

**BACHELOR OF COMPUTER
APPLICATIONS (BCA) (REVISED)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

**BCS-041 : FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER
NETWORKS**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Question No. 1 is compulsory. Attempt any **three** questions from the rest. Use of calculator is allowed.*

1. (a) Compare digital and analog communications. Which type of communication either digital or analog is better for computers ? Justify. 5

- (b) What are 'Hash functions' ? Why are they called 'one-way functions' ? Explain. 5

- (c) Discuss the term 'Quality of Services (QoS)' for computer networks. Briefly discuss any *one* technique to improve QoS. 5
- (d) What is Block-cipher ? Give *two* advantages and *two* disadvantages of Block cipher. 5
- (e) What is frequency modulation ? Give *two* advantages and *two* disadvantages of frequency modulation. 5
- (f) What is Random Access Protocol ? Compare throughput of pure ALOHA and slotted ALOHA. 5
- (g) What is round robin technique for data transmission ? How does polling differ from token passing ? 5
- (h) Compare BOOTP and DHCP. Discuss the importance of BOOTP and DHCP for the application layer of TCP/IP. 5

2. (a) Explain the term 'Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)'. Find CRC for the data polynomial $X^5 + X^4 + X^2 + 1$ with generator polynomial $X^3 + 1$. 10
- (b) Explain the working of 3-way handshake used in TCP, with the help of a suitable diagram. 10
3. (a) Write step by step procedure for working of link state routing protocol. Also, compare it with the distance vector routing. 10
- (b) Explain the working of ARP, using a diagram. How does ARP differ from RARP? Explain. 10
4. (a) Briefly discuss the following types of multiplexing : $2.5 \times 4 = 10$
- (i) Frequency division multiplexing
 - (ii) Time division multiplexing
 - (iii) Code division multiplexing
 - (iv) Space division multiplexing

(b) Differentiate between the following :

5×2=10

(i) Symmetric and Asymmetric
cryptography

(ii) Transmission Control Protocol and
User Datagram Protocol

5. Write short notes on the following : 4×5=20

- (a) Silly Window syndrome
- (b) X.25 Architecture
- (c) IPv6
- (d) Adaptive Routing Algorithm
- (e) ATM service classes

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