



## School of Computer Science and Engineering

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Continuous Assessment Test – I

SLOT: TCC2

**Programme Name & Branch: B.Tech & Computer Science and Engineering**

**Course Name & Code: BCSE354E & Information Security Management**

**Class Number (s):**

**Faculty Name (s):**

**Exam Duration: 90 Min.**

**Maximum Marks: 50**

**General instruction(s):**

Specify if any printed material may be permitted

Any other specific instruction

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1.	<p>Outdated software is one of the most frequent security flaws in widely used Content Management Systems (CMS). This covers any third-party components you employ on your website, as well as the main content management system software, plugins, extensions, and themes. Hackers may use bugs, mistakes, and security holes in outdated software to access your website, steal your data, or insert dangerous code. How users can do to protect themselves from CMS vulnerabilities? And also explain why CMS platform is so vulnerable?</p> <p>Solution: To protect themselves from CMS vulnerabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-create a regular schedule to update or patch their CMS or patch their CMS</li><li>-Regularly backup the CMS</li><li>-Subscribe to a regularly-updated list of vulnerabilities for the specific CMS being used</li><li>-Delete default admin usernames</li><li>-Use a plugin for strong authentication, or two-factor authentication (2FA)</li></ul> <p>-Once CMS vulnerabilities are identified, these flaws can turn into a virtual gold mine for hackers, creating a much more efficient way for them to execute automated mass-scale attacks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-website operators who use weak passwords, leaving their admin accounts vulnerable to automated brute force attacks.</li><li>-weak passwords were used to inject the website with malware, turning them into DDoS zombies.</li><li>-with administrative access hackers can also deal other kinds of damage.</li></ul>	10										
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	<p>port number.</p> <p><b>Pros:</b> Simple implementation;</p> <p>Supported by most routers, so there is no need to invest in new equipment and software;</p> <p>Rarely cause bottlenecks in the area of their application, even at high speeds in gigabit networks.</p> <p><b>Cons:</b> Vulnerability to IP spoofing attacks;</p> <p>Vulnerability to attacks that exploit problems within the TCP/IP specification and the protocol stack;</p> <p>Problems with filtering packets that are fragmented.</p> <p>No support for the dynamic filtering of some services</p>	<p>number; TCP sequence numbers; TCP flag values.</p> <p><b>Pros:</b> A higher level of protection compared to stateless firewall devices (greater efficiency and more detailed traffic</p> <p>Detection of IP spoofing and dos attacks;</p> <p>More log information compared to packet filters.</p> <p><b>Cons:</b> No protection against application layer attacks;</p> <p>Performance degradation of the router on which they are deployed router);</p> <p>Not all of them provide support for UDP, GRE and IPSEC protocols, treating them in the same way as stateless firewall devices;</p> <p>No support for user authentication.</p>	
3.	<p>Social interaction is fundamental thing in human nature. Developing relationships at work can provide you with motivation, self-determination, and peace of mind. Your colleagues will be more confident and motivated if they feel comfortable with you and each other. It takes more than just being best friends with your coworkers or colleagues to build relationships at work. Discuss the importance of building healthy working relationships with colleagues and how will it affect your work if you are not maintain healthy working relationships with colleagues? Explain it with an example.</p> <p>Solution:</p> <p>Be clear about what you want to say before communicating.</p> <p>Modify your message</p> <p>Be careful about the language, tone and content of the message.</p> <p>Take cues from the non-verbal messages</p> <p>message being sent out should be consistent</p> <p>Listen to the other person's point of view during a communication.</p> <p>Follow-up after the communication</p> <p>Choose the medium of communication</p>		10
4.	<p>Consider that you are a CEO of an organization. One day you were received the following mail from your employee which makes you angry. Suddenly you were realized that you need to provide proper training to your employees about Email Etiquettes.</p> <p>Subject: Urgent!!!!</p> <p>Hey CEO !</p> <p>Sorry to bother you, but I need help from you</p> <p>IMMEDIATELY!!!</p> <p>PLEASE GET BACK TO ME ASAP!</p> <p>Thanks in advance!!</p> <p>Discuss the Email Etiquettes that one needs to take care while communicating through emails or other digital messaging options in an organization.</p> <p>Solution:</p> <p>Include a subject line that is crisp and clear and matches the content</p>		10

	<p>Use your official email address</p> <p>Avoid using "reply all"</p> <p>Use professional salutations.</p> <p>Avoid emoticons as far as possible and use exclamation points sparingly.</p> <p>Make your message easy to read.</p> <p>Keep it short and get to the point.</p> <p>Do not sound abrupt or harsh.</p> <p>It's better to leave humour out of emails</p> <p>Reply to your emails</p> <p>Proofread every message</p>	
5.	<p>Sarah joined the company two years ago and quickly gained recognition for her exceptional coding skills. However, Mark, a senior developer with a superiority complex, became increasingly envious of Sarah's success. Over time, Mark's behavior escalated from subtle undermining to outright bullying. Mark intentionally excludes Sarah from important project discussions, team events, and social gatherings. Mark engages in spreading false rumors about Sarah, suggesting that she is not a team player. Mark extends his bullying behavior to online platforms. Sarah, feeling increasingly distressed, decides to report the harassment to the HR department. However, Mark discovers that she has taken this step and retaliates by intensifying the bullying. He undermines her credibility, suggesting to colleagues that she is overly sensitive and making false accusations. In this scenario, Mark's bullying and harassment have created a toxic workplace for Sarah, affecting her professional and personal life.</p> <p>How this toxic workplace leads to business failure if Sarah is really working for an organization? Illustrate and explain with flow chart.</p> <pre> graph TD     A[Unhealthy and unsafe Workplace] --&gt; B[Work Related Stress]     B --&gt; C[Unhealthy personal habits (e.g smoking, drinking, overeating, lack of exercise)]     B --&gt; D["• Accidents and Injuries • Work Related Illness • Job dissatisfaction • Lack of job commitment • Burnout, Depression • Workplace violence"]     C --&gt; E[Chronic, communicable and non communicable diseases]     D --&gt; F["• Absenteeism • Decreased productivity • Decreased Quality of work • Workplace conflict • Short term and long term disability • Health Insurance requirements"]     E --&gt; F     F --&gt; G["• Employee Turnover • Loss of business • Customer dissatisfaction"]     G --&gt; H[• Business Failure!]   </pre>	10