addressing Schemes

IP Addressing Scheme	Description	Example
Classful	Traditional division into 5 classes	Class A: 10.0.0.0
Classless (CIDR)	Flexible prefixes, more efficient	192.168.1.0/24
Private	Non-routable addresses for internal use	192.168.0.0/16
Special Purpose	Reserved for specific functions	127.0.0.1 (localhost)

Classful IP Addressing:

Table 13. Classful IP Address Classes

Class	First Bits	First Byte Range	Default Subnet Mask	Example	Net-works	Hosts/Net-work
A	0	1-127	255.0.0.0 (/8)	10.52.36.12	126	16,777,214
B	10	128-191	255.255.0.0 (/16)	172.16.52.63	16,384	65,534
C	110	192-223	255.255.255.0 (/24)	192.168.10.15	2,097,152	254
D	1110	224-239	N/A (Multicast)	224.0.0.5	N/A	N/A
E	1111	240-255	N/A (Experimental)	240.0.0.1	N/A	N/A

- **Class A:** Large organizations, huge number of hosts
- **Class B:** Medium-sized organizations
- **Class C:** Small networks with few hosts
- **Class D:** Multicast groups
- **Class E:** Reserved for experimental use

Mnemonic

“All Businesses Care During Exams: Classes A, B, C, D, E”

Question 3(a OR) [3 marks]

Describe Digital Subscriber Line technology.

Solution

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) is a technology that provides digital data transmission over telephone lines.

Table 14. DSL Types

DSL Type	Speed (Down/Up)	Distance	Application
ADSL	8 Mbps/1 Mbps	Up to 5.5 km	Home internet
SDSL	2 Mbps/2 Mbps	Up to 3 km	Business
VDSL	52 Mbps/16 Mbps	Up to 1.2 km	Video streaming
HDSL	2 Mbps/2 Mbps	Up to 3.6 km	T1/E1 replacement

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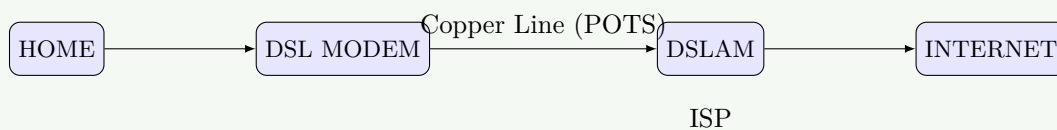


Figure 7. DSL System

- **Spectrum usage:** Uses higher frequencies than voice
- **Always-on:** Continuous connection, no dial-up
- **xDSL:** Family of technologies with different capabilities

Mnemonic

“SAVE Bandwidth: SDSL, ADSL, VDSL, HDSL Bandwidth options”

Question 3(b OR) [4 marks]

Discuss Cable Modem System.

Solution

Cable modem system provides internet access through the same coaxial cable used for cable TV.

Table 15. Cable Modem Components

Component	Function
Cable modem	User-end device converting digital signals
CMTS	Cable Modem Termination System at provider end
HFC	Hybrid Fiber-Coaxial network infrastructure
DOCSIS	Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification

Diagram:

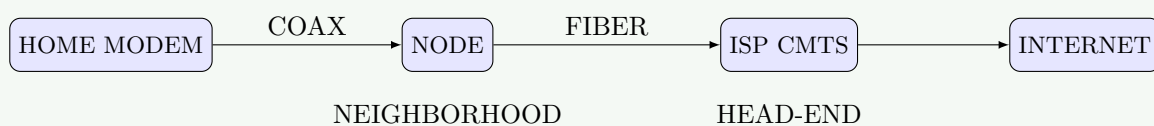


Figure 8. Cable Modem System

- **Shared medium:** Neighborhood shares bandwidth
- **Asymmetric:** Typically faster download than upload
- **DOCSIS standards:** Evolving specifications for speed/features

Mnemonic

“CHAMPS: Cable, HFC, Access, Modem, Provider, Shared”

Question 3(c OR) [7 marks]

Describe in brief all Transmission Media.

Solution

Transmission media are the physical paths through which data travels in a network.

Table 16. Transmission Media Types

Medium Type	Examples	Max Distance	Max Bandwidth	Application
Guided (Wired)				
Twisted Pair	UTP, STP	100m	10 Gbps	Office LANs
Coaxial Cable	RG-6, RG-59	500m	10 Gbps	Cable TV, Internet
Fiber Optic	Single-mode, Multi-mode	100km+	100+ Tbps	Backbones, Long-distance
Unguided (Wireless)				
Radio Waves	WiFi, Cellular	100m-50km	600 Mbps	Wireless networks
Microwaves	Terrestrial, Satellite	Line of sight	10 Gbps	Point-to-point links
Infrared	IrDA	1m	16 Mbps	Remote controls

- **Guided media:** Physical paths confining signals
- **Unguided media:** Wireless transmission through air/vacuum
- **Characteristics:** Bandwidth, attenuation, noise immunity, cost

Mnemonic

“TRIM-CWF: Twisted, Radio, Infrared, Microwave, Coaxial, Wireless, Fiber”

Question 4(a) [3 marks]

Write note on DNS.

Solution

Domain Name System (DNS) translates human-friendly domain names to IP addresses.

Table 17. DNS Components

Component	Function
Domain Name	Hierarchical, readable address (www.example.com)
DNS Server	Resolves domain names to IP addresses
Root Server	Top of DNS hierarchy, points to TLDs
TLD Server	Manages top-level domains (.com, .org)
Record Types	A, AAAA, MX, CNAME, NS, PTR, etc.

Diagram:

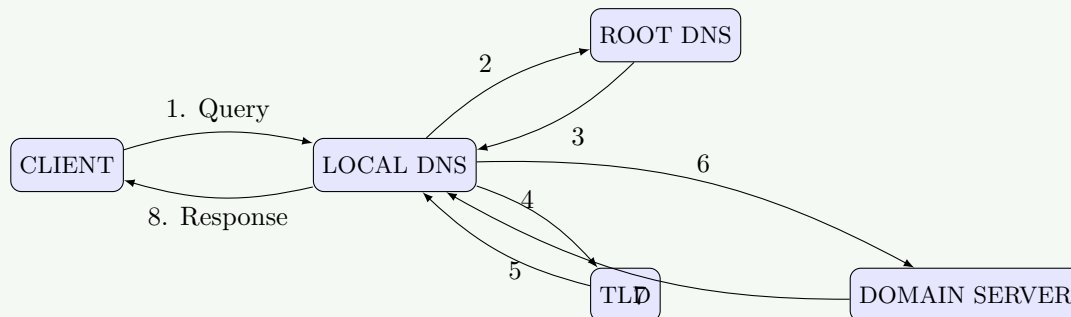


Figure 9. DNS Resolution Process

- **Distributed database:** Hierarchical, globally distributed
- **Caching:** Improves performance, reduces load
- **Critical infrastructure:** Essential for Internet functionality

Mnemonic

“DIRT: Domain names Into Routable TCP/IP”

Question 4(b) [4 marks]

Explain File Transfer Protocol.

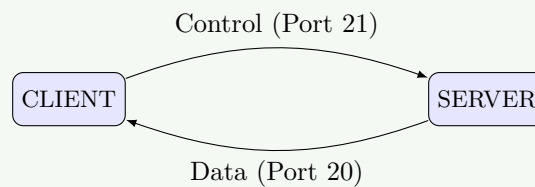
Solution

File Transfer Protocol (FTP) enables transfer of files between client and server over a network.

Table 18. FTP Features

Feature	Description
Port	Control: 21, Data: 20
Mode	Active and Passive
Security	Basic (clear text), or FTPS/SFTP for encryption
Commands	GET, PUT, LIST, DELETE, etc.
Connection	Uses separate control and data connections

Diagram:

**Figure 10.** FTP Dual Connection

- **Dual channel:** Control channel and data channel
- **Authentication:** Username/password required
- **Modes:** ASCII (text) or Binary (raw data)
- **Active vs Passive:** Different connection establishment methods

Mnemonic

“CAPS: Control And Port Separation”

Question 4(c) [7 marks]

Classify different Internet Services and explain in detail.

Solution

Internet services provide various functionality over the network.

Table 19. Internet Service Categories

Service Category	Common Protocols	Description	Example Applications
Communication	SMTP, POP3, IMAP	Exchange of messages	Email, Instant Messaging
Information Access	HTTP, HTTPS	Access to information resources	World Wide Web, Portals
File Sharing	FTP, BitTorrent, SMB	Transfer and sharing of files	File hosting, P2P sharing
Remote Access	SSH, Telnet, RDP	Access remote computers	Remote administration
Real-time Services	VoIP, WebRTC	Live communication	Video conferencing, VoIP
Domain Services	DNS, DHCP	Network infrastructure	Address resolution

Information Access Services (Web):

- **HTTP/HTTPS:** HyperText Transfer Protocol, foundation of web
- **HTML:** Document format for displaying content
- **Web browsers:** Client software to access and render web content
- **Web servers:** Hosts websites and applications

Communication Services (Email):

- **SMTP:** For sending email
- **POP3/IMAP:** For receiving email
- **Components:** Mail user agents, transfer agents, delivery agents

File Sharing Services:

- **FTP:** Traditional file transfer protocol
- **P2P:** Distributed file sharing without central server
- **Cloud storage:** Remote file storage and synchronization

Mnemonic

“CIFRRD: Communication, Information, File, Remote, Real-time, Domain”

Question 4(a OR) [3 marks]

Explain Mail Protocols.

Solution

Mail protocols facilitate electronic messaging between users.

Table 20. Mail Protocols

Protocol	Function	Port	Direction
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	25, 587	Sending mail
POP3	Post Office Protocol v3	110	Retrieving mail
IMAP	Internet Message Access Protocol	143	Advanced mail retrieval
MIME	Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions	N/A	Encoding attachments

Diagram:

Figure 11. Mail Protocol Flow

- **SMTP:** Outgoing mail delivery, push protocol
- **POP3:** Simple mail retrieval, downloads and deletes
- **IMAP:** Advanced retrieval, server-side storage, folders
- **MIME:** Extends email capability for non-text content

Mnemonic

“SIM-P: SMTP sends, IMAP manages, POP3 pulls”

Question 4(b OR) [4 marks]

Describe VOIP in brief.

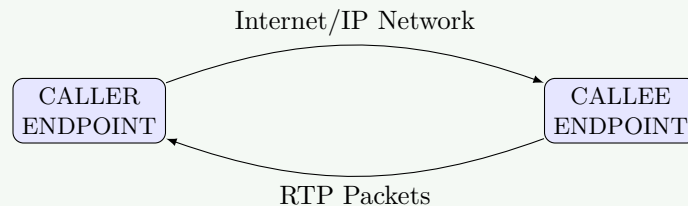
Solution

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) transmits voice communications over IP networks.

Table 21. VoIP Components

Component	Function
Codec	Encodes/decodes voice signals
Signaling Protocol	Call setup/tear down (SIP, H.323)
Transport Protocol	Voice packet delivery (RTP)
QoS mechanism	Ensures voice quality

Diagram:

**Figure 12.** VoIP Communication

- **Packetization:** Converts analog voice to digital packets
- **Benefits:** Cost savings, flexibility, integration with apps
- **Challenges:** Quality of service, latency, jitter, packet loss

Mnemonic

“PALS: Packets Allowing Live Speech”

Question 4(c OR) [7 marks]

Describe TCP and UDP protocols.

Solution

TCP and UDP are the primary transport layer protocols in the TCP/IP suite.

Table 22. TCP vs UDP

Feature	TCP	UDP
Connection	Connection-oriented	Connectionless
Reliability	Guaranteed delivery	Best-effort delivery
Header size	20-60 bytes	8 bytes
Speed	Slower due to overhead	Faster with minimal overhead
Order	Maintains sequence	No sequence preservation
Flow control	Yes	No
Error recovery	Retransmission	None
Usage	Web, email, file transfer	Streaming, DNS, VoIP

TCP Three-Way Handshake:

**Figure 13.** TCP Three-Way Handshake

TCP Features:

- **Reliability:** Acknowledgments, retransmission
- **Flow control:** Window-based, prevents overwhelming
- **Congestion control:** Slow start, congestion avoidance
- **Connection management:** Establishment, maintenance, termination

UDP Features:

- **Lightweight:** Minimal headers, no connection state
- **Low latency:** No handshaking or acknowledgments
- **No guarantees:** Data may arrive out of order, duplicated, or not at all
- **Broadcast/multicast:** Supports one-to-many transmission

Mnemonic

“CRUFS: Connection, Reliability, UDP Fast, Simple”

Question 5(a) [3 marks]

Describe Cryptography.

Solution

Cryptography is the science of secure communication techniques that protect information.

Table 23. Cryptography Types

Type	Description	Example
Symmetric	Same key for encryption and decryption	AES, DES
Asymmetric	Different keys for encryption and decryption	RSA, ECC
Hash Functions	One-way functions, fixed output size	SHA-256, MD5
Digital Signatures	Authentication and integrity verification	RSA signatures

- **Confidentiality:** Protect information from unauthorized access
- **Integrity:** Ensure information hasn't been altered
- **Authentication:** Verify identity of communicating parties

Mnemonic

“SHAPE: Symmetric, Hashing, Asymmetric, Protect, Encrypt”

Question 5(b) [4 marks]

Explain Social issues and Hacking also discuss its precautions.

Solution

Social issues in cybersecurity involve human manipulation and societal impacts of cyber threats.

Table 24. Social Issues in Cybersecurity

Social Issue	Description	Example
Social Engineering	Manipulating people to reveal information	Phishing, pretexting
Privacy Concerns	Unauthorized data collection and use	Data breaches, surveillance
Digital Divide	Inequality in technology access	Limited Internet in rural areas
Cyberbullying	Using technology to harass others	Online harassment, threats

Hacking Types:

- **White Hat:** Ethical hacking, security improvement
- **Black Hat:** Malicious hacking, illegal activities
- **Grey Hat:** Mix of ethical and questionable actions

Precautions:

- **Education:** Regular security awareness training
- **Strong Policies:** Clear security procedures and policies
- **Technical Controls:** Firewalls, antivirus, encryption
- **Regular Updates:** Patching systems against vulnerabilities
- **Monitoring:** Activity logs, intrusion detection

Mnemonic

“STEPS: Social engineering, Training, Encryption, Patches, Strong passwords”

Question 5(c) [7 marks]

Explain IP Security in detail.

Solution

IP Security (IPsec) is a protocol suite that secures communications at the IP layer.

Table 25. IPsec Components

Component	Function	Description
AH	Authentication Header	Provides integrity and authentication
ESP	Encapsulating Security Payload	Provides confidentiality, integrity, authentication
IKE	Internet Key Exchange	Establishes and manages security associations
SA	Security Association	Security parameters for a connection

IPsec Modes:**Table 26.** IPsec Modes

Mode	Description	Application
Transport	Protects payload only	Host-to-host communications
Tunnel	Protects entire packet	Gateway-to-gateway (VPN)

IPsec Services:

- **Authentication:** Verifies sender identity
- **Confidentiality:** Encrypts data to prevent eavesdropping
- **Integrity:** Ensures data hasn't been modified
- **Anti-replay:** Prevents packet replay attacks

IPsec Implementation:

- **VPNs:** Secure remote access and site-to-site connections
- **L2TP/IPsec:** Combines tunneling with security
- **Authentication methods:** Pre-shared keys, certificates, Kerberos

Mnemonic

“ACCEPT: Authentication, Confidentiality, Cryptography, Encapsulation, Protocols, Tunnel”

Question 5(a OR) [3 marks]

Define Network Security and explain its elements.

Solution

Network security is the protection of network infrastructure, data, and access against unauthorized use, malfunction, modification, or destruction.

Table 27. Network Security Elements

Element	Description	Examples
Access Control	Limiting network access	Passwords, multi-factor auth
Threat Prevention	Blocking attacks	Firewalls, IDS/IPS
Encryption	Securing data in transit	SSL/TLS, IPsec
Vulnerability Management	Identifying weaknesses	Scanning, patching
Monitoring	Observing network activity	SIEM, log analysis

- **Confidentiality:** Protecting information from unauthorized access
- **Integrity:** Ensuring information accuracy and reliability
- **Availability:** Maintaining systems accessible when needed

Mnemonic

“CIMA TV: Confidentiality, Integrity, Monitoring, Access control, Threats, Vulnerabilities”

Question 5(b OR) [4 marks]

Briefly describe the Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008, and its impact on cyber laws in India.

Solution

The IT (Amendment) Act, 2008 updated India's cyber laws to address emerging cybersecurity challenges.

Table 28. IT Amendment Act 2008 Key Aspects

Key Aspect	Description
Cyber Crimes	Added new offenses, strengthened penalties
Electronic Evidence	Recognized digital evidence in court
Data Protection	Imposed obligations for sensitive data
Intermediary Liability	Defined responsibilities for service providers

Key Sections:

- **Section 43:** Penalties for unauthorized access, data theft
- **Section 66:** Computer-related offenses and punishments
- **Section 69:** Powers for interception and monitoring
- **Section 72A:** Protection of personal data privacy

Impact on Cyber Laws:

- **Stronger enforcement:** Enhanced penalties for cyber crimes
- **Expanded scope:** Covered new technological developments
- **Corporate responsibility:** Required security practices for data
- **Global alignment:** Harmonized with international standards

Mnemonic

“SPEC: Security, Privacy, Evidence, Cyber crimes”

Question 5(c OR) [7 marks]

Explain Email security in terms of SMTP, PEM, PGP, S/MIME, spam.

Solution

Email security protects email content and accounts from unauthorized access and attacks.

Table 29. Email Security Technologies

Technology	Function	Features
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	Basic email transmission, limited security
PEM	Privacy Enhanced Mail	Early email encryption standard
PGP	Pretty Good Privacy	End-to-end encryption, digital signatures
S/MIME	Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions	Certificate-based encryption and signing
Anti-spam	Unwanted email filtering	Content filtering, blacklists, authentication

SMTP Security Issues:

- Originally designed without security
- Authentication extensions (AUTH) added later
- Vulnerable to eavesdropping without encryption
- Supports STARTTLS for encrypted transmission

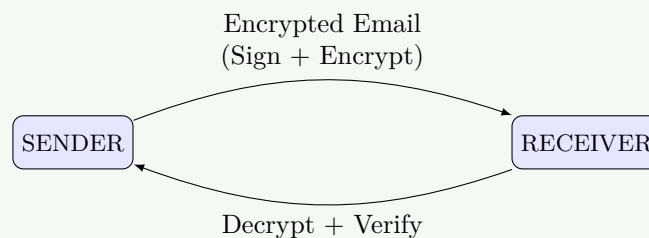
PGP Email Security:

Figure 14. PGP Email Security

S/MIME Features:

- Uses X.509 certificates for authentication
- Provides encryption and digital signatures
- Integrated into many email clients
- Requires certificate infrastructure

Spam Protection:

- **Content filtering:** Analyzing message content
- **Sender verification:** SPF, DKIM, DMARC
- **Behavioral analysis:** Pattern recognition
- **Blacklists/whitelists:** Blocking/allowing specific senders

Email Security Best Practices:

- **Encryption:** Ensure privacy of message content
- **Authentication:** Verify sender identity
- **Access controls:** Protect email accounts
- **Filtering:** Block malicious and unwanted messages
- **User education:** Recognize phishing attempts

Mnemonic

“SPEED: S/MIME, PGP, Encryption, Email security, DMARC”