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**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SECURITY AND FORENSICS**

CCF 3252: FUNDAMENTALS OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: *Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions*

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

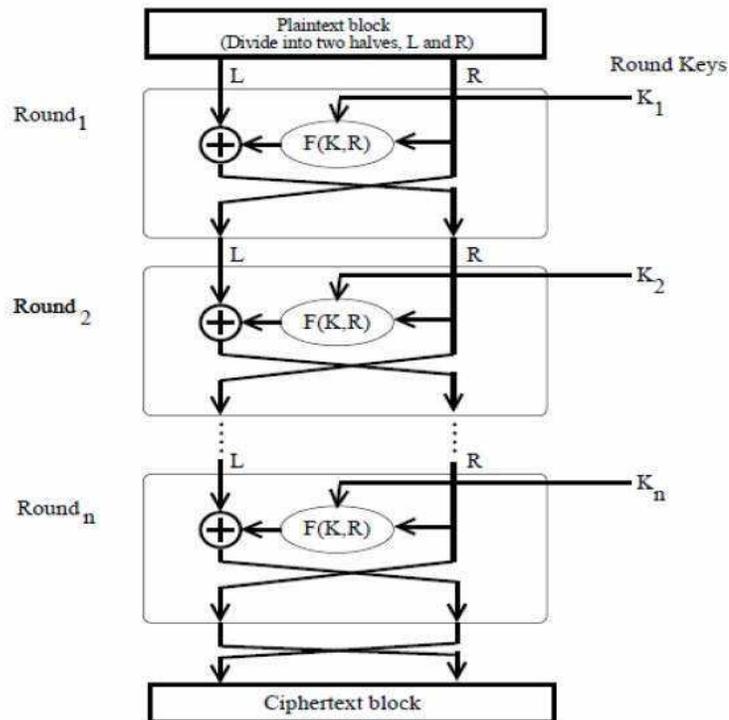
- a) Given the word WONDERLAND as the keyword, use play fair cipher to encrypt the word **RANGELAND** (5 marks)

- b) Using a suitable diagram show the ingredients of symmetric cipher model (6 Marks)



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- c) Given the diagram below show how Feistel Cipher works (4 marks)



- d) Identify any three key characteristics that affect its performance (3 Marks)
- e) Using Hill Cipher Encrypt the message **Boiling** given the matrix show as the Key (7 Marks)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 23 & 12 & 23 \\ 20 & 8 & 16 \\ 20 & 6 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

- f) Given the Equation $E(x) = (5x + 8) \text{MOD} 26$. Use affine Cipher to encrypt the message **Dolphin** (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Given 635124 as the Key, use Rail Fence Cipher to encrypt the message “ We are under attack save yourself (4 Marks)
- b) Identify any three common types of attacks in cryptographic protocols and show how they can be prevented (6 Marks)
- c) Giving suitable examples Differentiate between Polyalphabetical cipher and Monoalphabetical Ciphers (4 Marks)
- d) Discuss how message Authentication codes works (4 Marks)
- e) Identify any two benefits of Digital Signatures (2 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) What is difference between transposition cipher and substitution cipher (2 Marks)
- b) Discuss any five requirements for a hash function (5 marks)
- c) Describe what are CAPTCHAs and identify any three types of CAPTCHAs (5 Marks)
- d) Discuss five applications of cryptography (5 Marks)
- e) Discuss any three advantages of Quantum cryptography (3 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Alice and Bob have agreed to use the Diffie Hellma key exchange mechanism. Given the $p = 37$ and $g = 13$, show how the key is generated. (6 Marks)
- b) Discuss the concept of Birthday Paradox in Hashing (2 marks)
- c) Given $p = 3$ and $q = 11$ and $e=7$ Use RSA algorithm to compute private and public keys (7 Marks)
- d) Using a suitable example how Varman Cipher works (5 Marks)



QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Using Caesar Cipher encrypt the message **Welcome** Given Key=23. Show your working (4 Marks)
- b) Identify any weaknesses with CAESAR cipher (2 Marks)
- c) Bob received following encrypted message from Alice
“TTNAAPTMTSUOAODWCOIXKNLYPETZ” together with the key 4 3 1 2 5 6 7.
Show the decrypted text using Rail fence technique (4 Marks)
- d) Using suitable examples discuss any four techniques used in steganography to hide information (4 Marks)
- e) Show the differences between Block Ciphers and Transposition Ciphers (2 marks)
- f) Discuss any Four ways in which Encryption can take place in cloud computing (4 Marks)

