

GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**BE- SEMESTER- VI EXAMINATION – SUMMER 2026****Subject Code:3164204****Date:29-05-2026****Subject Name:Data Security****Time:10:30 AM TO 01:00 PM****Total Marks:70****Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
4. Simple and non-programmable scientific calculators are allowed.

		Marks
Q.1	(a) Briefly explain any two active security attacks.	03
	(b) Discuss the following terms in brief: - brute force attack - cryptography	04
	(c) What is symmetric key cryptography? What are the challenges of symmetric key cryptography? List out various symmetric key algorithms and explain Caesar cipher in detail.	07
Q.2	(a) Write differences between substitution techniques and transposition techniques.	03
	(b) Write a Short note on Euclidean algorithm with suitable example.	04
	(c) Explain single round of DES algorithm with suitable diagram.	07
	OR	
	(c) Elaborate AES encryption with neat sketches.	07
Q.3	(a) Briefly explain Hill cipher encryption with suitable example.	03
	(b) Why CFB(Cipher feedback mode) encrypted messages are Less subject to tampering than OFB(Output feedback mode)?	04
	(c) Explain playfair cipher substitution technique in detail. Find out cipher text for the following given key and plaintext. Key = ENGINEERING Plaintext=COMPUTER	07
	OR	
Q.3	(a) Explain the rail fence cipher. Why a pure transposition cipher is easily recognized?	03
	(b) Explain triple DES with two keys.	04
	(c) Explain RSA algorithm in detail with suitable example.	07
Q.4	(a) Give differences between hash function and message authentication codes.	03
	(b) What is the purpose of X.509 standard? How is an X.509 certificate revoked?	04
	(c) Discuss Diffie-Hillman key exchange algorithm in detail.	07
	OR	
Q.4	(a) What problem was Kerberos designed to address? What are the three threats associated with user authentication over a network or Internet?	03
	(b) What are the principal elements of public-key cryptosystem? Explain in brief.	04
	(c) Explain any one approach to Digital Signatures.	07
Q.5	(a) Briefly explain symmetric key distribution using symmetric and asymmetric encryptions.	03

- (b) Is a message authentication code(MAC) function is similar to encryption. Does MAC provide authentication or confidentiality? Justify your answer **04**
- (c) Explain the logic of SHA(Secure Hash Algorithm). **07**
- OR**
- Q.5** (a) Justify answer: Why Onetime Pad is More Secure. **03**
- (b) Write a short note “Public key infrastructure”. **04**
- (c) Explain implementation of Data Security techniques. **07**