

**M.Sc. (MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE)**

M.Sc. (MACS)

00505 Term-End Examination

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MMTE-006 : CRYPTOGRAPHY

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer any *four* questions out of questions no. 1 to 5. Question no. 6 is **compulsory**. Calculators are **not** allowed.

1. (a) Construct a field consisting of 9 elements. Find the inverses of all its non-zero elements. 5
- (b) What is a Mersenne Prime ? Give an example, with justification. 2
- (c) Describe the Linear Congruential Generator for generating random numbers. Under what conditions do we get the maximal period ? 3
2. (a) Determine the orders of all the elements in Z_{30}^* . Hence, determine whether this group is cyclic or not. 5

- (b) Draw the LFSR circuit for the following recurrence relation :

$$x_{n+3} = x_{n+2} + x_n \pmod{2}$$

Also write down the characteristic polynomial and check whether it is primitive or not.

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3. (a) Suppose Bano chooses $p = 73$, $g = 5$, $x = 59$, and publishes the public key $(73, 5, 59)$ for the ElGamal crypto system. Rama wants to send the message $M = 15$ to Bano. She chooses the secret value $k = 3$. What will Bano receive from Rama ? Decrypt the encrypted message received by Bano.

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- (b) Explain collision resistance and second pre-image resistance properties of the hash function.

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4. (a) Define the following ciphers with an example of each :

(i) Simple Substitution Ciphers;

(ii) Polyalphabetic Substitution Ciphers.

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- (b) Representing

$$\mathbf{F}_2^8 = \mathbf{F}_2[x] / \langle g(x) \rangle,$$

$$\text{where } g(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1,$$

show that the following bytes

10001100 and 11110111

are inverses of each other in \mathbf{F}_2^8 .

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- (c) Check whether $(x^3 + 1)$ is irreducible or not over \mathbf{F}_5 . 2
5. (a) Bano has published the public parameters (119, 11) for her signature using the RSA digital signature algorithm. Calculate her signature for the message $M = 10$. 7
- (b) Decrypt the ciphertext
 O G H N Q X D B G G D B B R R
 encrypted with Vigenère cipher using the key WARS. 3
6. Which of the following statements are *True*, and which are *False*? Justify your answers. 10
- (a) $35^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{37}$.
- (b) \mathbf{F}_{11}^* is a cyclic group.
- (c) Vigenère cipher is a transposition cipher.
- (d) The powers of 2 modulo p are strictly increasing for any prime p .
- (e) In an RSA system with modulus n , finding the factors of n is equivalent to finding $\phi(n)$.