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None

Time allowance

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Instructions to candidates (Examiners may wish to use this space to indicate, inter alia, the contribution made by this examination or test towards the year mark, if appropriate)

Answer ALL questions.
Type '2' Examination.
Total marks: 52 - Full marks: 50

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Note: Show all workings, complete with the necessary comments. Marks will be allocated for all working and logical reasoning and not just for the correct answer.

Question 1

Two parties communicate securely over an open channel using a columnar transposition cipher scheme with the interleaving depth no more than 8. One eavesdrops a ciphertext as follows:

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- (a) Show the method to cryptanalyze the ciphertext by using the bigram. (5 marks)
- (b) Show the sums of frequency of 5 different possible solutions (if 5 possible solutions cannot generate a possible plaintext, try more solutions until a possible plaintext is obtained). (5 marks)
- (c) Show the most likely plaintext. (5 marks)
- (Total 15 marks)

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(Total 15 marks)

Question 2

Given the two primes 7 and 19, answer the following.

- (a) Describe how to use these two primes to setup an RSA public-key cryptosystem.
(5 marks)
- (b) Is 35 a valid key for the above system? Why?
(7 marks)
- (c) Determine the corresponding public key for the private key 35.
(7 marks)
- (d) Encrypt integer 2 with private key 35, and show how to decrypt the ciphertext.
(6 marks)

(Hint: $67^{70} \equiv 4 \pmod{133}$)

(Total 25 marks)

Question 3

Consider a known-plaintext attack performed on a double DES cryptosystem.

- (a) Determine the maximum number of times the DES algorithm needs to be run when using brute-force.

(3 marks)

- (b) Determine the maximum number of times the DES algorithm needs to be run when using meet-in-the-middle strategy.

(9 marks)

(Total 12 marks)

(Exam Total 52 marks)

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