

COM-208: Computer Networks - Quiz 3 (A)

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1. A man-in-the-middle attack cannot break the confidentiality of the communication between A and B when:
 - (a) A and B share a secret key and use only symmetric key cryptography to encrypt their messages.
 - (b) A and B know each other's true public keys and use asymmetric key cryptography to encrypt their messages.
 - (c) Either of the above is true (i.e., in both scenarios, confidentiality is preserved). *(Correct)*
2. An IP router has:
 - (a) No MAC address.
 - (b) One MAC address per network interface (per link). *(Correct)*
 - (c) A single MAC address for all its network interfaces. *(will also be considered correct)*
3. The forwarding table of a link-layer switch maps:
 - (a) MAC addresses to output links. *(Correct)*
 - (b) IP addresses to output links.
 - (c) IP addresses to MAC addresses.
4. A sends a message M to B and appends $\text{hash}(\text{key}, M)$, where key is a shared secret between A and B. This provides:
 - (a) Confidentiality.
 - (b) Authenticity. *(Correct)*
 - (c) Both of the above.
5. SSL prevents reordering attacks (where an adversary reorders the exchanged messages) by using:
 - (a) Nonces.
 - (b) Sequence numbers. *(Correct)*
 - (c) Certificates.
6. Host A sends a packet to host B. The packet's destination MAC address:
 - (a) Is B's MAC address.
 - (b) Is the MAC address of an IP router on the path from A to B.
 - (c) Can be either one, depending on the particular scenario. *(Correct)*
7. A function that outputs the first few bits of the input is a bad cryptographic hash function because:
 - (a) One cannot recover the entire input from the output.
 - (b) It is easy to generate multiple inputs that hash to the same output. *(Correct)*
 - (c) None of the above. It is actually a good cryptographic hash function.
8. When a link-layer switch does not have an entry in its forwarding table for a packet's destination MAC address:
 - (a) It drops the packet.
 - (b) It forwards the packet to all the possible output links.
 - (c) It forwards the packet to all the output links indicated by the spanning tree. *(Correct)*
9. Asymmetric key cryptography is more practical than symmetric key cryptography because:
 - (a) It does not require sharing secrets before communication begins. *(Correct)*
 - (b) It involves simpler and faster algorithms.
 - (c) Both of the above.
10. The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) maps:
 - (a) MAC addresses to IP addresses.
 - (b) IP addresses to MAC addresses. *(Correct)*
 - (c) IP prefixes to MAC addresses.

COM-208: Computer Networks - Quiz 2 (B)

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