



**B.E/B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2024**

(Regulation 2020)

Third Semester

**MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**

P20CAE0230: Ethical Hacking and Network Defence

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

**CO1:** Illustrate the legal and ethical requirements related to ethical hacking.

**CO2:** Interpret the vulnerabilities, mechanisms to identify vulnerabilities, threats, attacks.

**CO3:** Perform penetration & security testing to identify the vulnerabilities in the application .

**CO4:** Examine the different tools and techniques that ethical hackers employ.

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions:-**

**PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 40 words)**

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| 1. Define ethical hacking and its importance in cybersecurity.                                  | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 2. Differentiate between threat and exploit in the context of a security breach.                | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 3. List the phases of ethical hacking.  | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 4. Illustrate the role of reconnaissance in ethical hacking.                                    | CO2 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 5. Explain the significance of port scanning in identifying network vulnerabilities.            | CO2 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 6. Illustrate how ping sweeps can be used to identify live hosts before conducting a port scan. | CO3 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 7. Describe the concept of ARP spoofing in network attacks.                                     | CO3 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 8. Explain the process of session hijacking and its impact on network security.                 | CO4 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 9. List two eavesdropping tool with the technique used.   | CO4 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 10. Discuss the difference between active and passive sniffing.                                 | CO4 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |

**Answer any FIVE Questions:-**

**PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 400 words)**

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| 11. a) Analyze the legal and ethical considerations of ethical hacking in organizations, and how they impact penetration testing.                | 8 | CO1 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| b) Conduct a vulnerability assessment using generic tools to identify potential weaknesses in a corporate network and suggest remediation steps. | 8 | CO1 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |

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| 12. | a) | Apply footprinting techniques to gather information on a target network and evaluate the potential security threats.  | 8 | CO2 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
|     | b) | Demonstrate port scanning using generic tools to identify open ports and vulnerabilities in a network.  | 8 | CO2 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| 13. | a) | Apply various password guessing techniques to crack passwords in a compromised system.  | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
|     | b) | Illustrate how sniffing tools can be used to capture network traffic, and suggest measures to secure networks against sniffing attacks.                                   | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| 14. | a) | Apply the process of detecting and mitigating a DNS spoofing attack in a local network. Discuss the tools and techniques used in ethical hacking to prevent such attacks. | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
|     | b) | Perform a side-channel attack on cryptographic hardware using generic techniques and recommend strategies to prevent these attacks.                                       | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| 15. | a) | Apply the steps involved in performing a SQL injection attack on a vulnerable web application and recommend countermeasures.  | 8 | CO4 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
|     | b) | Demonstrate the process of session hijacking and discuss strategies to mitigate these attacks in a web environment.   | 8 | CO4 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| 16. | a) | Perform a penetration test on a wireless network using generic techniques and suggest measures to enhance security.   | 8 | CO4 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
|     | b) | Use ethical hacking techniques to evaluate the weaknesses in a wireless network protected by WEP encryption and propose improvements.                                     | 8 | CO4 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |

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