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**THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024**

(CBCSS)

Mathematics

MTH 3E 02—CRYPTOGRAPHY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Section A***Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. Describe Substitution Cipher.
2. Find the number of keys in the Affine Cipher over  $\mathbb{Z}_{97}$ .
3. Evaluate  $-7503 \bmod 81$ .
4. Define the unicity distance of a cryptosystem.
5. Define the entropy and the redundancy of a natural language.
6. Find the binary equivalent of hexadecimal 987.
7. What are the main criterion for the suitability of AES candidates ?
8. What is round key mixing ?

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

**Section B***Answer any two questions from each of the following three units.**Each question carries 2 weightage.***UNIT I**

9. Determine the inverse of the matrix over  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_{26}$ .
10. Describe Hill Cipher with an example.

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11. Encrypt the plaintext "MUSIC" using the encryption function  $e_K(x) = 9x + 4$ .

## UNIT II

12. Describe Product Cryptosystems with an example.
13. Show that  $H(X, Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y)$ , and equality hold if and only if X and Y are independent random variables.
14. Consider three fair coins : two will result in heads with a probability of 0.50, while the third will result in heads with a probability of 0.75. What is the chance that the biased coin is the one that is chosen at random and tossed three times, generating three heads ?

## UNIT III

15. Explain AES (Advanced Encryption Standard).
16. Suppose that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is a strongly universal (N, M)-hash family. Show that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an authentication code with  $Pd_0 = Pd_1 = \frac{1}{M}$ .
17. Explain Huffman Encodings.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

## Section C

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 5 weightage.*

18. Find the encrypted plain text "WONDERFUL" using the encryption function  $e_K(x) = 7x + 3$ .
19. Suppose  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an (N, M)-hash family. Show that  $Pd_1 = \frac{1}{M}$  if and only if the hash family is strongly universal.
20. State and prove piling-up lemma.
21. Discuss Substitution-Permutation Network (SPN).

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)