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**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Course Code:** CIT852

**Course Title:** Data Communication and Networks

**Time:** 3 hrs

**Course Credit Unit:** 3

**Instruction:** Attempt any four (5) questions. Each question carries 14 marks

Question 1

- a. Briefly explain the concept X.509 certificate.
- b. List components of a X.509 Certificate and CRL certificate.
- c. List differences between SSL and TLS.
- d. What does the acronym S-HTTP stand for?
- e. Briefly explain instant messaging and its vulnerabilities?

2.

- a. List the steps of the Dijkstra routing algorithm (5 marks)
- b. Using a table only, highlight 2 differences between congestion control and flow control. (4 marks)
- c. For each class of IP address, specify the following with the aid of a table containing the following columns: (5 marks)
  - i. IP address class
  - ii. Higher order bit
  - iii. Format

3.

- a. With the aid of diagram write a short note on Digital signature
- b. Write a brief on Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
- c. Define Light-weight Directory Access Protocol
- d. Define the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

4.

- a. State the 3 steps required for connection establishment in connection oriented services (3 marks).
- b. Briefly explain the following concepts:
  - i. Flooding (3.5 marks)
  - ii. Link state routing (4.5 marks)
- c. State 3 reasons for congestion on a network (3 marks)
- d. State 3 important features of UDP (1.5 mark)
- e. State 2 applications that use UDP exclusively (2 marks).

6.

- a. Outline four (4) design goals of SSL 3.0.
- b. Explain what these four (4) design goals of SSL 3.0 were to provide
- c. Contrast between TCP and UDP The Domain Name System (DNS)

5.

- a. Explain the following terms:
  - i. Hierarchical address (1 mark)
  - ii. Flat address (1 mark)
  - iii. Static Address assignment (1.5 marks)
  - iv. Dynamic address assignment (1.5 marks)
  - v. Adaptive routing (1.5 marks)
  - vi. Non-adaptive routing (1.5 marks)
- b. When routers receive packets faster than they can forward them, state the 2 possibilities that could occur in the case of congestion. (2 marks)
- c. State 4 features of a token bucket traffic shaper. (4 marks)

7.

- a. Outline five out of the set of Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS)
- b. Display the RSA key generation algorithm.
- c. Explain the following;
  - i. Exclusive OR (XOR)
  - i. Modulo Function
  - ii. The File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
  - iii. The Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)