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Question 1 [25 marks]

a) Answer the following questions related to the Open Systems Interconnect (OSI) reference model.

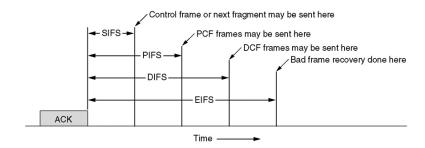
- i) Briefly explain why the OSI model is important for computer networking.
- ii) List all layers of the OSI reference model.
- iii) Encapsulation involves converting data from Application layer to Physical layer of the OSI model. List the 5 different data format that are converted during the encapsulation process and briefly explain each of these data formats.

(12 marks)

b) Explain why a minimum frame size must be imposed in an IEEE 802.3 Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) network and calculate the size of this minimum frame, given a maximum one-way propagation delay of 1ms and a bit-rate of 1Mbps.

(6 marks)

c) With the aid of Figure 1, explain the operation of Distributed Coordination Function (DCF) in IEEE802.11 based networks.



SIFS - Short InterFrame Spacing

PIFS - PCF InterFrame Spacing

DIFS - DCF InterFrame Spacing

EIFS - Extended InterFrame Spacing

Figure 1:- Interframe spacing in IEEE802.11

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Question 2 (Network Layer)

[25 marks]

- a) Find the class of the following Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) addresses:
 - i) 208.40.60.88
 - ii) 238.1.1.8
 - iii) 242.8.6.200
 - iv) 16.70.6.80

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- b) An organisation is granted a classful IP address of 200.60.80.0. The administrator wants to create 4 subnets. Assume that very little future growth of the organisation will take place and that variable-length subnet masking (VLSM) is NOT supported.
 - i) Calculate the network addresses and subnetwork mask of the four subnets in dotted decimal notation.
 - ii) Find the number of addresses in each subnet.
 - iii) Find the local broadcast addresses in Subnet 2 and Subnet 3.

(8 marks)

- c) Answer the following questions related to routing.
 - i) Briefly explain what is meant by dynamic routing
 - ii) With reference to Figure 2, use Dijkstra's algorithm to produce the Shortest Path Tree at Node A, assuming all link costs are 1.

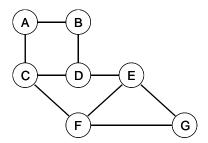


Figure 2:- Network Topology

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Question 3 (Transport Layer)

[25 marks]

- a) Briefly explain the following terminologies related to Transport Layer:
 - i) Connection-Oriented Services
 - ii) Connectionless Services
 - iii) Flow-control
 - iv) Congestion Control

(12 marks)

b) With the aid of a diagram, describe the operation of Selective-Repeat transport layer protocol.

(7 marks)

- c) Answer the following questions related to User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
 - i) List and briefly describe each header field in UDP.
 - ii) Explain why where the reliability is not of primary importance, UDP would make a good transport protocol.

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Question 4 (Transmission Control Protocol & Multi-Protocol Label Switching) [25 marks]

- a) Answer the following questions with regard to Transmission Control Protocol (TCP):
 - i) Identify the disadvantages of cumulative acknowledgement at TCP.
 - ii) Explain the reason(s) why a sender receives duplicate acknowledgements.
 - iii) Explain how the information is used in TCP Reno to maintain channel utilisation.

(9 marks)

b) Explain the cause of Silly Window Syndrome and suggest how it can be avoided.

(6 marks)

- c) In the context of Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS), explain the following terminologies:
 - i) Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC)
 - ii) Label Switched Path (LSP)
 - iii) Pushing
 - iv) Swapping
 - v) Popping

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