



MCA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2023

(Regulation 2020)

Third Semester

MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

P20CAE0016: Ethical Hacking

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Apply various open source security tools to assess the network and computing system.
CO2: Practice penetration testing to predict the vulnerabilities across any computing system.
CO3: Explain how to prevent the information and computing assets from any kind of attacks.
CO4: Understand how to protect the devices in a network from malicious software and worms.
CO5: Assess the wireless network flaws and be able to provide security solutions.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

1. Differentiate between vulnerability and exploit with a suitable example. CO1 [K₃]
2. Discuss how the Black box penetration testing different from the Grey box penetration testing. CO1 [K₃]
3. As a penetration tester, suggest a few methods to counter SNMP enumeration. CO2 [K₃]
4. What is the outcome SMTP enumeration? List any two commands which are used to perform the SMTP enumeration? CO2 [K₂]
5. Enumerate the pros and cons of a vulnerability scanner. CO3 [K₂]
6. Differentiate between active and passive sniffing. CO3 [K₃]
7. What is a client side exploit? Give an example. CO4 [K₁]
8. What is a password salt? CO4 [K₁]
9. Justify the need for security controls in a wireless network. CO5 [K₃]
10. Suggest two methods to protect the login operation from the brute force attacks. CO5 [K₃]

PART B (6 x 5 = 30 Marks)

11. Enumerate the various types of penetration tests. Give example. CO1 [K₂]
12. What are the various sources of information gathering that help to perform an effective pen-test. CO2 [K₂]
13. Enumerate the common network services targeted at to launch remote attacks by the attackers. CO3 [K₂]
14. List any 5 operating system level commands used to perform post exploit reconnaissance. CO4 [K₂]
15. Explain how authentication in web application itself is vulnerable and prone to attacks. CO5 [K₂]
16. Assume you are a pentester, suggest and explain about a few methods to bypass authentication forms in a test environment. CO5 [K₃]

Answer any FIVE Questions

PART C (5 x 10 = 50 Marks)

17. Consider you are assigned to conduct penetration testing for ACME software development company. Develop a “Rules of Engagement” document to be signed between you and ACME. CO1 [K₃]
18. Justify the need to protect sub-domains of an website with suitable example and block diagrams. CO2 [K₃]
19. Explain about DNS spoofing and DHCP spoofing. CO3 [K₂]
20. Explain how a client is very easily victimized by means of an email with malicious attachment and links. CO4 [K₂]
21. Explain about the various types authentication and suggest methodologies to overcome the inherent drawbacks in them. CO5 [K₃]
22. Explain about the firewall evading techniques. CO2 [K₂]
