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**COURSE CODE: IIT 3448**

**COURSE TITLE: BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION TECHNOLOGIES**

**EXAM VENUE: STREAM: BSC COMP SECURITY**

**DATE: 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**EXAM SESSION:**

**TIME: 2.00 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Answer Question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other two questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room**

**QUESTION ONE****[30 MARKS]**

- (a) Define the following as applies to biometric authentication technologies. [4 Marks]
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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| (i) False Acceptance Rate | (iii) Minutia Matching |
| (ii) Iris Recognition     | (iv) Biometric Data    |
- (b) “Depending on the application context, a biometric system may operate in any of the two modes”. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [4 Marks]
- (c) Give two differences between biometric and other authentication technologies such as tokens or passwords. [4 Marks]
- (d) Briefly explain any FOUR basic design specifications of biometric system. [4 Marks]
- (e) Using any four biometric identifiers you know, compare them against any four biological measurements that qualifies biometrics. [8 Marks]
- (f) Explain any two security challenges of biometric systems. [2 Marks]
- (g) Suppose employees of a company has multiple identities associated with different job roles i.e. different job roles has different access privileges for example a System Programmer who is a Technical Manager can enjoy the privilege of company management and also that of a developer. Critically review any two biometric techniques that can be considered when deploying an effective biometric system for the company. [4 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO****[20 MARKS]**

- (a) Citing relevant example in each case, explain the following types of biometric; [8 Marks]
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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (i) Multispectral Biometrics | (iii) Physical Biometrics |
| (ii) Behavioral Biometrics   | (iv) Auditory Biometrics  |
- (b) With a well labelled diagram, explain the general operation of a biometric system. [8 Marks]
- (c) Name and explain two types of errors made by a biometric verification system. [4 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE****[20 MARKS]**

- (a) Using appropriate example in each case, differentiate between *positive recognition* and *negative recognition* as seen in biometric applications. [4 Marks]

(b) The following statements were provided by students when discussion multimodal biometric systems during their *Biometric Authentication Technologies* class. For each case, briefly explain in support.

- (i) Biometric systems are not general replacement of other authentication technologies. [2 Marks]
- (ii) The applications of biometric can be divided into three main groups. [3 Marks]
- (iii) There are three levels of fusion when combining two or more biometric systems. [6 Marks]
- (iv) There are five scenarios in which multimodal biometric systems operate. [5 Marks]

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

**[20 MARKS]**

(a) Briefly explain the:

- (i) numerous sources of uncertainty and variation in biometric systems. [6 Marks]
- (ii) three ways of addressing the possible abuse of biometric information or its derivatives and related accountability procedures. [6 Marks]

(b) “One of the most important factors in the success of a biometric system is its accuracy”.

Discuss. [8 Marks]

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

**[20 MARKS]**

(a) Give one merit, one demerit and one application of the following biometric recognition systems. [12 Marks]

- (i) Signature
- (ii) Voice
- (iii) Retina
- (iv) Keystroke

(b) Using a suitable diagram, discuss the *biometric-based correlation filter theory*. [8 Marks]

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