ITS 323 – QUIZ 5 (CS) ANSWERS

First name: _____   Last name: _____

ID: _____   Total Marks: _____

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Question 1 [7.5 marks (1.5 each)]

True or False:

a) The aim of Medium Access Control (MAC) in LANs is to ensure frames (or transmissions) do not collide with each other.   T / F

b) The Time To Live (TTL) field in the IP header is used to limit the number of times an IP datagram is forwarded by routers.   T / F

c) Two fields of the IP header are the Source Address and Destination Address. When an IP router receives an IP datagram, it will change the addresses before forwarding on to the next node.   T / F

d) The main difference between a switch and a hub is that a hub can allow two users (computers) to transmit at the same time (whereas a switch cannot).   T / F

e) If using a ring topology for a LAN, a frame transmitted by node A will eventually return to (and be received by) node A.   T / F

Answers

True – The normal assumption of a MAC is that a computer cannot successfully receive two frames at the same time (i.e. collision), hence the aim of the MAC is to ensure this doesn't happen (by ensuring only one station transmits at a time).

True – The TTL is decreased before being forwarded. If the TTL is 0 it will not be forwarded, instead being discarded by the router.

False – The source address contains the IP address of the Source Computer/Host and the destination address contains the IP address of the Destination Computer/Host. The addresses do not change as the packet is forwarded.

False – It is the opposite: Since a frame sent to a switch is only sent to the specific destination (rather than all computers, as with a hub), when one computer transmits, another computer (which isn't the destination) can be transmitting at the same time.

True – In a ring topology the frame is sent all the way around the ring, and destination computers retrieve only a copy.

Question 2 [1 mark]

Fill in the word(s) to complete the following sentence:

A _____-based dynamic medium access control scheme allocates slots to computers based on their requests for future transmission opportunities.

Answer
Reservation

Question 3 [1.5 marks]

For each of the following descriptions of IP, indicate which node it best describes by circling the node.

a) IP receives a frame from the Data Link layer, determines the next node, and sends the IP datagram to another Data Link layer.

Source Computer   Destination Computer   Router   Switch

b) IP receives a frame from the Data Link layer, removes the IP header and sends the Data to the Transport layer.

Source Computer   Destination Computer   Router   Switch

c) IP receives Data from the Transport layer, attaches an IP header and sends the IP datagram to the Data Link layer.

Source Computer   Destination Computer   Router   Switch

Answer
a. Router
b. Destination Computer
c. Source Computer