



Final – Data Security – 2024/2025  
First Session

**Exercise I: Short answers(20 pts)**

- 1) What is the difference between passive and active security attacks?
- 2) List and briefly define categories of security services.
- 3) In CBC-mode encryption, if a single bit of the plaintext is changed, which ciphertext blocks are affected (assume the same IV is used)?
- 4) In CBC-mode decryption, if a single bit of the ciphertext is changed, which plaintext blocks are affected?

**Exercise II. Asymmetric Encryption 'RSA' (30 pts)**

Asymmetric key encryption uses different keys for encryption and decryption. These two keys are mathematically related and they form a key pair. One of these two keys should be kept private, called private-key, and the other can be made, called public-key. Popular private-key algorithm is RSA (invented by Rivest, Shamir and Adleman). The public key is  $(n, e)$  and the private key is  $(n, d)$ .

Suppose you want to exchange data by using the RSA algorithm. By choosing  $p = 17$ ,  $q = 13$ :

1. Compute  $n$  and  $z$ .
2. Which of the following values:  $e=35$ ,  $e=27$  and  $e=33$  is the best suitable for encrypting? Justify.
3. User B want to send you the message  $m=78$ . Determine the cipher text  $C$  resulting from encryption of the message  $m$ .  
*Handwritten:  $78^{35} \text{ mod } 221$*
4. In order to decrypt the cipher text  $C$  and obtain the same initial message  $m$  sent by the user B,  $e$  and  $d$  must verify the relation:  $ed=1 \text{ mod}(z)$ .  
Which of the following values,  $d=13$ ,  $d=11$  and  $d=9$ , is the best suitable for  $d$ ? Justify.
5. Decrypt the cipher text  $C$ .

**Exercise IV. CFB: Cipher FeedBack (25 pts)**

- 1- Give the encryption and decryption algorithms of this type.
- 2- Let  $K = 110000010000$  the key for permutation encryption method,  $M = 100110011100100000101000001001010$  is the plaintext. Notice if that there isn't a full 12 bits in the last block of plaintext. To resolve this problem, we will use padding. We will alternate 1's and 0's until a complete block is made. Determine the cipher text  $C$ .
- 3- Decrypt the cipher text  $C$  to obtain your plain text  $M$ .

**Exercise V. Hash (25 pts)**

1. What is a hash in cryptography?
2. What is the role of a compression function in a hash function?
3. What is cryptography hash function?
4. What are the applications of cryptographic hash function?
5. Describe Secure hash Algorithm in detail.