

QUESTION 1.

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- 4 (a) (i) A set of rules ... governing communications/transmission of data /sending and receiving data [1]
- (ii) For example, (Web) browser / email client [1]
- (iii) For example, Web server / email server [1]
- (iv) Security //example: for example, alteration of transmitted messages [1]
Privacy // for example, only intended receiver can view data [1]
Authentication // for example, trust in other party [1]

[Max 2]

(b) For example:

- which protocol will be used... [1]
there are a number of different versions of the two protocols [1]
session ID ... [1]
uniquely identifies a related series of messages between server and client [1]
session type ... [1]
reusable or not [1]
encryption method ... [1]
public / private keys to be used // asymmetric/ symmetric [1]
authentication method ... [1]
use of digital certificates / use of digital signature [1]
compression ... [1]
method to be used [1]

[Max 2 parameters]

[Max 4]

(c) For example:

- banking [1]
private / secure email [1]
shopping [1]
financial transactions [1]
secure file transfer [1]

[Max 2]

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4(a)(i)	A (known) set of rules Agreed/standard method for data transmission // governs how two devices communicate	1 1
4(a)(ii)	Max 2 marks for purpose: • Purpose of TLS is to provide for secure communication (over a network) • maintain data integrity • additional layer of security Max 2 marks for further explanation from: • TLS provides improved security over SSL • TLS is composed of two layers / record protocol and handshake protocol • TLS protects this information by using encryption • Also allows for authentication of servers and clients	Max 3
4(b)	• The client validates (the server's) TLS Certificate • The client sends its digital certificate (to the server if requested) • Client sends an encrypted message to the server using the server's public key • The server can use its private key to decrypt the message ... • ... and get data needed for generating symmetric key • Both server and client compute symmetric key (to be used for encrypting messages) // session key established • The client sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session • The server sends back a digitally signed acknowledgement to start an encrypted session 1 mark for each point, max 3 points	3
4(c)	Applications, for example: • online banking • private email • online shopping • online messaging etc. 1 mark for each point, Max 2	2

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6(b)	1 mark for C in the correct place 1 mark for A followed by D in any position 1 mark for D followed by B in any position 1 Browser requests that the server identifies itself 2 C 3 Browser checks the certificate against a list of trusted Certificate Authorities 4 A 5 D 6 B 7 Server and Browser now encrypt all transmitted data with the session key	3															

QUESTION 4.



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5(a)	1 mark per bullet point • Keys • Cipher text • Manager's public and private keys in correct spaces • Wiktor's public and private keys in correct spaces • Plain text Asymmetric encryption uses different keys for encrypting and decrypting data. When Wiktor sends a message to his manager, the message is encrypted into cipher text using his manager's public key. When the manager receives the message, it is decrypted using her private key. When the manager replies, the message is encrypted using Wiktor's public key, and when Wiktor receives the message, it is decrypted into plain text using his private key.	
5(b)	1 mark per bullet point (max 6) • Browser requests that the server identifies itself • Server sends a copy of its (Digital) Certificate • ... containing its public key • Browser checks the certificate • ... against a list of trusted Certificate Authorities • If the browser trusts the certificate • ... a symmetric session key is created • ... this is (by the browser) encrypted using the server's public key and sent to the server • Server decrypts the symmetric session key • ... using its private key • Server and browser now encrypt all transmitted data with the session key	6
5(c)	1 mark for type of malware and 1 mark for prevention, max 2 (x 2) For example: • Virus • Have company policies to ensure that anti-virus software is installed, regularly updated and run • Spyware • Have company policies to ensure that anti-spyware software is installed, regularly updated and run • Phishing • Have network policies to ensure that the firewall criteria include SPAM filters, whitelist, blacklist etc.	4