Question Bank

- 1. What are the different types of malware, and how do they function?
- 2. How does a virus differ from a worm?
- 3. What is a trojan horse, and how does it spread?
- 4. Define ransomware and explain its impact on organizations.
- 5. What is spyware, and how does it collect information?
- 6. Explain adware and how it affects users.
- 7. What is the purpose of rootkits in malware attacks?
- 8. How do keyloggers work to capture sensitive information?
- 9. What are the main objectives of malware analysis?
- 10. What are the differences between static and dynamic malware analysis?
- 11. Why is malware forensics essential in cybersecurity?
- 12. How does malware behavior change in virtual and physical environments?
- 13. Differentiate between kernel mode and user mode debugging?
- 14. How is process injection used by malware to evade detection?
- 15. Explain the concept of hook injection in malicious activity.
- 16. How do attackers use process replacement for malware execution?
- 17. What are common anti-debugging techniques used by malware?
- 18. Discuss the significance of packers in malware and the process of unpacking them?
- 19. What is the significance of analyzing data encoding in malware behavior?
- 20. How does anti-disassembly work in malware?
- 21. Why is a malware analysis laboratory important for professionals?
- 22. What is a virtual machine (VM), and why is it used in malware analysis?
- 23. How do you set up reverse engineering (RE) tools for malware analysis?
- 24. What are the key features of a good debugging tool setup?
- 25. Why are forensic tools critical in a malware analysis lab?
- 26. What is hashing, and how is it used in malware analysis?
- 27. How do you find strings in malicious files?

- 28. What is FLOSS, and how does it help decode obfuscated strings?
- 29. How are PE file headers and sections structured?
- 30. What is the role of linked libraries and functions in malware?
- 31. Explain the use of Dependency Walker in malware analysis.
- 32. What is CFF Explorer, and how is it used?
- 33. How does Resource Hacker assist in analyzing malware?
- 34. What are malware signatures, and how are they created?
- 35. How does ClamAV detect malware using signatures?
- 36. What are YARA signatures, and how are they applied in malware detection?
- 37. What is a sandbox, and how is it used to analyze malware?
- 38. How does Process Monitor help in malware analysis?
- 39. What is the purpose of Process Explorer in malware detection?
- 40. How is RegShot used to compare system states?
- 41. Why is faking a network important when analyzing malware?
- 42. How does Wireshark monitor malware network activity?
- 43. What are the key components of the x86 CPU architecture?
- 44. How does the CPU process instructions in registers and stacks?
- 45. What are the main features of IDA Pro in reverse engineering?
- 46. How do you translate C code to assembly?
- 47. What is the importance of understanding underlying constructs in malware?
- 48. How do you analyze malicious Windows programs effectively?
- 49. What is Volatility, and how is it used for live memory analysis?
- 50. What are the differences between source-level and assembly-level debugging?
- 51. How does user-mode debugging differ from kernel-mode debugging?
- 52. What are the features of a good debugger?
- 53. What is the role of breakpoints in debugging?
- 54. How do exceptions influence program execution during debugging?

- 55. What is 011yDbg, and how is it used for debugging?
- 56. How does WinDBG assist in malware analysis?
- 57. What is the significance of kernel debugging with WinDBG?
- 58. What is process injection, and how is it executed?
- 59. How does process replacement differ from other injection techniques?
- 60. What is hook injection, and what are its implications?
- 61. How do anti-debugging techniques challenge analysis efforts?
- 62. What are common anti-virtual machine techniques used by malware?
- 63. How does data encoding contribute to malware concealment?
- 64. How do sandboxes help in practical malware detection?
- 65. What tools are commonly used for setting up a sandbox environment?
- 66. What are the advantages of running malware in isolated systems?
- 67. How does network simulation aid in dynamic malware analysis?
- 68. What are the risks of analyzing malware on a live system?
- 69. How can Volatility be used to identify malicious processes?
- 70. What is the significance of collecting memory dumps in forensics?
- 71. Define the differences between trojans and rootkits.
- 72. How do worms spread across networks compared to other malwares?
- 73. What is a zero-day malware, and why is it a critical threat?
- 74. What is the role of polymorphic malware in evading detection?
- 75. How does ransomware encrypt files on a victim's system?
- 76. What are some best practices for malware signature creation?
- 77. How are YARA rules maintained and updated in real-world scenarios?
- 78. What is the role of a forensic investigator in malware attack recovery?
- 79. How do industry professionals respond to malware attacks?
- 80. What are the ethical considerations when handling malicious samples?
- 81. What tools can be used to analyze running processes in Windows?
- 82. How does 'Task Manager' differ from 'Process Explorer' in malware analysis?

- 83. What are threads, and how can malware abuse them?
- 84. How can you detect malicious network connections using 'netstat'?
- 85. What is the significance of handles in Windows malware analysis?
- 86. How can 'Autoruns' help in identifying persistent malware?
- 87. What Windows logs are critical for malware forensics?
- 88. How do you identify malicious services using 'sc' or 'Services.msc'?
- 89. What are Windows scheduled tasks, and how can malware abuse them?
- 90. How can you extract malware artifacts from Prefetch files?
- 91. What command lists all running processes in Linux?
- 92. How does 'lsof' help in identifying malicious file and network activity?
- 93. What are Linux threads, and how do they differ from Windows threads?
- 94. How can you check open ports using 'netstat' or 'ss'?
- 95. How do you identify malicious services in Linux ('systemctl', 'service')?
- 96. What are cron jobs, and how can malware abuse them?
- 97. How can '/proc' directory help in Linux malware forensics?
- 98. What logs in '/var/log' are useful for detecting malware?
- 99. How can you check for rootkits in Linux?
- 100. What tools can extract malware artifacts from a compromised Linux system?
- 101. What are common types of Linux malware?
- 102. How does ELF binary structure differ from PE files?
- 103. What tools are used for static analysis of Linux malware?
- 104. How can 'strace' and 'ltrace' help in dynamic analysis?
- 105. What are common anti-analysis techniques in Linux malware?
- 106. What is the architecture of Android OS?
- 107. How do Android permissions work, and how can malware abuse them?
- 108. What are common types of Android malware?
- 109. How can you reverse-engineer an APK file?
- 110. What tools are used for dynamic analysis of Android malware?