MCA 4 Sem Imp List

1. Information Security and Cryptography

- 1. Define cryptography and its goals.
- 2. Differentiate between symmetric and asymmetric cryptography.
- 3. Explain Caesar cipher and monoalphabetic cipher.
- 4. Describe the working of DES algorithm.
- 5. Explain RSA algorithm with example.
- 6. What is a digital signature? How is it generated?
- 7. Describe hash functions and their applications.
- 8. Explain authentication protocols.
- 9. What are man-in-the-middle and replay attacks?
- 10. Discuss intrusion detection systems.
- 11. Define firewall and explain types.
- 12. What is public key infrastructure (PKI)?
- 13. Explain Kerberos authentication system.
- 14. What is message integrity? How is it achieved?
- 15. Compare block and stream ciphers.
- 16. Explain key distribution techniques.
- 17. What is steganography? Give applications.
- 18. Discuss threats to network security.
- 19. What is SSL/TLS and how does it ensure security?
- 20. Explain the concept of digital envelope.

2. Cloud Computing

- 1. What is cloud computing? List its characteristics.
- 2. Compare cloud and traditional computing.
- 3. Differentiate between public, private, and hybrid clouds.

- 4. Explain IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS with examples.
- 5. Define virtualization and hypervisor.
- 6. Explain architecture of AWS / Google Cloud.
- 7. What is containerization? Compare Docker vs VM.
- 8. List and explain cloud service providers.
- 9. What is cloud resource provisioning?
- 10. Discuss challenges in cloud security.
- 11. Define cloud bursting and autoscaling.
- 12. What is edge computing?
- 13. Compare multi-cloud and hybrid-cloud strategies.
- 14. Discuss data backup and disaster recovery in cloud.
- 15. What are SLAs in cloud computing?
- 16. Describe service orchestration.
- 17. What is serverless computing?
- 18. Explain cloud deployment lifecycle.
- 19. What are the advantages of cloud for startups?
- 20. Discuss cloud monitoring and logging tools.

3. Data Mining Concepts and Techniques

- 1. Define data mining and its process.
- 2. What is KDD (Knowledge Discovery in Databases)?
- 3. Differentiate between classification and clustering.
- 4. Explain decision tree algorithm (ID3, C4.5).
- 5. What is overfitting in classification?
- 6. Describe K-means clustering with example.
- 7. Explain association rule mining.
- 8. Discuss Apriori algorithm.
- 9. What is lift and support in association rules?

- 10. Explain web mining and its types.
- 11. What is text mining? Applications?
- 12. Define data preprocessing steps.
- 13. Compare supervised vs unsupervised learning.
- 14. Explain anomaly detection.
- 15. What is outlier analysis?
- 16. Describe data warehousing and OLAP.
- 17. What is a confusion matrix?
- 18. What is market basket analysis?
- 19. Compare content-based and collaborative filtering.
- 20. Write short notes on data cube and roll-up/drill-down.

4. Object Oriented Software Engineering

- 1. What is OOSE? Explain its benefits.
- 2. Explain software development life cycle (SDLC).
- 3. Describe use-case driven development.
- 4. Explain the structure of a use case diagram.
- 5. Draw class and object diagrams with example.
- 6. What is cohesion and coupling?
- 7. Explain activity and sequence diagrams.
- 8. What is software configuration management?
- 9. Define software metrics.
- 10. Explain version control system (Git, SVN).
- 11. What is SRS? What are its characteristics?
- 12. Describe software testing types (unit, integration).
- 13. What is object-oriented modeling?
- 14. Explain principles of object-oriented design.
- 15. Discuss role of UML in OOSE.

- 16. Explain user interface design principles.
- 17. What is project risk and how is it handled?
- 18. Explain agile methodology in OOSE.
- 19. What is software validation?
- 20. Discuss design patterns (e.g., Singleton, Factory).

5. Elective-I (Choose any one)

a. Distributed Systems

- 1. Define distributed system and list its goals.
- 2. What is transparency in distributed systems?
- 3. Explain client-server and peer-to-peer models.
- 4. Describe remote procedure calls (RPC).
- 5. What is clock synchronization?
- 6. Compare logical vs physical clocks.
- 7. Describe distributed file system (DFS).
- 8. Explain consistency models.
- 9. Discuss mutual exclusion in distributed systems.
- 10. Explain Lamport's logical clocks.
- 11. What is fault tolerance?
- 12. Explain distributed transaction management.
- 13. Describe 2-phase commit protocol.
- 14. What are mobile agents?
- 15. What is middleware in distributed systems?
- 16. Explain vector clock.
- 17. What is distributed shared memory (DSM)?
- 18. Discuss advantages of distributed systems.
- 19. Describe message passing systems.
- 20. What is load balancing?

b. Internet of Things (IoT)

- 1. What is IoT? Explain with examples.
- 2. List IoT layers and their functions.
- 3. Compare MQTT and CoAP protocols.
- 4. Describe IoT architecture.
- 5. What are sensors and actuators?
- 6. Explain role of cloud in IoT.
- 7. What is sensor cloud?
- 8. Explain use cases in smart homes.
- 9. What is ZigBee and its role in IoT?
- 10. Discuss IoT in agriculture.
- 11. What are IoT security challenges?
- 12. Define embedded systems in IoT.
- 13. Explain edge and fog computing.
- 14. What is IoT gateway?
- 15. Explain data acquisition in IoT.
- 16. Discuss wearable devices and applications.
- 17. What is IPv6 and its need in IoT?
- 18. Describe smart city application of IoT.
- 19. What are power constraints in IoT?
- 20. What is LPWAN?

c. Image Processing

- 1. Define image processing and its applications.
- 2. Differentiate analog and digital image processing.
- 3. What is histogram equalization?
- 4. Explain image enhancement techniques.
- 5. Describe spatial filtering.
- 6. What are edge detection techniques?

- 7. Explain Sobel and Prewitt operators.
- 8. What is image segmentation?
- 9. Explain thresholding.
- 10. Define morphological operations.
- 11. Explain erosion and dilation.
- 12. What is image compression?
- 13. Describe color image processing.
- 14. Explain Fourier Transform in image processing.
- 15. What is noise and filtering?
- 16. Compare median and Gaussian filters.
- 17. Describe region growing segmentation.
- 18. What is object recognition?
- 19. Explain basic steps of image analysis.
- 20. Applications of image processing in medical field.