

# B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru-560019

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## September / October 2023 Supplementary Examinations

**Programme: B.E.**

**Branch: Computer Science And Engineering**

**Course Code: 21CS7PEBLC**

**Course: Blockchain**

**Semester: VII**

**Duration: 3 hrs.**

**Max Marks: 100**

**Instructions:** 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each unit.  
2. Missing data, if any, may suitably assumed.

### UNIT - I

- 1 a) What is Byzantine fault tolerance? How is it relevant to Blockchain? **8**
- b) Explain the three properties of cryptographic hash functions. **6**
- c) Demonstrate the steps in creating digital signature using the Elliptic Curve Digital signature algorithm. **6**

### UNIT - II

- 2 a) Illustrate Merkle tree visualization with a neat diagram and explain it's relevance to Blockchain. **10**
- b) Bring out the differences between hard fork versus soft fork and illustrate the same with an example. **10**

### OR

- 3 a) Compare and list the differences as well as the similarities between private and public blockchain. **6**
- b) Illustrate with an example the complete lifecycle of a transaction in a Blockchain application. **8**
- c) Discuss the advantages of Blockchain over the conventional distributed systems. **6**

### UNIT - III

- 4 a) Illustrate the execution environment of Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) with a neat diagram. **10**
- b) Design a smart contract for the following scenario: **10**  
A bidding application where everyone can send their bids during a bidding period. The bids include sending money / ether in order to bind the bidders to their bid. If the highest bid is raised, the previously highest bidder gets his/her money back.

### OR

- 5 a) Design a smart contract illustrating different methods to send ether from one account to another in solidity. **10**

**Important Note:** Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages. Revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator will be treated as malpractice.

- b) Explain any one vulnerability and demonstrate with an example one attack on the vulnerability. **10**

#### **UNIT - IV**

- 6 a) Illustrate with a neat diagram the process of consensus mechanism using GHOST. **8**
- b) Discuss the applications of Blockchain in the field of Medical Record Management System. **6**
- c) Illustrate the Bitcoin consensus algorithm which is not vulnerable to Sybil attacks. **6**

#### **UNIT - V**

- 7 a) Explain Nakamoto consensus where the leader is elected and proposes a final value. **8**
- b) Differentiate between Proof of Work and Proof of Stake. **6**
- c) Show how the high energy consumption in Proof of Work is overcome using Proof of Burn. **6**

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