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Computer Networks 28.04.2000

1a Explain wat Time Division Multiplexing is.

5pt

1b "It is unusual to use a 2400 baud modem. Nowadays, modems can support at least 28 kbps." What is wrong with this statement. Motivate your answer.

10pt

2a How many sequence numbers are needed in a sliding window protocol in which sender and receiver each maintain a window of size N. Explain your answer.

5pt

2b When using a sliding window protocol, should the window size in the case of satellite connections be large or small? Explain your answer.

5pt

2c Are error-correcting codes more or less efficient than error-detecting codes? Explain your answer!

10pt

3a Explain how distance vector routing works.

10pt

3b Explain how weighted fair queuing works, and why it is being used.

5pt

3c Explain the principal working of Classless InterDomain Routing (CIDR).

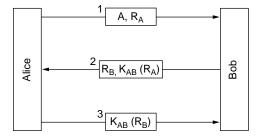
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3d Explain how subnet making works and what its purpose is.

5pt

4a Explain how the following authentication protocol works, and how it can easily be successfully attacked.

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4b Give at least four reasons why it is better to use session keys instead of alternative key mechanisms for cryptography.

5pt

4c Describe a method voor signing and transmitting a document without having to encrypt the entire document.

5pt

5 Assume we need to transfer a relatively small file from *A* to *B*. The distance between *A* and *B* is in the order of a few thousand miles. Let *T* be the total time it takes to transfer the file, and *b* the bandwidth of the connection between *A* and *B*. Draw *T* as a function of *b*, and explain your graph where necessary.

10pt

Grading: The final grade is calculated by accumulating the scores per question (maximum: 90 points), and adding 10 bonus points. The maximum total is therefore 100 points.