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PART 2 - Structured Question Paper

20st July, 2014
(ONE HOUR)

To be completed by the candidate

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Important Instructions:

- The duration of the paper is **1 (One) hour**.
- The medium of instruction and questions is English.
- This paper has **3 questions** and **8 pages**.
- **Answer all questions.** All questions **do not** carry equal marks.
- **Write your answers** in English using the space provided **in this question paper**.
- Do not tear off any part of this answer book.
- Under no circumstances may this book, used or unused, be removed from the Examination Hall by a candidate.
- Note that questions appear on both sides of the paper.
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Questions Answered

Indicate by a cross (×), (e.g.

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) the numbers of the questions answered.

	Question numbers			
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To be completed by the candidate by marking a cross (×).				
To be completed by the examiners:				

(1)

(i) Your Internet Service Provider has given you the following information regarding your office data link.

- Link type & bandwidth -Local Leased Circuit with 10Mbps fixed bandwidth in both directions.
- LAN interface of the router - IP 192.248.22.20 (public IP)
- Subnet - 255.255.255.224

(a) What is the network address /subnet ID?

(1 marks)

(b) What is the broadcast address for the specified subnet?

(1 marks)

(c) How many usable IP addresses are available for your equipment?

(1 marks)

(d) Write down IP of the above router interface in Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) notation?

(1 marks)

(ii) State the technologies that are available to provide world wide web (web browsing)facilities to the rest of the office if you have 150 staff computers.

(4 marks)

- (iii) The office wants to maintain a video conferencing facility to communicate with overseas partners. How do you provide dedicated bandwidth /data rate to the video conferencing data packets within your network? Explain briefly how you can implement your technical solution.

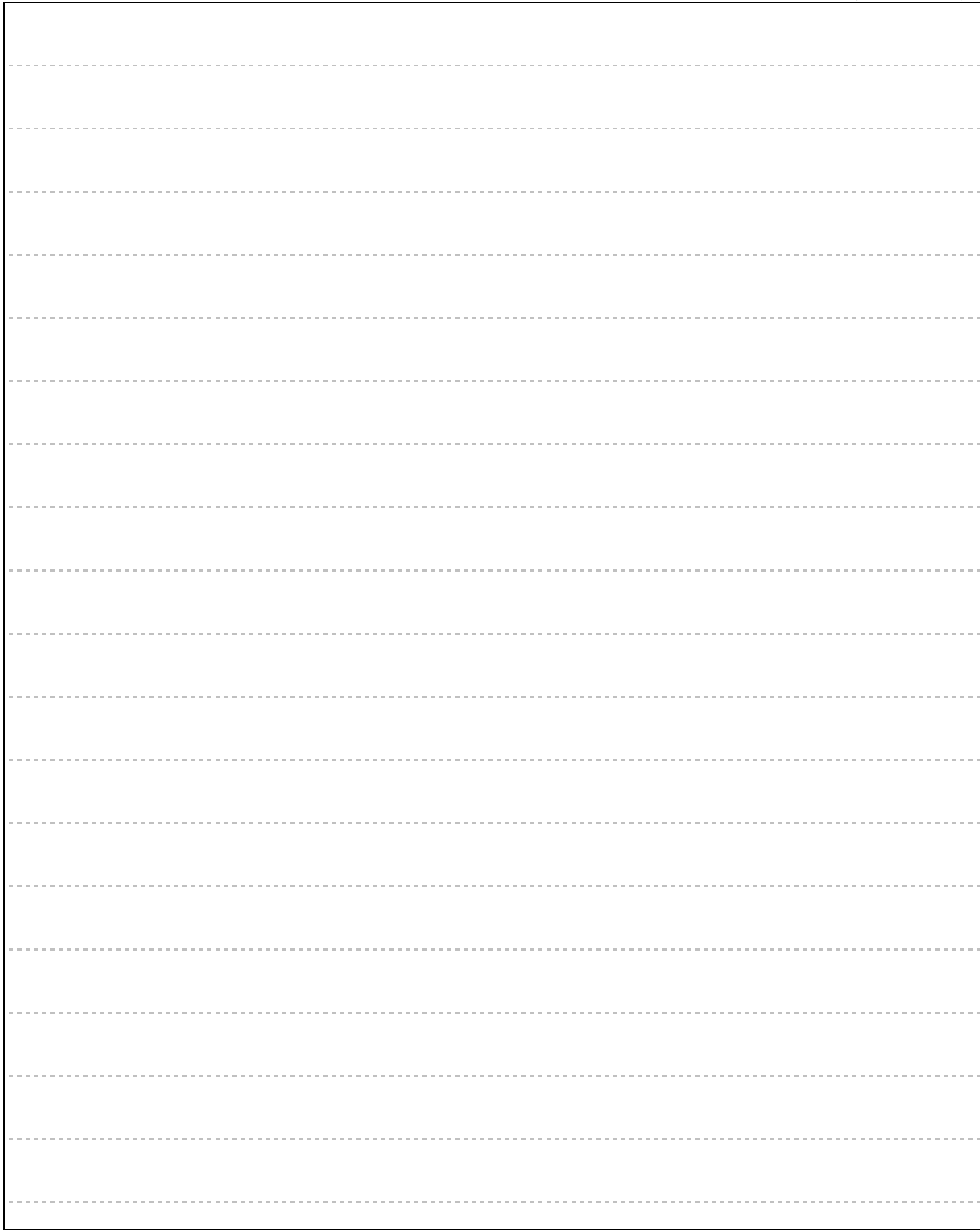
(12 marks)

- iv) You have 3 separate departments (Accounts, Human Resources, Sales) in the office. How do you segregate the departments logically? State a technology that can be used for this purpose.

(10 marks)

- v) What is the basic equipment (active components) required for the above network? Use a diagram to depict the connectivity between those components.

(16 marks)

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- (vi) The office also requires a wireless environment. State two technologies you can deploy to improve the security of this wireless LAN.

(4 marks)

(2)

- (i) 20,000 samples per second are captured during a digitising process of an analogue signal. What is the maximum frequency of the analogue signal you can reconstruct, theoretically, from these samples?

(5 marks)

- (ii) Calculate the maximum possible data rate over a noisy channel with an S/N ratio of 15 and a bandwidth of 20Khz.

(10 marks)

- (iii) Briefly explain two key factors you will consider in selecting a suitable network topology/design for a networking project.

(10 marks)

(3)

(i) What is a basic packet filtering firewall? Briefly explain its operations.

(5 marks)

(ii) What is a VPN (Virtual Private Network) ? Explain briefly how it improves security.

(5 marks)

(iii) What is a broadcast domain with respect to networks?

(5 marks)

(iv) Explain briefly the advantages and disadvantages of modern ring networks.

(5 marks)

(v) Draw a diagram to show the messages passed between client and the DHCP server in establishing an IP address using the DHCP protocol.

(5 marks)
