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1a	Briefly describe the layers of the OSI model, and the difference with the reference model for the Internet.	5pt
1b	What is the difference between a <i>network service</i> and a <i>network protocol</i> ? Is it possible to have different implementations of the same protocol?	5pt
1c	Why do we use modulation when sending digital information across, for example, copper wire?	5pt
2a	The physical layer sends data as a "continuous" stream of bits. The data link layer uses chunks of bits, called <i>frames</i> . Why use frames instead of bit streams?	5pt
2b	Explain how Ethernet (IEEE 802.3) works when two or more stations each want to transmit a frame.	10pt
3а	Explain what a <i>choke packet</i> is.	5pt
3b	In lang-haul, high-bandwidth networks, choke packets may lead to a serious problem. What problem is that and how can it be solved?	5pt
<i>3b</i>	Explain how reverse path forwarding works.	5pt

**Grading:** The final grade is calculated by accumulating the scores per question (maximum: 45 points), and adding 5 bonus points. The maximum total is therefore 50 points.