I226 Computer Networks

Chapter 1 Introduction (Review Questions)

Each chapter includes a few questions that are designed to help you to revise your first-level understanding of the slide material presented in the lecture.

- 1. Explain the following four types of communications; unicast, multicast, broadcast, and anycast.
- 2. Explain the following three communication mode with examples; full-duplex, half-duplex, and simplex.
- 3. Give three major topologies used in LAN, and explain the characteristics of each topology.
- 4. How many links are required to form a *n*-node network for the following four types of topologies: complete, bus, star, and ring?
- 5. What is the "switching"? Give a brief description of the concept of this technology?
- 6. Explain the packet switching technology and circuit switching technology respectively.
- 7. Give some examples of following types of network applications and systems:
 - a) connection oriented and packet switching; and
 - b) connectionless and circuit switching.
- 8. What criteria are used to classify network systems into categories like LAN, WAN, and MAN?
- The OSI reference model clearly defined the concepts of service, interface and protocol.
 Explain the meanings of these terms and draw a diagram to show the relationship between these words.
- 10. What is the protocol stack? How the technique called encapsulation is used in the protocol stacks?
- 11. Give the name and role of each layer in the OSI model.
- 12. Five layer model is frequently used as a practical model for networking systems. Describe the name, data unit, address and role for each of this five layer model.
- 13. Explain the service primitives in the OSI model. Draw a diagram that shows the relationship between the primitives.