

Q:1: Answer the following. (Not more than three lines)

- a) Why DES requires an even number of iterations?
- b) Why we do not mix the columns in the last round of AES?
- c) What if we mix the columns in last round and use AES as irreversible algorithm?
- d) What if, we do not use ASCII in symmetric key cryptography? Will it be convenient? Why OR why not?
- e) Why we follow standards for encryption? What if we design our own standards?
- f) Can we use Asymmetric key for symmetric algorithm? Why OR why not?

Q:2: A message was encrypted using Advanced Encryption Standard, which is classified due to some security reasons. After two weeks, it is disclosed but we only have a Key and a Cipher text. You are advised to find the plain text by inverse AES algorithm. (Decrypt the message)

Key: Thats my Kung Fu

Cipher Text: 29 C3 50 5F 57 14 20 F6 40 22 99 B3 1A 02 D7 3A

Q:3: What if we apply "Safe primes" instead of prime values for P and Q in RSA algorithm? Use an example by your own P and Q and briefly explain. (Text answer must be not more than five sentences.)

Section (B)

Q:4: Iterate the quadratic equation for 256 elements of a unique string (0-255) elements. Design a (16x16) Substitution Box and give a Stem(plot) of all your entries. We require flowing properties:

- a) S-Box must be unique.
- b) No two students can design a single S-Box.
- c) We require three different fixed values as well as different Seeds.
- d) Keep remember! You are bound to design it only by a Quadratic Equation i.e.

$$aX_{(i)}^2 + bX_{(i)} + C = X_{(i+1)}$$