

Q1. Proof of work (POW) is decentralised connected mechanism that requires members of network to expend effort solving an arbitrary mathematical puzzle to prevent anybody ~~is~~ from doing any kind of malicious act with the system.

→ POW is used widely in cryptocurrency mining, for validating transaction, mining new tokens

→ Due to POW, Bitcoin & other cryptocurrency mechanism can be proceed peer to peer on a secure manner without the med of ~~trusted~~ trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

Example:

→ POW requires a computer to randomly engage in hashing functions until it arrives at an output with correct min amount of leading zeroes.  
Hash block for block #660000, mined on Dec 4, 2020 is with 19 leading zeroes.

→ That block will always contain 745 transaction involving just 1,666 bitcoins as well as the header of previous block. If someone tried to change a transaction amount even by 0.000001 bitcoin.



Q3. (A) BLOCKCHAIN DISTRIBUTED LEDGER

- Blockchain is an extensive set of records called blocks which are linked using cryptography. Distributed ledger is a shared and synchronised database of transaction records of assets.
- Blockchain is dynamic form of distributed ledger technology based on chain of blocks. Not all distributed ledgers employ a chain of blocks as in Blockchain Technology.
- The organization and development of Blockchain technology is decentralized. Corporate organization of a distributed ledger technology may not be decentralized.

(B) CENTRALIZED SYSTEM - Systems that use client/server architecture where one or more client nodes are directly connected to central server.

DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM - Every node makes its own decision. The final behaviour of system is aggregate of decisions of individual nodes.

DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM - Every node makes It doesn't have one central owner. Instead, they use multiple central owners.



MERKLE TREE are generated by repeatedly computing hash functions. Till only one hash remains which is known as ~~no~~ ~~sent~~ ~~hash~~ root hash.

Here the number of  $L_2$  nodes so computed and stored in above level  $L_1$  and the hash of  $L_1$  are computed & stored in root hash.



Q4. (A) PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY - It is an encryption technique that uses a paired public & private key algorithm for secure data communication. A sender uses recipients public key to encrypt to decrypt recipients private key may be used.

DIGITAL SIGNATURE - A digital signature is mathematical technique used to validate authenticity & integrity of a message, software or digital document.

(B)	SYMMETRIC KEY ENCRYPT.	ASYMMETRIC KEY ENCRYPT.
→	It only requires a single key for both encryption and decryption	→ It requires two keys one to encrypt & other one to decrypt
→	It is used when large amount of data is required to transfer	→ It is used to transfer small amount of data.
→	The size of cipher text is small or same than original plain text	→ The size of cipher text is same or larger than original plain text.
→	Eg. 3DES, AES, DES	→ Eg. DSA, RSA, Diffie Helman



Q5. CIA triade refers to the 3 goals of cyber security confidentiality, integrity, availability of organization system, network & data.

(i) CONFIDENTIALITY - the main aim is to hide information from unauthorized access.

Sender & intended recipient should be able to access the content of the message but disclosed to unintended people.

(ii) INTEGRITY - the aim is to protect data / message from unauthorized change.

(iii) AVAILABILITY - The aim is info / content should be available to authorized user when it is needed.

An active attack attempt to alter system resources or affect their operation. It is difficult to prevent active attack.

(i) MASQUERADING - It is type of active attack in which attacker impersonate somebody

(ii) REPLAYING - In this attacker obtains the copies of message sent by authorised user & later tries to replay it to create unauthorized effect.



Q6. **HASH FUNCTION** - A hash function maps a variable length message into a fixed length value known as message digest.

Different messages have different hash value i.e. hash functions are collision free.

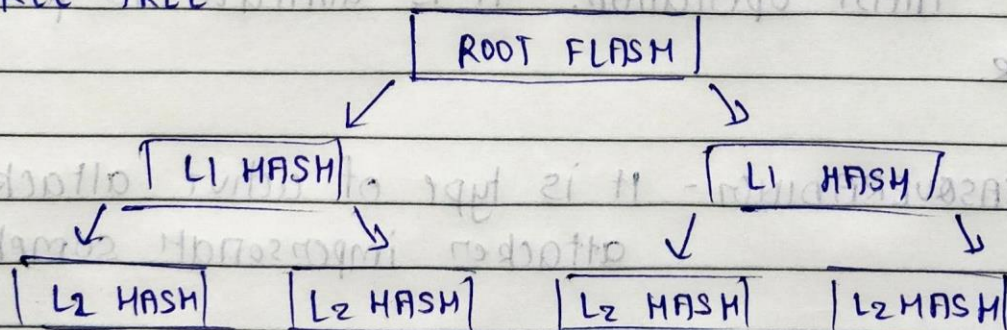
**SHA 256** - 256 bit digest is generated

**STEPS OF SHA256 ALGORITHM**

- (i) Appended padding bits to message
- (ii) Append length to message
- (iii) Initialize hash buffer
- (iv) Message is processed in blocks, module consist of 64 rounds

SHA 256 has a block size of 512 bits, word size of 32 bits.

**MERKLE TREE**





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**DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM** - It is similar to decentralized one in that it doesn't have single central owner. It eliminates centralization.

In this users have access to data, though user privileges can enable when needed.