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PART 2 - Structured Question Paper

21st July, 2013
(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 **4 questions** and **8 pages**.
- **Answer all questions.** All questions 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.
If a page is not printed, please inform the supervisor immediately.

Questions Answered

Indicate by a cross (×), (e.g.) the numbers of the questions answered.

To be completed by the candidate by marking a cross (×).	Question numbers			
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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 local loop with 128Kbps fixed bandwidth in both directions.
- LAN interface - IP 192.248.19.20
- Subnet - 255.255.255.240

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

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

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

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(d) What ID is the above router Interface IP in Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) notation?

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(ii)

State the technologies that are available to provide internet facilities to the office staff if 50 computers are using the above link.

(5 marks)

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- (ii) Calculate the maximum permissible propagation delay for a shared Ethernet that sends packets of 32Kbits at 64Mbps.

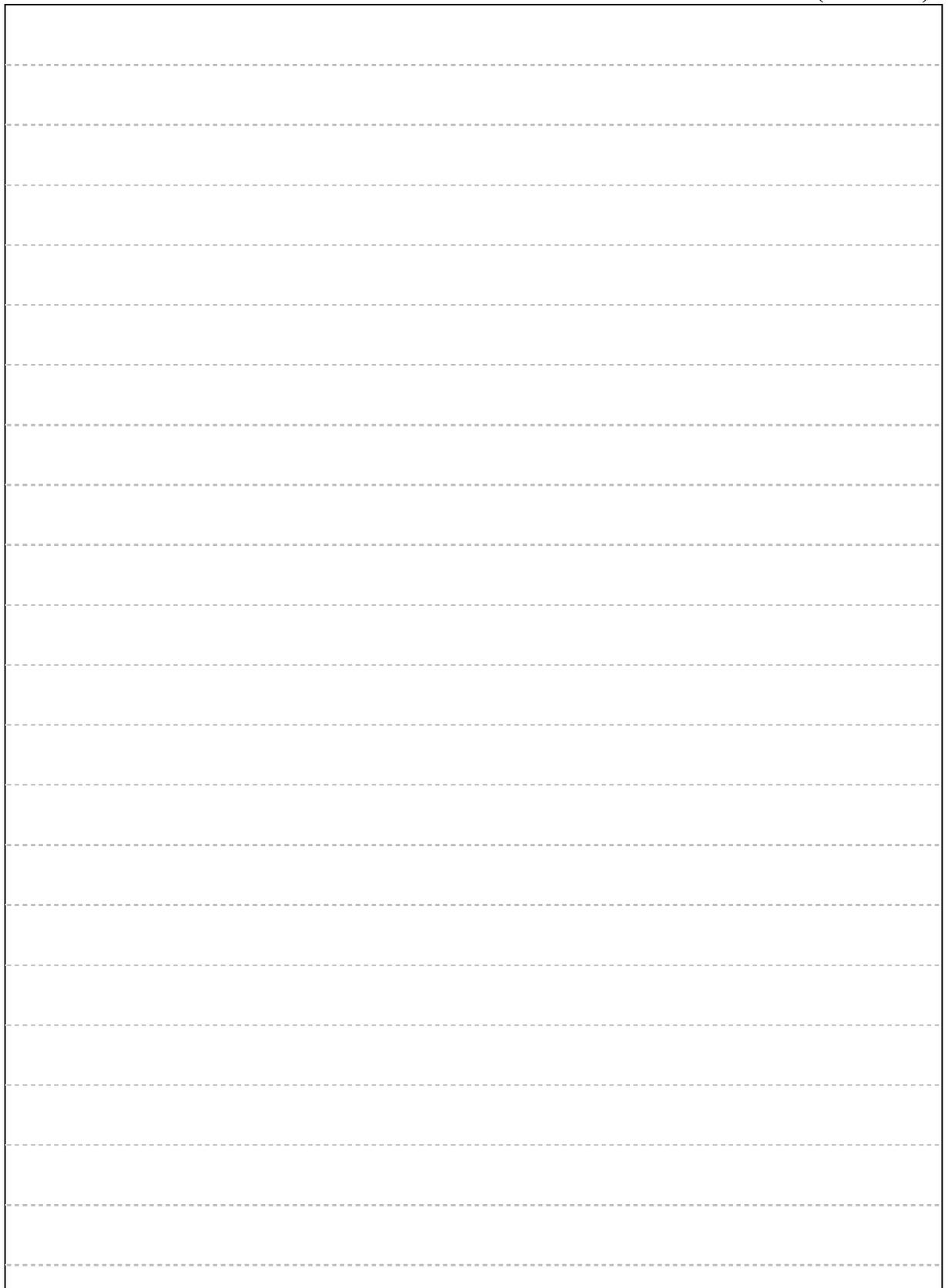
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- (iii) Calculate the maximum data rate over a noisy channel that has a linear S/N of 31 and a bandwidth of 200Khz.

(10 marks)

- (3) Suppose you have got an ADSL link with one static IP for your office to serve 20 computers.
 - (i) What basic equipment (active components) will you require for the network to be setup? Explain the connectivity in the form of a basic diagram.

(15 marks)



- (ii) If the office has a wireless environment, explain how you can secure the WiFi access point to restrict the connectivity to two Laptops used by top management.

(5 marks)

- (iii) State an alternative way to secure your WiFi to enable only a selected user to be connected to it without making restriction on the device.

(5 marks)

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(i) Explain briefly the difference between IPv4 loopback address, network address and the broadcast address giving examples.

(9 marks)

(iii) A three-way handshake is used to establish a TCP connection. Explain the main stages of the three-way handshake.

(6 marks)

(iv) Explain a firewall and highlight the 4 main generations of firewalls.

(4 marks)
